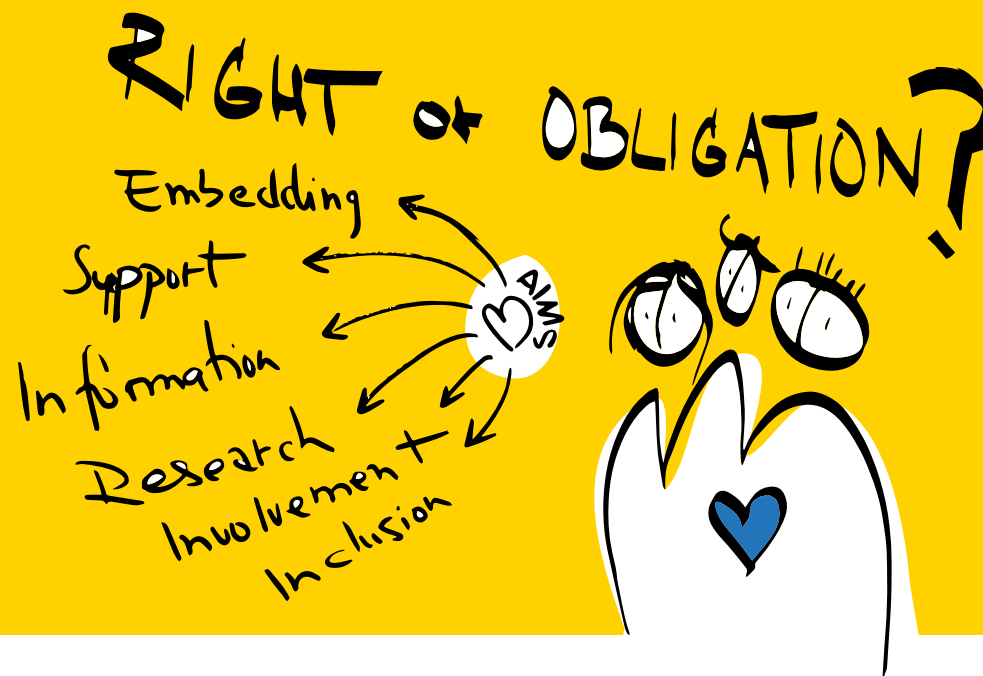


Where are we with youth participation

in the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes?

Monitoring of
Youth Participation Strategy
implementation (2024)



This report is intended to illustrate the progress achieved so far in the implementation of the Youth Participation Strategy and to encourage further activities on it.

We appreciate the work of the Youth Participation Strategy Steering group in conducting the review, all National Agencies and other stakeholders participating in evaluation, as well as for implementation of youth participation in their own work and work with beneficiaries of the programmes. We recognise that **youth participation is a process** and hope that the Youth Participation Strategy can be supportive in strategic development of that, adjusted to different contexts and possibilities.

The aim of the monitoring is also to guide the further work and planning of SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centre, National Agencies, European Commission and other stakeholders and might require broader context and elaboration, so some of the specific targeted recommendations have been left for internal usage. Steering group and SALTO PI also recognise that some of the activities or outcomes initially indicated in the Strategy, as well as their progress evaluation, might also have changed in time, as the youth participation itself and the work of various organisations is constantly developing.

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General info about the Youth Participation Strategy and its Steering group

Youth participation is about individual young people and groups of young people having the **right**, the **means**, the **space**, the **opportunity** and, where necessary, the **support** to freely **express their views**, **contribute to** and **influence societal decision-making** on matters affecting them, and be active within the democratic and civic life of our communities (Youth Participation Strategy).

Youth Participation Strategy is a strategic planning document **for enhancing youth participation in democratic life through the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes**.

It was developed by SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centre (SALTO PI) in 2020 following a consultation process that involved the input of the European Commission, National Agencies, decision-makers, experts, and practitioners in the field.

It is intended for stakeholders who have a role in supporting the implementation of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes. Key stakeholders indicated by the Strategy are

including but not limited to SALTO PI, National Agencies for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps, the SALTO network, youth information providers, youth organisations, national and local youth councils, and researchers and youth participation experts.

The strategy is intended to be a 'live' document that is regularly updated and revised by SALTO PI through a co-steering group comprised of stakeholders and young people. This strategy is designed to provide **a framework for ongoing collaboration** between strategy stakeholders that will last until at least the end of the EU Youth Strategy in 2027.

