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YOUTH LED INITIATIVE: A COMMUNITY OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

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Summary

The **Youth-Led Participant Community** is a structured transnational network of young participants engaged in European civic dialogue, advocacy, and long-term monitoring of EU decision-making. This initiative ensures that youth beneficiaries of the **Peer Civic Project** have an active role in identifying and addressing common needs, influencing policymakers, and sustaining engagement beyond the project timeline.

Comprised of an average of **50 young people per partner country**, the community will engage at least **300 active participants** across six project countries: **Romania, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Spain, and Ireland**. While participant numbers may vary per country, the **Peer Civic Platform** will serve as an open-access hub, allowing additional youth members to register and contribute to discussions.

This deliverable outlines the **recruitment, engagement, and sustainability strategies** for the Youth-Led Initiative Community, ensuring young people are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to influence EU decision-making processes.

1. Establishment & Recruitment of Youth Participants

The Youth-Led Initiative Community is formed through a **structured selection process**, ensuring a diverse and representative group of young participants. The selection prioritises young people who:

- Demonstrate an interest in civic engagement, EU policy, or youth advocacy.
- Have prior involvement in youth organisations, student councils, or activism.
- Represent diverse backgrounds and perspectives from each partner country.

Recruitment is conducted through:

- **National Outreach Campaigns** using digital platforms and youth networks.
- **Local Information Sessions** facilitated by the Peer Civic **Incubator Educators**.
- **Application Form and Nominations** from youth organisations and civic groups.

Screenshot: Recruitment Induction and Registration Info



Video: Find out more about European elections!

Resources for Youth Participants

Welcome to the Peer Civic Project!

On this page you will find resources to inform you on what the European Union is, how it works and how you can get involved to make your voice heard

Register your interest in the peer civic project

2. Engagement and Activities of the Participant Community

Once recruited, members of the Youth-Led Initiative Community will actively participate in **structured discussions, training, and advocacy efforts** within the Peer Civic ecosystem.













Engagement activities will include:

- **Interactive Discussion Forum:** A space for young participants to share ideas, discuss EU policies, and engage in peer-to-peer learning.
- **Training Modules:** Access to educational resources on EU governance, policy advocacy, and civic participation.
- **Workshops and Webinars:** Sessions featuring guest speakers, policymakers, and youth activists.
- **Campaign Development:** Support for youth-led initiatives addressing key societal issues.

Members will have the opportunity to **initiate discussions, propose policy recommendations, and collaborate on cross-border advocacy initiatives.**

Screenshot: Participant Community Toolbox

Toolbox

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3. Youth Participation in Policy Influence and Monitoring

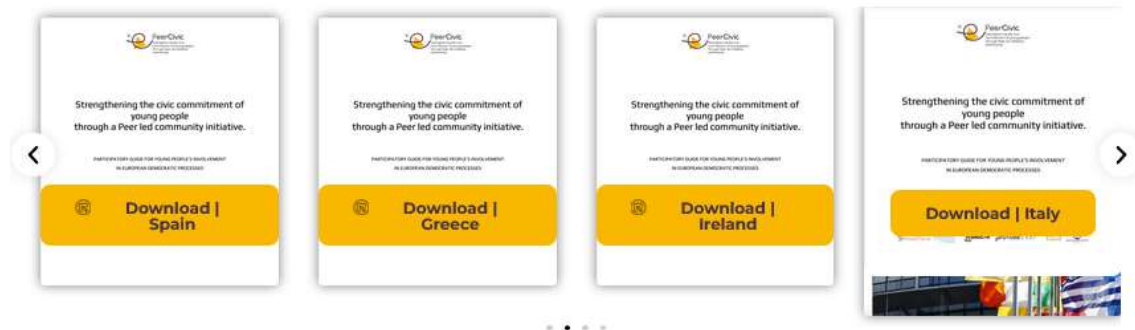
The core objective of the Participant Community is to enable young people to directly engage with EU policymakers and track youth-related developments over time. This will be achieved through:

- **Collective Needs Analysis & Policy Proposals:** Members will collaborate on **policy recommendations** arising from shared concerns across partner countries.
- **Youth Delegation to Brussels:** Representatives will present resolutions and youth-driven priorities to Members of the European Parliament (MEPs).
- **Long-Term Monitoring Mechanisms:**
 - ❖ **Tracking MEP commitments and interventions** related to youth policies.
 - ❖ **Setting up automated alerts** for EU debates and decisions impacting young people.
 - ❖ **Utilising social media advocacy** to ensure sustained youth influence in policymaking.

