



Erasmus+ Youth Exchange

Dig'IT ON

03 – 11/02/2022

Weicherdange,
Luxembourg

Context and objectives

We are faced with a reality of low participation of young people in democratic and civil processes out of disinterest or distrust. Leaving young people out of the decision-making process can mean their marginalization, generating a vicious circle. It is, therefore, important to rekindle the flame of participation by empowering young people to participate in civic processes in an attractive and innovative way. Digital participation tools appear as an element of response. They can alleviate these problems, by offering young people the possibility of participating in any time and any place - online, allowing new possibilities of access and exchange.

Besides, due to the situation with COVID19, we have seen an increase in telework and online learning. This has accentuated a trend that has already gained ground in recent years, where the internet occupies a prominent place in our lives. This is particularly the case for the young people of Generation Z, considered as "digital natives". However, being exposed to the internet from a young age does not necessarily mean that one is acquiring digital skills, as there is no correlation between regular use of digital technology and digital literacy. The latter is particularly important in order to overcome the mismatch between the digital skills needed on the labour market and the available capacities.

The Dig'IT ON project, therefore, works to encourage digital participation, as well as the improvement of their digital skills. To meet this purpose, we are working on the following objectives:

- **Entice young people to regain interest in political and civic processes by exploring the tools of digital participation.**
- **Analyze the realities of the disengagement of young people in the participating countries.**
- **Develop their critical mind to promote their ability to detect and react to false information conveyed online.**
- **Know the decision-making processes within the European Union.**



Profile of participants

The project will have one main activity which is a youth exchange taking place in Luxembourg, bringing together 8 youth workers accompanying 32 young people (18-25 years old) wishing to develop their skills and become agents of positive change within their communities and demonstrating a particular interest in the subject of digital participation. Among them, young people with less opportunity due to their socio-cultural environment. These participants represent 8 countries: Luxembourg, Romania, Slovakia, Greece, Czech Republic, Poland, Turkey and Latvia.

Expected results

The project will make an inventory of the problems causing the disengagement of young people while proposing alternative activities to promote their participation. Thus, it will demonstrate the importance of active participation in civil and democratic processes. Dig'IT ON will also encourage the participation of young people in their communities and provide them with digital tools allowing them to explore the processes of participation in an innovative and attractive way. Among the tangible results, we list:

- Development of 6 digital campaigns in order to promote the participation of young people as a pillar of any democracy, each campaign group will focus on one aspect in particular. Ex: Voting, reaction to hate speech, knowledge of decision-making processes, etc.
- Infographics showcasing the national realities in regards to youth and digital participation in 8 countries

By raising awareness and promoting digital participation, we will be able to resuscitate the taste for engagement of young people, allowing them to influence decision-making processes not only within their communities but by extension, within the European Union as well.

Partner organisations

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION	COUNTRY
Coconut Luxembourg	Luxembourg
MiHi	Latvia
Live Love Create	Czech Republic
ENVIRONMENT ONLINE - GREECE	Greece
ASOCIATIA GEYC	Romania
YOUTHFULLY YOURS SK	Slovakia
ARGUS Teknoloji Bilisim Sanayi Ticaret Anonim Sirketi	Turkey
EURO-MEDITERRANEAN ASSOCIATION OF EXCHANGES VOLUNTEERING EVENTS POLSKA	Poland

Accommodation and transportation

The youth exchange will take place in [SNJ Weicherdange](#) which is a youth centre in the north of Luxembourg. The participants will be in shared rooms. The venue has good standards ensuring quality delivery of our youth exchange, the meals will be prepared and taken in the same venue. Towels are provided. Toiletries are not provided.

Since we're having the venue only for us, that will be our house for 9 days, we expect everyone to contribute in making it a successful and lively experience, indeed some cleaning is required for the common areas and the dishes is expected. There will be hence a division, where each group is responsible for a specific day's care tasks.

We will hire a bus to organise a pick-up from Charleroi Airport (Brussels) to the venue and back for all the participants to arrive by dinner time on February 3rd, and leave early on February 11th. This itinerary lasts 2 hours.

What to bring?

- A refillable bottle for water.
- There will be an intercultural night, you may bring light objects that can represent your country, as souvenirs or snacks.
- We expect the weather to be rather cold. Make sure to have warm clothes.
- Good mood, ideas and lots of energy!



Insurance, travel and finances

- The accommodation and meals are 100% covered by the coordinating organization.
- Each participant will be provided flight proposals that are the most suitable for reaching Charleroi airport. The cheapest means of transport are to be considered. All tickets shall be booked by the participants and reimbursed up to 2 months after the youth exchange. This reimbursement is conditioned to active participation.
- Checked-in luggage and any other extra flight options are not reimbursed. When travelling with Ryanair or Wizzair, it is allowed to add the priority-boarding option.
- It is only allowed to book the airline tickets on the airline's own website, not through travel agencies or third-party websites. Plane tickets should always be accompanied by boarding passes.
- Kindly make sure that all tickets are bought online, and digital boarding passes. If not, paper receipts or paper boarding passes should be scanned (with a scanner or an app), not taken as photos.
- It is not possible to stay before and after the travel days unless more suitable transportation options are available one day before and/or after at the expense of the participant.
- The European Health Card is mandatory for all participants.
- The cost of COVID testing (if needed) is not reimbursed.

COVID measures

All the information about the COVID measures up to date applied in Luxembourg can be found [here](#) and [here](#) for Belgium. As of the time of writing this, there are no extra measures applied to vaccinated participants. However, we will make sure to inform you if there are any new updates. The youth exchange is only permitted for participants with a complete COVID19 vaccination scheme.

The participant also needs to fully respect the health protocol imposed by the authorities at the time of the youth exchange, the safety measures that apply to group events. These safety measures will be introduced on arrival at the venue.

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