Process of the Youth Participation Strategy monitoring

The **objectives** of this monitoring and review:

- ✓ to assess/grade the achievement of activities and outcomes within the Youth Participation Strategy using a RAG rating (Red, Amber, Green rating) based on information from a range of data sources,
- ✓ to identify areas within the strategy for amendment / change and recommend future activities



Data sources used as the basis for monitoring the YPS by the Steering group:



Information on delivery of activities supplied by SALTO PI - used to provide data on delivery of activities,



A survey of National Agencies distributed by SALTO PI in spring / summer 2024. 29 responses were received - used to provide data on the achievement of outcomes,



A targeted desktop review of other reports and data (e.g., SALTO PI cross-sectoral mapping of the participation priority implementation, RAY research, Erasmus+ programme evaluations, Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps project databases, EU Youth Dialogue outcomes) - used to supplement the gaps in data from other sources.

To ensure meaningful and participatory evaluation process, the Steering group met over the course of 6 online meetings and 1 in-person meeting in 2024 to review the data sources above and discuss their opinions and recommendations. They generated RAG ratings (based on the scale below), recorded their rationale for these ratings and identified recommendations for future activities.

Rating	Long Description	
	No progress / Limited progress	Activities - No activities / very limited activities have been undertaken in this area, or the activities undertaken do not match the intended activity within the Youth Participation Strategy. Outcomes – Available data indicates the outcomes are likely not being achieved
	Partial Progress	Activities - Activities have begun but are incomplete/ not yet sufficient. Further work is still needed to complete the activities as envisaged by the Youth Participation Strategy. Outcomes – Available data indicates the outcomes are likely being partially achieved.
	Good Progress	Activities - Activities have been implemented which are well aligned to the those envisaged within the Youth Participation Strategy and sufficient in nature. No further substantial work is needed in this area and/or current work can be maintained. Outcomes - Available data indicates the outcomes are likely being achieved.
	Ungraded	There is insufficient data to make a judgement on activity and outcomes.



Improvement of implementation related to **Aim 5** and **Aim 6**, and **activity 1d of the Youth Participation Strategy** were identified as priority recommendations by the Steering group.

Progress of the activities and outcomes of the Youth Participation Strategy



Aim 1 – Embedding

Promote the principles of youth participation across all actions and activities of the programmes*.

Activities

1a

Support national level planning for youth participation

Support National Agencies, in cooperation with relevant National Stakeholders, to develop national approaches (e.g. national action plans) on supporting youth participation in democratic life through the programmes.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ Webinars supporting National Agencies in developing strategic national youth participation plans were implemented.

Some recommendations of the YPS SG:

- ➔ The Commission and SALTO Participation & Information should take steps to encourage further strategic collaboration between National Agencies and national stakeholders. Examples of National Agency good practice should be shared more between National Agencies and SALTO PI.

1b

Encourage National Agencies to appoint a contact person for youth participation (e.g. participation officers) in order to also create a network of people that can connect at European level. SALTO PI supports the network.



Examples of the activities implemented:

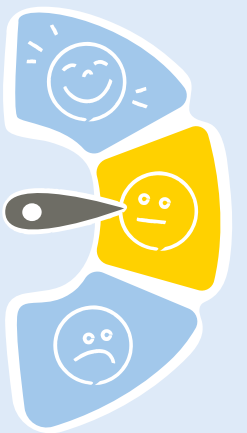
- ✓ Participation contact points across all sectors of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes have been appointed by most National Agencies.

Some recommendations of the YPS SG:

- ➔ SALTO PI in collaboration with the European Commission should maintain and continue this network.

1c

Encourage strategic collaboration between National Agencies on youth participation. Support a network of youth participation contact persons within the National Agencies through providing capacity building offers on youth participation, such as annual training. Promote the use of strategic cooperation projects between National Agencies to foster youth participation.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ The training for National Agencies' staff regarding Erasmus+ KA154 (Youth Participation Activities) – STEP (staff training to enhance participation) - is regularly implemented and improved, hosted by a different National Agency each time and supported by SALTO PI.
- ✓ Strategic cooperation is enhanced by SALTO PI co-coordinating the strategic partnership “New Power in Youth” and closely collaborating with others strategic partnerships, e.g. SNAC Democracy Reloading, SNAC EuroPeers and RAY network.

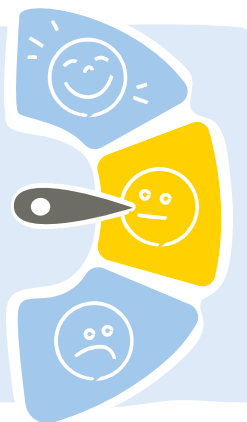
Some recommendations of the YPS SG:

- ➔ Training on youth participation could be offered to more staff within the National Agencies.
- ➔ SNAC (Strategic National Agencies' Cooperation) coordinators could host a common meeting to enable further collaboration.

