





Our Space for Our Better Future: Building Community Through Engagement

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### **EU Youth Programme Priority:**

Participation in Democratic Life, Sustainability, Environmental and Climate Goals

#### Topic

Youth Participation / Activism and Decision Making Youth Participation / Promoting Participation for All Youth Participation / Skills Development and Volunteering Youth Participation / Youth Sector Development

#### Youth goals:

Equality of All Genders, Inclusive Societies,
Moving Rural Youth Forward, Quality
Employment for All, Space and Participation for
All, Sustainable Green Europe, Youth
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In the second-largest Georgian village, Martkopi, a youth centre was established to empower the local youth to drive community change. Working alongside the municipality and local organisations, they engaged young activists from different parts of rural Georgia. Through joint efforts, they crowdfunded their budget, set up events and ran campaigns, all with a clear aim: to unite the community and create a space dedicated to young people.

## What is Participation for you?

"Participation for me means that everyone in our group has a voice in decision-making. It's about helping young people speak up for their needs and those of their community. For example, the youth of our village led a project to have more accessible rubbish bins in our village. They collected signatures and spoke to the local government, and as a result of the campaign, we got the bins. This shows how we empower and give tools to our beneficiaries to be active citizens."

## Gvantsa Tvaliashvili PROJECT COORDINATOR







# Wow!

This dedicated team of volunteers successfully combined two concepts unfamiliar to most adults and decision-makers in their community within 40 days: conducting a crowdfunding campaign to establish a youth centre!

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