

## B5 - Youth Participation Activities: a chance to get involved in changing things that matter to you

### **About this session...**

Active citizenship and participation are among the priorities of the European Union. Active citizenship and participation are among the priorities of the European Union. As of 2021, the European Commission has proposed provide specific support for Youth Participation Activities as part as the new programme. These should be non-formal learning activities revolving around active participation of young people, through which the young participants will be able to experience exchanges, cooperation, cultural and civic action, as well as strengthen their personal, civic and social competencies and become active European citizens.

Projects can be youth-driven, run by informal groups of young people or by organisations working with young people and should include Youth Participation Activities in the form of workshops, debates, role-plays, simulations, use of digital tools (especially digital democracy tools), awareness raising campaigns, trainings, meetings and other forms of interaction between young people and decision-makers, consultations, information events, etc.

This Action plans to support the use of alternative, innovative and smart forms of youth participation, including the extension of youth participation into a variety of sectors and spaces (healthcare services, sports facilities etc., regardless of whether these are operated by the public or private sector). Youth Participation Activities can be either national (implemented at local, regional or national level) or transnational (implemented in one or more countries and involving partners from several countries). All Youth Participation Activities, whether national or transnational, need to have a demonstrated European dimension and/or added value.

As this represents a new action format, the implementation modalities are being designed, including the definition of the target public, eligibility requirements and the form(at)/range of activities that would be eligible for support.

### **Something to think about...**

*We currently envisage that projects requesting funding should be “youth-driven” and consist of “activities conceived by young people for young people”. How do you understand this aspect of the action? To what extent is it realistic to expect young people to be involved in every phase of the project (conception/preparation, implementation, follow-up) of the projects requesting funding?*

*Could you suggest some examples of projects for which this new funding opportunity/format would be a good fit?*

*Would you have any specific suggestions that would make the envisaged Youth Participation Activities match the needs of young people/fill an existing gap in funding opportunities even better?*