1d

Develop quality guidance criteria on youth participation.

This will focus on how youth participation can be realised as part of the key actions supported under both programmes and be supported by training for application assessors and evaluators on the criteria.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ SALTO PI has produced a Youth Participation Toolkit including information on how youth participation can be realized as part of the key actions within the programme.
- ✓ An online course “Youth Participation Essentials” is available on HOP platform.
- ✓ Resources on the topic of participation are available on participationpool.eu.

Some recommendations of the YPS SG:

- ➔ SALTO PI should develop a definition of “meaningful” participation elaborating on the existing definition of youth participation within the Youth Participation Strategy and supported by accompanying quality criteria.
- ➔ Work with assessors and evaluators in the Erasmus+ and ESC programmes should be improved and expanded in the future.

Outcomes

1a

National Agencies are effective at using the programmes to promote youth participation in democratic life in their countries and collaborating with national stakeholders on this topic. National Agencies recognise that the Youth Participation Strategy is valuable in helping them in this work and in taking ownership of the strategy.



Some examples for reasoning:

The National Agency survey shows a range of positive developments, but there is still room for improvement.

1b

There are effective strategic collaborations on the topic of youth participation in democratic life between National Agencies, which help improve the quality and common understanding of youth participation in democratic life across the programmes.



Some examples for reasoning:

31 out of 35 National Agencies working with Erasmus+: Youth are involved in at least in one strategic partnership related to youth participation.

1c

A shared understanding of quality youth participation is established across the programme stakeholders.



Some examples for reasoning:

The National Agency survey indicates that the understanding of the concept of participation amongst stakeholders is limited.

1d

National Agency staff and National Agency application evaluators and assessors are easily able to recognise and support quality participation within programme applications.



Some examples for reasoning:

The absence of quality criteria might be a barrier to this. Further work with criteria, as well as programme infrastructure and training are needed.



Aim 2 – Support

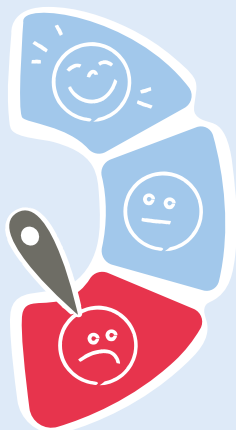
Develop tools and support for promoting the use of Youth Goals in programme projects. These will focus on using Youth Goals as a framework to make connections between different projects by linking them to the shared eleven policy goals, helping demonstrate to participants the power and impact of each project's contribution to the Youth Goals, and raising the visibility of the European dimension within projects.

Activities

2a

Develop tools and support for promoting the use of Youth Goals in programme projects.

These will focus on using Youth Goals as a framework to make connections between different projects by linking them to the shared eleven policy goals, helping demonstrate to participants the power and impact of each project's contribution to the Youth Goals, and raising the visibility of the European dimension within projects.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ SALTO PI delivered a webinar on Youth Goals "Making Youth Goals visible" in 2020.

Some recommendations:

- ➔ SALTO PI and National Agencies should develop materials to raise awareness on youth goals themselves and training on youth goals / training materials for beneficiaries in connection with youth participation.

2b

Develop tools to increase the quality of youth participation in programme-funded projects.

These tools should be usable by National Agencies with programme applicants, potential applicants or beneficiaries to enable them to improve the quality of youth participation in their project. Tools will include handbooks and checklists on how to implement quality youth participation at project level.



Examples of the activities implemented:



Youth Participation Toolkit has been developed and articles connecting participation and other priorities are available on the Participation Pool.

Some recommendations:



Within the context of ongoing development of the Participation Pool, it would be useful to explore if National Agencies replicate or rather share the tools of the Participation Pool more widely.

2c

Develop and deliver training modules

on supporting/implementing projects with a quality youth participation dimension. Training will initially be targeted at National Agency Staff in order for them to systematically implement and replicate training for potential and current programme applicants and beneficiaries. Training will link to existing competency models such as Youthpass or the European Training Strategy framework, and be undertaken through TCA and NET activities.



