

ENGAGED YOU(TH)

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RIGA, LATVIA



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Context

Due to COVID19, we have witnessed a spark of teleworking and e-learning. This has accentuated a trend which was already gaining ground in the last few years since many internet users experience online and offline life as a continuum. It's particularly the case for Generation-Z, considered as 'digital natives'.

However, being exposed to the internet from a young age does not necessarily mean that young people have already acquired digital skills; there's no correlation between digital exposure and digital literacy. The latter is particularly important to overcome the mismatch between the needed digital skills and the available competences on the job market.

On the other hand, young people are overall enthusiastic to engage in shaping their societies. Yet, their dissatisfaction with the traditional political process is widely documented, as they express disinterest and scepticism towards political institutions and its representatives. This has been showcased by their low level of political participation and underrepresentation in the traditional forms of citizens' participation such as the low turnout of youth in the European elections of 2019 (21% in Latvia, Eurostat).

Therefore we believe young people need opportunities to participate in the democratic processes, which go beyond the classical types of engagement. They need participation processes that are appropriate for their age group, their environment and lifestyle. Digital tools offer various innovative ways to connect, discuss issues and take part in decision-making. The project 'Engaged You(th)' advocates for an inclusive digital education for youth in order to prevent their disengagement and turn online their participation. To reach this goal, we'll address the following specific objectives:



Objectives

1 Assess the forms of digital youth participation in the participating countries mapping its stakeholders and ecosystem.



3 Level up the digital skills of young people by exploring innovative online participation tools and practices



2 Enhance young people's critical thinking in approaching online information, and grow their capacity to detect & react on fake information.



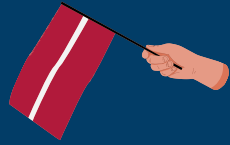
4 Entice young people to develop digital campaigns promoting an internet that is hate-free and safe for their peers.



Schedule - Engaged You(th)

Time	Day 1 30-Nov	Day 2 1-Dec	Day 3 2-Dec	Day 4 3-Dec	Day 5 4-Dec	Day 6 5-Dec	Day 7 6-Dec	Day 8 7-Dec	Day 9 8-Dec
09.00 - 09.50	Breakfast								
10.00 - 11.30	Arrival	Ice-breaking games and get to know each other	National reality check on democracy and youth participation 1	Simulation of the European Parliament Committee hearing	Visit to Saeima	Trending forms of online participation	Online participation ladder	Toolfair lead by participants in separated workshops using Learning Space Dynamics	Departure
11.30 - 12.00		Coffee break				Coffee break			
12.00 - 13.30		Introduction to the objectives of the youth exchange, the schedule, and expectations of participants	National reality check on democracy and youth participation 2	Simulation of the European Parliament Committee hearing	Free afternoon	Examples of successful civic initiatives - Mapping	Recommendations for stakeholders	ErasmusDays - discovering European opportunities	
13.30 - 15.30		Lunch break				Lunch break			
15.30 - 17.00		Understanding/ Refreshing concepts	Analysing political speech - SOTEU 2021	Are young people participating? Dialogue with Alexandru MANDA - European Youth of the Year 2021	Reflection groups & team leaders' meeting	Examples of successful civic initiatives - sharing (in the group, online)	Dissemination activities	Youth Pass & Final evaluation	
17.00 - 18.00		Group reflection							
20.00	Dinner								
21.30 - ...		Games	Walk in Nea Makri	Intercultural night		Free evening		Goodbye party	

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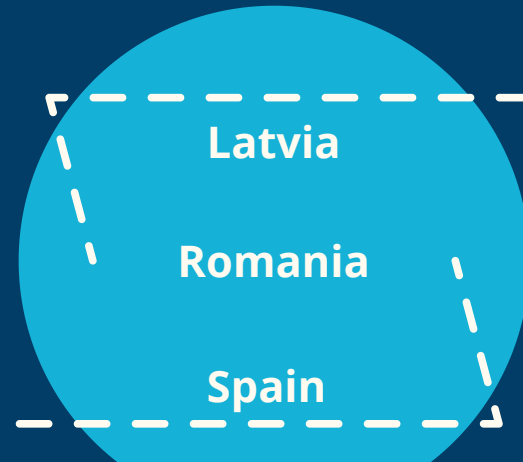
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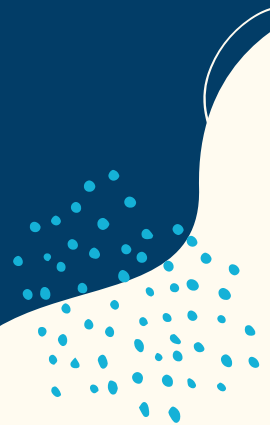


The participants will be hosted in Liberty hostel in Riga city center, in shared rooms. The sessions will take place in a meeting room on a 10-min walk from the hostel. The meals will be taken in a restaurant.



Insurance, travel, and finances

- The accommodation and meals are 100% covered by the coordinating organization.
- There's a contribution fee of 40€ to be deducted from the reimbursement of travel costs.
- Each participant will be provided flight proposals most suitable for reaching Riga or Vilnius airport. The direct flights and 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 traveling with Ryanair or Wizzair, it is allowed to add the priority-boarding option. Tickets can only be booked upon approval.
- 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 participant's expense.
- The European Health Card is mandatory for all participants.



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