

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Study visit

YOUTH PARTICIPATION FOR QUALITY LOCAL DEMOCRACIES

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Braga, Portugal

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ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at the Local Level) is a European platform of civil society organisations, local authorities and research institutions focusing on youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level. We stand for active and meaningful involvement of young people in local democracies through cooperation with local authorities and we provide the space and the resources for capacity building and exchange of good practices among our members.

DYPALL Network has the following objectives:

- Develop structures and mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making at local level
- Identify best practices and introduce innovative approaches on public governance in cooperation with local authorities and civil society organisations active in the field of youth
- Foster youth engagement and inclusiveness in representative and participatory democracy processes
- Build capacity and provide technical assistance on various areas and processes like policy-making, advocacy, structured dialogue, co-management, and more
- Mainstream youth policies at local and regional level (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies

DYPALL Network's field of action covers four programme areas, with a common goal of fostering quality development of democracies by enhancing youth engagement in local and regional public policy-making. Within these areas, our programmes feature a variety of international projects and activities, as well as tailor-made services for our members, partners, and institutional stakeholders. Our programme areas are:

- Quality development for stronger democracies
- Youth empowerment
- Inclusive democracies
- Innovating democracies

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STUDY VISIT

The Study visit to Braga aims to identify different approaches, tools, and mechanisms available to support the active involvement of youth in local governance processes. The event will bring youth workers from civil society organisations and municipalities to learn about the practices in Braga and exchange experiences and

ideas with colleagues from other participating countries.

The focus of the Study visit is enhancing youth participation in public policy development and local governance within municipalities by exploring various methods used to engage young people in the process of shaping public policies at the municipal level.

We will meet the Local youth council and explore various elements related to its establishment, development, capacity building, and political impact. We will also visit Braga municipality and learn about their Youth participatory budget and the participatory processes for designing youth strategy.

Lastly, the participants will examine how the existing practices in Braga compare to those in their municipalities.. This comparison will offer valuable insights into the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement in youth participation strategies across different contexts.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT

- Exploring and gaining a comprehensive understanding of youth policies and various models of youth participation at the local level in Braga
- Identifying and learning innovative strategies that can effectively support youth workers in expanding youth participation within their local contexts
- Facilitate the exchange of good practices of youth engagement in local democracies through reflection and discussion to uncover the potential of different engagement approaches
- Provide insights into the functioning of local youth councils and other participatory mechanisms in Braga
- Comparative analysis of the opportunities and challenges that municipalities face concerning youth participation in Portugal and the partner countries
- Expanding the partners' network and fostering new synergies across Europe

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The Study visit to Braga is targeting 12 participants that must fit one of the two profiles:

- Municipality officer working within the youth department of the municipality
- Local youth worker working on youth participation in decision-making

All the participants must:

- Be able to work in English
- Participate in the full duration of the activity
- Commit to sharing good practices
- Commit to implementing new-found knowledge in their youth work
- Be residents of one of the following countries:
 - EU member states
 - Third countries associated to the Programme: North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Türkiye
 - Third countries not associated to the programme (Western Balkans (Region 1) - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro and Neighbourhood East (Region 2) - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- The activity will take place in Braga (Portugal) at Braga Youth Centre: <https://www.centrojuventudebraga.pt/>
- Arrival day is 12th May 2025 (preferably by 6 pm, but not mandatory)
- Departure day is 17th May 2025 (anytime)
- The arrival and departure airport is Porto (Portugal) or alternatively Lisbon (Portugal)
- Travelling a maximum 2 days before or 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed, otherwise, the ticket will not be eligible for reimbursement
- In the case of arriving earlier or departing after the designated travel days please note that the organisers will not cover the cost of your stay for the extra days
- Flight tickets shall be bought only after confirmation from the organisers. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum per country/per participant (including all travel costs from the participant's home to the venue):

10 - 99 km: 28 EUR

100 - 499 km: 211 EUR

500 - 1999 km: 309 EUR

2000 - 2999 km: 395 EUR

3000 - 3999 km: 580 EUR

4000 - 7999 km: 1188 EUR

- Reimbursement will be done via bank transfer after the activity (within 2 months)
- Accommodation and meals will be provided by the organisers. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms of 2 people at the Braga Youth Centre hostel: <https://www.pousadasiuventude.pt/en/hostels/pousada-de-braga/>

- There is no participation fee

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for participation in this activity please fill in the online application form:

<https://forms.gle/MG22MMbwcuryirxG6>

The deadline for applying is 30th March 2025 by 23.59 CET.

FUNDING

The activity is co-funded by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union through the Portuguese National Agency.

For more information: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

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