Examples of the activities implemented:



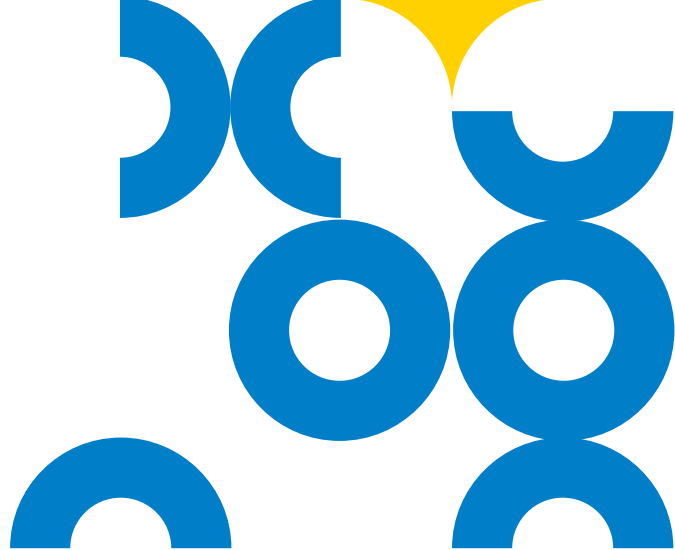
There has been multiple training courses (e.g. "Dive into Youth Participation" and "Online challenge") for beneficiaries.



There is also a regular training on enhancing youth participation for National Agency Staff supported by SALTO PI and online trainings available.



For experts there has been an online Training of Trainers and an expert and trainer's seminar, also a Pool of trainers and experts on youth participation has been created in cooperation with the strategic partnership New Power in Youth.

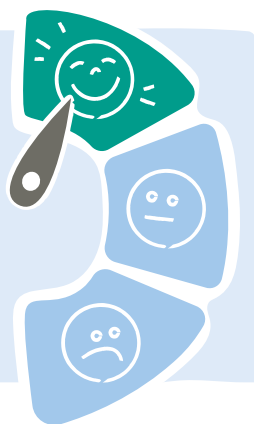


Some recommendations:

- When future trainings are developed by National Agencies or SALTOs, it would be useful to consider how the training for National Agency officers and experts is targeted, and if this is the right target group.
- Also, there is a need to increase the number of trainings and potential to consider if the training modules can be made into replicable packages for National Agencies to reuse them at national level.

2d

The SALTO PI Participation Resource Pool will act as a central online point for making information and resources on youth participation available for youth workers, youth leaders and strategy stakeholders.

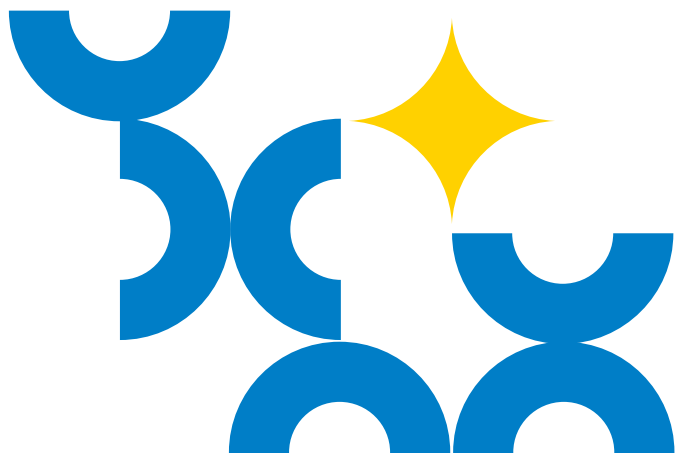


Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ The new version of the Participation Resource Pool has launched in 2022, and the yearly traffic has increased by more than 130%. Further work, including regular update of resources and restructuring of the Pool to be finalised in 2025, is in the process.

Some recommendations:

- Continued promotion and development of the resource pool is required to maintain its success. It would be valuable to develop a process where the intellectual outputs of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps funded projects are systematically added to the pool.



Outcomes

2a

Building awareness of, and supporting applicants to work with, the European Youth Goals through Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps becomes part of programme stakeholders practice. An increasing number of projects can be directly linked to the Youth Goals. Connections on shared European topics between projects facilitate mutual learning and the visibility of the European dimension across projects.



Some examples for reasoning:

The inclusion of a dedicated question on the EU Youth Goals within programme application is making a significant contribution to this – meaning all projects should now be linked in some way to the EU Youth Goals. However, the summary description of projects on the Erasmus+ results platform still indicates a relatively small proportion of projects that strongly focus on EU Youth Goals as a core theme.

2b

A supportive environment for programme applicants to implement projects with a quality youth participation dimension is put in place by National Agencies and their stakeholders at national level, which is strengthened by the work of the European Commission and SALTO Resource Centres.



