

# **Youth Over Pandemic: A New Idea of Civic Participation for the Future YoungEU Project**

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Network of Towns**

## **Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns – EUROPEAN CONFERENCES**

### **Summary**

The project “Youth Over Pandemic: A New Idea of Civic Participation for the Future” is promoted by Union of Municipalities Valli del Patri (Italy) with the aim to create a thematic Network of Towns for raising awareness about priority matters linked to the impact of COVID-19 on the future of EU by encouraging citizens, and particularly young people, to participate actively by helping them, to find their place in society and to contribute to build the new European Deal.

The project wants to strengthen a strong fruitful cooperation between partner from Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Croatia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Slovakia, Malta, Sweden, Czech Republic, Spain, Latvia and Bulgaria, with a huge European representativeness and a big geographical dimension.

The project will involve more than 635 direct and 600 indirect participants, allowing them to meaningfully relate European policies to their social life and reality. Young people are important catalysts for the future of our continent and are a vulnerable part of societies in times of crisis.

The main objective of the project was to involve Municipalities, local realities and CSOs, in a permanent consultation, which using effective, innovative and appropriate tools and approaches. Each participant during the conferences scheduled in 6 different Events around EU, discussed together the priorities of the new CERV Program, the main points of the European political agenda, animating the European debate in relation to the Digital Era, Green Deal, Europe more powerful in the world. The meetings were scheduled with the organization of public Agora, diffusion and exchange of best practices, comparison, round table, case studies, permanent working group and interactive workshops.

During the last meeting scheduled in Prague it was presented the results of the permanent working group of the project summarized in a Final Dossier, in which there are the ideas and suggestion collected.

The YoungEU project saw the creation of 6 itinerant conference sessions, during which all the specific aspects of the topics covered were explored, developed and discussed.

The first of the planned events took place in Malta from 15 to 18 March 2023, followed by an event in Posesti/Bucharest (Romania) from 15 to 18 June 2023.

The third event was held in Italy from 20 to 23 September 2023, in the territory of the Union of Patri. In November from 22 to 25 in 2023, the fourth event was held in Budapest and Holloko (Hungary). From 15 to 18 January 2024, the city of Zagreb in Croatia was the venue for the realization of the 5th event.

From 21 to 24 April 2024 the YoungEU project was held in Prague (Czech Republic) where the thematic conference sessions concluded.

<b><i>Partnership</i></b>		
<b>Name of promoter</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Role in the project</b>
<i>Unione dei Comuni "Valle del Patri"</i>	Italy	Applicant
<i>Antares Onlus</i>	Italy	Partner
<i>Asociación Sociocultural Luenda</i>	Spain	Partner
<i>Freguesia de Buarcos e Sao Juliao</i>	Portugal	Partner
<i>Holloko Municipality</i>	Hungary	Partner
<i>Institucia Regionalnych Aktivit Novohradu</i>	Slovakia	Partner
<i>Sverigeungerska Kvinnoförenid "Sissi"</i>	Sweden	Partner
<i>Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments LPS</i>	Latvia	Partner
<i>Posesti Municipality</i>	Romania	Partner
<i>Siggiewi Local Council</i>	Malta	Partner
<i>Business &amp; Professional Women CR, z.s.</i>	Czech Republic	Partner
<i>Social Inclusion</i>	Greece	Partner
<i>Association of Estonian Cities and Municipalities AECM</i>	Estonia	Partner
<i>Gmina Przygodzice</i>	Poland	Partner
<i>Municipality Troyan</i>	Bulgaria	Partner
<i>Udruga za promicanje aktivnog gradanstva – ECHO</i>	Croatia	Partner