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Youth Participation Strategy RAY PART Conference

SALTO Participation and Information Resource Centre
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Agenda

Youth Participation Strategy

- Context of its creation
- What does the Strategy define as Youth Participation?
- Aim 4 - Research
- Next Steps: Monitoring of the Strategy



Why it appeared

Policy Context:

- Treaty of the European Union
- EU Youth Strategy 2019 - 2027 + European Youth Goals

Social and political conditions:

- Limited participation of young people? Or limited access to formal participation?
- Alternative forms of participation by young people
- Shrinking space for civil society



Why did it appear?

Aim of the Strategy

- To **foster youth participation** in the democratic life of European societies through the EU Youth Programmes

How?

- Creating **real-life impact** on the projects of this new generation of the Erasmus + and ESC programmes (2021-2027)



What is in the Strategy?

Providing a framework to better understand youth participation in democratic life as

- Youth Voice - Involvement in Decision Making
- Civic Action - Youth Activism

Different forms of youth participation

- Traditional Forms (Elections, Youth and Student Councils, etc.)
- Alternative Forms (Activism, Co-production of policies, digital participation, etc.)



Aim 4: Activities and Indicators

*Encourage a **knowledge-based approach to youth participation in democratic life within the programmes*** by **enabling stakeholders to utilise the findings of research on youth participation.***

Activities:

- **Monitor new research** on youth participation
- **Produce tools and information** to make the key findings of research on youth participation understandable
- **Disseminate** key findings from research on youth participation



Aim 4: Activities and Indicators

Indicators:

- SALTO PI will be fully **aware of current research** on youth participation in democratic life, and is able to **highlight key findings** to youth participation to the programme networks.
- Programme stakeholders will **have better access to and understanding of research and data** on youth participation on democratic life and will be **able to utilise research findings when planning their work** and implementing the programmes.



Promotion and Update of the Strategy

Co-Steering Group of the Strategy

- Equal representation of **young people** (programme participants, youth leaders, representatives) and **other stakeholders** (Policy-Makers, researchers, youth workers, trainers, etc.)
- **Monitor, revise, and evaluate** its implementation
- **Provide guidance and support** to its implementation

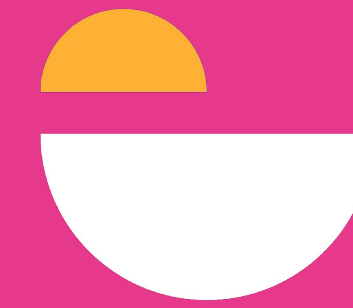


Tools & Resources

- **Participation Resource Pool**
 - A central hub for quality information and tools about Youth Participation, Media and Information Literacy, and Promotion and Outreach
- **Youth Participation Toolkit**
 - Practical ideas and guidance to foster youth participation
- **Flagship Projects Collection and the SALTO Awards**
 - A collection of youth participation projects to inspire and motivate anyone who plans, implements or supports projects



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Get involved and co-create with us!

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