Some examples for reasoning:

There are a wide range of quality materials available developed by SALTO PI and other stakeholders, and the programme guidance now strongly emphasizes youth participation.

2c

Programme stakeholders and programme applicants have access to high quality training on youth participation. Key staff within National Agencies are trained on quality youth participation.



Some examples for reasoning:

Around ¾ of National Agencies indicate in a survey that their programme officers and staff have good access to training on youth participation and some National Agencies are active in organizing trainings at national level on youth participation, and there is a range of international trainings on offer.



Aim 3 – Information

Increase awareness of the impact of the programmes on youth participation in democratic life.

Activities

3a

Production and dissemination of accessible information on youth participation targeted at potential programme applicants

which communicates the possibilities for youth participation that the programmes can enable as well as giving advice on project implementation. It will be attractive, accessible and user friendly in order to be engaging for those new to youth participation or the programmes.



3b

Sharing of inspirational practice examples across the programme networks.

Through the production of case studies and examples of practice and their dissemination through the SALTO PI Participation Resource Pool. Particular emphasis will be placed on areas identified as in need of development across the programmes, such as the use of digital tools within youth participation, and new or innovative practices.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ Efforts to produce accessible information for beneficiaries by SALTO PI are most visible in the Participation Pool. There were several dissemination activities by SALTO PI and each National Agency also produces resources for their own beneficiaries in their languages.

Some recommendations:

- ➔ The Participation Pool is a tool which needs continuous maintenance and development in order to stay relevant, accessible and user-friendly, and SALTO PI should maintain its focus on this.

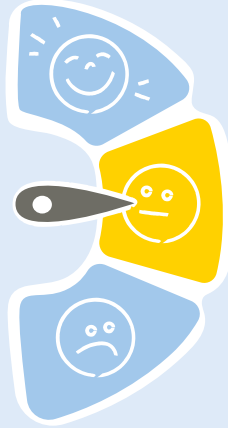
Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ SALTO PI Awards has been an activity highlighting good practice projects in different categories, including Participation in democratic life.
- ✓ Also, there have been webinar series, case studies on specific topics such as digital participation, as well as Flagship project collection developed by SALTO PI.

3c

Production and dissemination of information on youth participation targeted at decision makers

which communicates the value and impact of the programmes on youth participation in democratic life, how programme projects may directly connect young people to public decision making and the role that decision makers have to play in youth participation.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ The strategic partnership Democracy Reloading targets municipality decision-makers and policy officers. It has, among other things, produced a reference framework, self-assessment and trainings for municipalities on the topic of democratic participation.
- ✓ The strategic partnership Europe Goes Local also includes support to encourage local decision makers to engage with and develop youth work, including enhancement and importance of youth participation.

Some recommendations:

- ➔ Within the Participation Pool more focus is needed on offering materials that can highlight the importance of youth participation to decision makers and encourage support of that.
- ➔ There is also a need to develop tools for measuring the impact of youth participation on decision making.

Outcomes

3a

Potential programme applicants are informed about the possibilities for youth participation in democratic life that the programmes can enable, and are more likely to consider submitting programme applications with a quality youth participation dimension.



Some examples for reasoning:

Based on the professional experience of the steering group they believe the outreach work undertaken by National Agencies is headed in the right direction, and likely to achieve impact. However, in the absence of data directly from the potential programme applicants means it is difficult to rate this area.

3b

Strategy stakeholders, programme applicants and potential programme applicants are more aware of the range of possibilities for using the programmes for youth participation, along with the different ways in which youth participation can be supported with the programmes.



Some examples for reasoning:

Based on the professional experience of the Steering group they believe the outreach work undertaken by National Agencies is headed in the right direction, and likely to achieve impact. However, in the absence of data directly from the potential programme applicants means it is difficult to rate this area.

3c

Strategy stakeholders are able to better inform decision makers and public bodies on the way in which the programmes can contribute to youth participation in democratic life, and how programme funded projects may link to public decision making.



Some examples for reasoning:

National Agencies are active in promoting the topic of youth participation to decision makers, and an impact can be seen in an increase in the number of public bodies leading successful Erasmus+ applications with a participation theme, and the number of public bodies leading Youth Participation Activities (KA154) applications.



Aim 4 – Research

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.

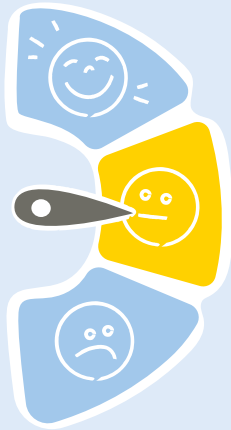
Activities

4a

Monitoring new research on youth participation

such as the results of Horizon 2020 research, the work of the RAY network, Youth Wiki correspondents, EKCYP and PEYR as well as other relevant research networks and actors.

