

YOUTH PARTICIPATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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PROJECT IDENTITY

The project is co-funded by the EU Programme Erasmus+

Key Action:

Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices.

Action:

Strategic Partnerships.
Field: Strategic Partnerships for youth.

Main objective:

Development of Innovation.

Following the online launch of the project UPRAISE, our newsletter aims to keep you informed on developments and project news. Project UPRAISE is an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership for Youth. It will create tools for youth professionals to support youth participation for social change.

TARGET GROUPS

The direct target group of our project is youth professionals such as youth workers, youth trainers, mentors of European Solidarity Corps' volunteers, and others working with youth such as social workers and educators.

The end beneficiaries of our project are young people with a focus on those with fewer opportunities.

TOPICS

- Democracy & human rights
- Fighting anti-Semitism & anti-Islamism
- Gender equality & rights to sexuality
- Climate change

All the topics we have identified to be of interest among our target groups are related to the Human Rights.

ACTIVITIES & METHODOLOGY

1. Research Study: "European Training Strategy and the Trainer Competence Model: The political dimension of the work of youth trainers in Germany, Greece, Cyprus, and Romania".

2. Handbook "Managing active citizenship initiatives with young voluntary coordinators and young volunteers".

3. "UPRAISE Training toolkit" to be used by youth professional to enhance youth participation with methods which are attractive to young people with fewer opportunities:

- Lego® Serious Play®
- Photovoice
- Theatre of the Oppressed
- Kahoot! Quizzes

4. "UPRAISE Toolkit for Successful Online Campaigns and Petitions".

PARTNERSHIP

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Upraise: Youth Participation for Social Change is moving forward with the implementation of the project activities. In the past months the partners from Cyprus, Germany, Greece and Romania have been working on developing the Intellectual Outputs. So far, 3 out of 4 products have been finished, following their official launch in the upcoming months. These include

1. **A research study** - *European Training Strategy and the Trainer Competence Model: The political dimension of the work of youth trainers in Germany, Greece, Cyprus, and Romania* .

2. **A handbook** – *Managing Active Citizens' Initiatives with young voluntary coordinators and young volunteers*, which describes the European Union's European Citizens' Initiative mechanism and details how organizations may involve volunteers in their implementation.

3. **Upraise Training Toolkit** includes four innovative non-formal education based methods (Lego Serious Play, Photo Voice, Theatre of the Oppressed, respectively Quizzes) through which youth workers may approach young people and engage them in discussions about the project's topics (Anti-Semitism and Anti-Islamism, Climate Change, Democracy and Human Rights, Gender Equality and Rights to Sexuality).

July 2021 brought various opportunities for the project partners to meet and work together on developing and testing the outputs. Firstly, on the 26th of July, Centrul de Voluntariat Cluj-Napoca hosted in the heart of Transylvania the **first physical transnational meeting** of the project. It was a great chance for the partners to get to know each other better and discuss relevant issues. The agenda included a review of the 2nd and 3rd intellectual outputs, project management discussions, planning dissemination activities of the project results and preparations for the upcoming transnational training activity.

Secondly, between the 27th and 30th of July it was organized in a safe environment, far away from the city rustle, in Sălaj region, the project's **learning, teaching and training activity** - Upraise in Service Training for Youth Workers. For three days, 11 participants representing the project partner organizations have gathered to explore the methods developed within the project, share impressions and gather feedback. The approach was without precedent for the partners, as

each attendee had the opportunity to be both a participant and a trainer. Each country representative was empowered to share their expertise with the peers regarding the method their organization is responsible of, based on one of the project's topics. The feedback collected was stored and implemented following the training.

In the next months the project partners will finalize the 2nd and 3rd project outputs and will meet in November in Cyprus for another transnational meeting to discuss the 4th (guidelines for online campaigns), as well as to plan future multiplier events and dissemination activities.



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