

DEMOCRACY RELOADED

A TOOLKIT TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY AT
LOCAL LEVEL BY EMPOWERING MUNICIPALITIES

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THE STORY BEHIND

- Long-term process (2015-19) that establishes a Strategic Approach of working with local and regional public authorities in planning, developing, maintaining and reforming democratic youth participation structures for dialogue, co-decision and co-management.

2014: TC “Speak!Listen”,Budapest

2016: TC “Democracy Reloaded”,Budapest

2016-2017: A research and the first draft of the Map Of Competences(MOC).

2018: SV in Portugal & in Belgium FR

2018-2019: LTTC Democracy Reloaded Trio Training

2019: Online Toolkit

Future plans...

THE PARTNERS IN CRIME



Map of competences for engaging youth in municipal decision-making (Public version 2.3. /04.02.2019)

For officers of municipalities or entrusted organisations who work with/for engaging young people in decision-making

KEY TASKS / COMPETENCE	Creating a supportive environment within the municipality to involve young people in decision-making.	Empowering young people and their organisations and communities to participate in municipal decision-making	Developing policy, strategy and structure for youth participation in decision-making	Managing youth participation in decision-making and validating its impact
Values and attitude	I believe youth participation is essential for a sustainable democratic culture.	I am ready to involve young people with special needs and fewer opportunities.	I uphold the values of democracy, Human Rights and the rule of law as basis for a democratic culture.	I feel comfortable with being among young people and I am open to take part in activities with them.
	I challenge those who hold negative opinions or stereotypes about young people.	I value the ideas and proposals of young people.	I see young people both as present and future citizens of my community.	I am ready to manage the different needs of the diverse stakeholders and targeted youth groups.
Knowledge	I follow the legal frameworks on local, national and European level in relation to youth participation in decision-making.	I know how to find evidence about the needs and realities of young people of my community.	I am familiar with other existing practices of youth participation in decision-making.	I know the essentials project and programme management.
	I understand the political environment of the municipality in relation to youth policy.	I know the diverse landscape of the local youth community.	I am familiar with the theories and models of youth participation in decision-making.	I know financial instruments (grants, resources, programmes) that support youth participation.
Skills	I advocate for youth participation in decision-making to get the support of public servants and political representatives.	I support the empowerment of young people in relation to participation in decision-making.	I am able to give and receive feedback and learn from mistakes.	I disseminate the results and achievements of youth participation within the wider community.
	I mobilize and cooperate with other relevant stakeholders at all levels for improving youth participation in decision-making.	I communicate and cooperate with young people on equal grounds and with appropriate language.	I design strategies and plans that ensure youth participation in decision-making.	I use appropriate digital services and technologies to improve youth participation in decision-making.
Organisational environment	The political representatives recognise and support youth participation in decision-making.	Young people and their organisation are ready and able to participate in decision-making.	The municipality has an evidence based policy/strategy for youth participation in decision-making.	The municipality provides necessary resources and facilities to involve young people in decision-making.
	The municipality staff is motivated and trained to involve young people in decision-making.	There are committed and active youth representatives and leaders who take part in decision-making.	There is a structure/system in place that ensures youth participation in decision-making.	The municipality makes a visible and public commitment to young people.

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WORK IN PROGRESS

REASONS AND CHALLENGES

- Variety and diversity of practitioners
- Different roles and group of roles
- There is no recipe for success
- Many practices and approaches
- Reference for assessment, education and professional dialogue
- Tool for advocacy for youth policy/strategy that includes high approach in involving youth in decision making,
- Strengthening the role of municipalities in developing and sustaining democratic culture,

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OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the Toolkit is to contribute to strengthen democracy on local and regional level through the development of democratic participation of young people in decision making.

By

- developing the relevant competencies of the staff of municipalities in communicating and cooperating with young people
- providing professional support for this development,
- empowering local and regional public services/municipalities to share responsibility with young people, civil society organisations/youth organisations and their communities on issues affecting them now and in their future

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For **WHOM?**

- **Municipality Officers** and relevant work community
- Youth workers as secondary target group

Content:

- Self-assessment tool
- Based on the MOC
- Theory
- Example of practices
- Quote or testimony
- Tips, resources, tools/publication to improve your competences

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YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS ADVENTURE?

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