Particular focus will be placed on identifying research into the impact of youth participation, alternative forms of youth participation such as co-creation, as well as outreach and the involvement of young people with fewer opportunities.



Examples of the activities implemented:



SALTO PI follows and informally monitors research from European Union-Council of Europe Youth partnership, RAY network and other important stakeholders. Communication frequently includes short literature reviews of the current state of research on the topic.

Some recommendations:



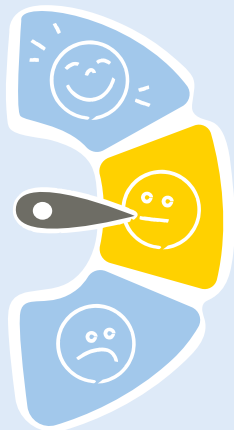
The RAY network could undertake national analysis of the participation situation in each country. This could be drawn from RAY data, Eurobarometer data and the Erasmus+ project results platform.



Results of participatory research with young people could also be more widely monitored and shared through the Participation Pool by SALTO PI.

4b

Production of tools and information to make the key findings of research on youth participation understandable to programme applicants, or potential applicants, as well as strategy stakeholders. The SALTO PI Participation Resource Pool will provide a central point to access and interpret relevant research and data on youth participation, in an accessible understandable format.

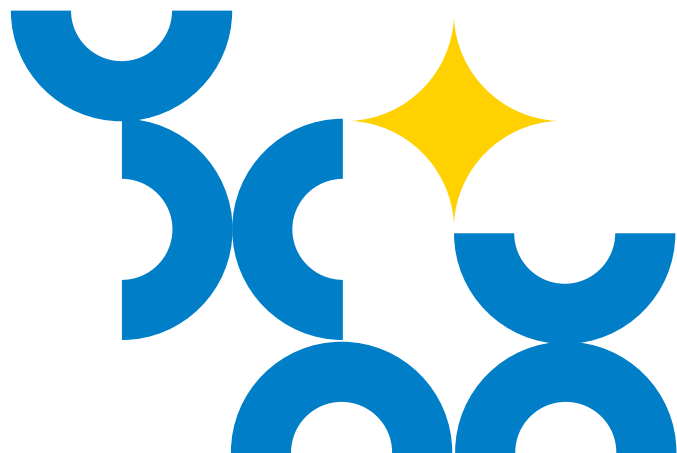


Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ The RAY Network regularly conducts monitoring surveys with beneficiaries of the European youth programmes, including questions/modules related to youth participation. Furthermore, related reports, e.g. RAY LTE (Longitudinal study on the effects of participation and citizenship education) or RAY PART, have been produced.
- ✓ Social media graphics and communication campaigns are also produced.
- ✓ SALTO PI distributes relevant research related to youth participation in the Participation Pool and has produced a series of short videos based on the findings of research on the participation topic.

Some recommendations:

- ➔ Dissemination of existing national analysis is needed via the Participation Pool.
- ➔ Steering group recommends that better links between the Participation Pool and RAY website are needed to improve coordination and communication of research outcomes.
- ➔ There is a need to develop information tools and methods to share the findings of research with young people, trainers, educators, and others interested.



4c

Disseminate key findings from research on youth participation through National Agency officers training.

To enable them to take a knowledge-based approach to their work and be informed of relevant research findings.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ Findings of research are often shared in KA154 (Youth participation activities) and other National Agency staff trainings supported by SALTO PI.
- ✓ RAY Youth Research Dialogues and public panels are often accessed by National Agency officers.

Some recommendations:

- ➔ Steering group notes that research findings should be utilized in trainings for all National Agency staff, as well as for trainers, educators and others interested. This might be supported by the development of simple information tools summarizing youth research findings, or common training modules.

Outcomes

4a

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.



Some examples for reasoning:

Informal self-assessment and ongoing professional development of the SALTO PI staff informs this rating.

4b

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.



Some examples for reasoning:

National Agencies' survey indicates that National Agencies have good access to research on youth participation, and most make use of it when planning their work, as well as disseminating results to beneficiaries.



Aim 5 – Involvement

Encourage National Agencies and other actors to involve young people when making decisions about the management and implementation in the programmes*, and to take a quality approach to youth participation when doing so.

Priority

Activities

5a

Pilot models for youth involvement in decision making within national programme management and implementation.

Pilot a variety of models to enable National Agencies and other actors to take account of young people's views when making decisions about the management and implementation of the programme. Aside from formal representation, this could also take the form of consultation, co-creative processes, advisory groups and feedback-mechanisms and it should align with underlying legal and institutional frameworks. Following the pilots, a process disseminating the learning and practice to other National Agencies will be developed, so that their own approaches to youth involvement can be informed by this work.



Examples of the activities implemented:

- ✓ SALTO PI has conducted a mapping of challenges and opportunities of direct youth involvement in the work of National Agencies, as well as several case stories of involvement mechanisms.
- ✓ Throughout 2024 participatory research on lessons learned in different cases of involving young people in decision-making in National Agencies and SALTO PI has been researched, including the institutional perspective and the opinion of young people themselves.

Some recommendations:

- ➔ SALTO PI could develop self-assessment tools for National Agencies to assess/plan the level of meaningful participation within the National Agency.

Outcomes

5a

National agencies have a meaningful approach to involving young people in programme decision making at national level and taking account of their views when making decisions.

The views and priorities of young people are valuable for the implementation of the programmes at national level.

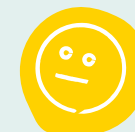
Some aspects of reasoning:

According to the National Agency survey, around half of the National Agencies indicate that they have no plans to involve young people when making decisions about the management and implementation of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programme. Around 1/4 are undertaking this and around 1/4 are planning to undertake this.



5b

Increase the impact of EU Youth Dialogue at national and local levels, and ensure that the conclusions of youth dialogue inform the implementation of the programmes.



Some examples for reasoning:

The impact of European Youth Dialogue on the European level is identified by external research, and it might be assumed that this leads to impact at national level. There is still a need for more meaningful connection between the European Youth Dialogue and the programmes.





Aim 6 – Inclusion

Dedicate specific attention to the participation in democratic life of young people with fewer opportunities.

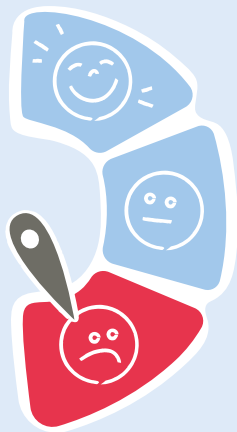


Activities

6a

Develop a toolkit on supporting projects to promote the participation of young people with fewer opportunities in democratic life.

This will be developed as a tool for all stakeholders and will harmonise with the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy and the work of SALTO Inclusion and Diversity. It will cover topics such as involving young people with fewer opportunities in youth participation activities and how marginalised voices can be amplified.



Some recommendations:

- ➔ Steering group advises that a toolkit might no longer be the right or only approach, as initially indicated in the Youth Participation Strategy.
- ➔ Collaboration between SALTO Inclusion & Diversity and SALTO Participation & Information can be developed to implement this aim further.
- ➔ A set of resources on making participation more accessible, with a focus on the needs and barriers for participation of different groups of young people with fewer opportunities, could be developed by SALTO PI, SALTO ID and other stakeholders.

Mapping and dedicated research on the experiences of young people with fewer opportunities when engaged in participation themed projects should be undertaken.

- ➔ Steering group also recommends that training courses addressing the topic of participation hosted by NAs or SALTOs could begin to address the topic of participation and inclusion jointly.

Examples of the activities implemented:

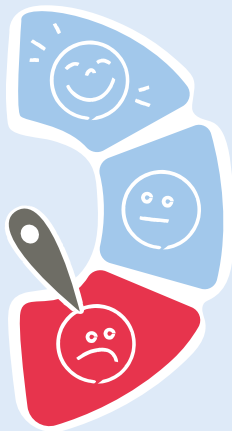


Among others, there is a material on promoting inclusive youth participation “A seat at the table for everyone” produced by SALTO PI.

6b

Develop a 'Youth participation access youth check tool'.

Work with a cluster of stakeholders to develop and pilot a tool to support inclusive youth participation. The tool will enable stakeholders to audit the backgrounds of young people involved in youth participation in a given context, identify which social groups are more excluded from youth participation activities in that context and put in place steps to reduce barriers to exclusion from youth participation in democratic life for young people with fewer opportunities.

**Examples of the activities implemented:**

There are sections in the Youth Participation Toolkit connecting Participation and Inclusion & Diversity priorities.

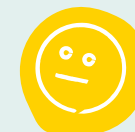
Some recommendations:

A checklist on inclusive youth participation could be developed.

Outcomes

6a

To increase the quality and number of programme projects that build the capacity of young people with fewer opportunities to participate in democratic life.

**Some aspects of reasoning:**

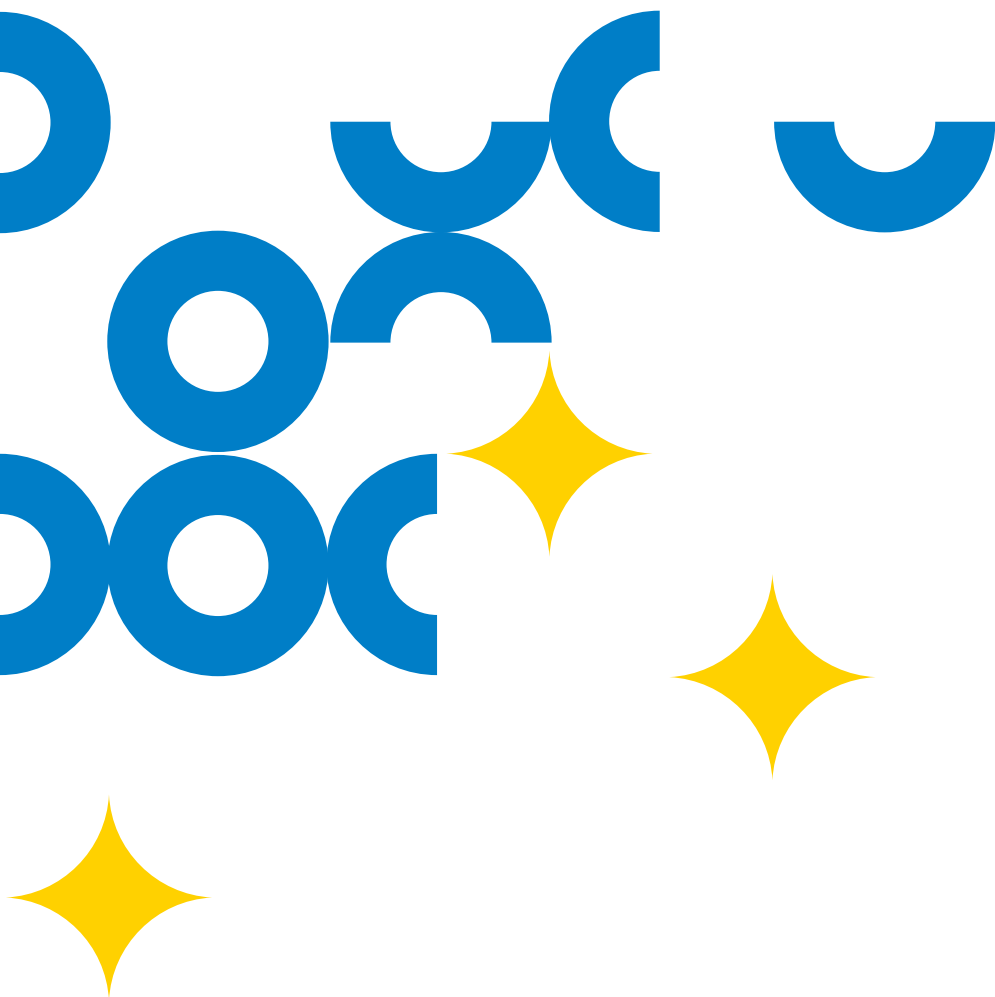
Between 2021 and 2023 only 9,8% of participants in Erasmus+ Youth projects with participation themes were young people with fewer opportunities. This is considerably lower than the 30% of estimated participants in Erasmus+ Youth KA1 who are young people with fewer opportunities.

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To enable equal access to the participation dimensions of the programmes to young people with fewer opportunities, and enable the voices of young people with fewer opportunities to be heard through programmes activities.

**Some aspects of reasoning:**

It is not clear what equal access to the participation dimension means or how it might be measured. That can be elaborated on.



What's next?

As indicated by the progress monitoring, SALTO PI and Youth Participation Strategy Steering group is focusing on the further implementation of Aim 5 (involvement of young people in decision-making on the programmes) and Aim 6 (democratic participation of young people with fewer opportunities), at the same time organising activities and furthering the implementation of other aims as well.

To develop the intention for the Youth Participation Strategy to be a “live” document and based on current recommendations, the Steering group and SALTO PI proceeds with elaborating on the definition of youth participation, identifying its principles, updating the policy and content sections of the Strategy, as well as strategic developments further in line with the development of a cross-sectoral strategy on the priority of the programmes “participation in democratic life, civic engagement and common values”.

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