These activities will strengthen **youth representation at the European level**, ensuring decision-makers remain accountable to young constituents.

Screenshot: Guides for [Active Representation](#)

Guide for Active Representation



4. Digital Community Hub on the Peer Civic Platform

The **Youth Participant Community** has a **dedicated members' space** on the Peer Civic platform to facilitate:

- **Peer-to-Peer Networking** Youth participants will connect across borders, share experiences, and collaborate on advocacy efforts.
- **On-Demand Learning Library** Access to training materials, past event recordings, and civic engagement guides.
- **Dashboard** to schedule workshops, EU policy discussions, and youth advocacy events.
- **Resource Sharing:** A digital repository where members can upload and exchange advocacy materials, research reports, and campaign toolkits.

The **user-friendly digital space** will encourage ongoing dialogue and action, ensuring youth-led initiatives continue beyond the project's duration.

Screenshot: [Events Calendar](#)

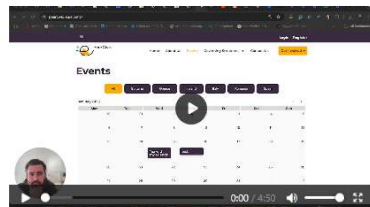
Events

All Bulgaria Greece Ireland Italy Romania Spain

December 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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How to add an event



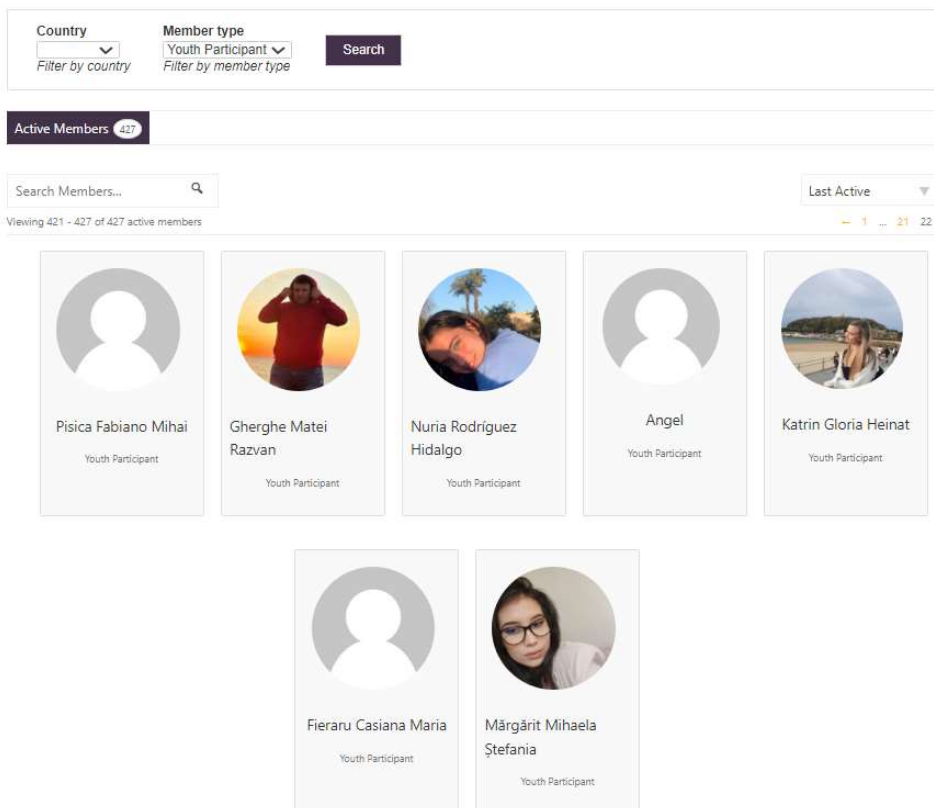
5. Ensuring Long-Term Sustainability of the Community

To maintain engagement beyond the Peer Civic project's formal timeline, the Youth Participant Community may operate:

- **An Alumni Network:** Former participants will remain connected and mentor new community members.
- **Ongoing Policy Engagement Initiatives:** Encouraging members to sustain long-term involvement in advocacy and civic projects.
- **Institutional Partnerships:** Collaborations with youth organisations, EU bodies, and policymakers to ensure continued access to resources and influence.
- **Annual Youth Civic Forum:** A recurring digital or in-person event to review progress, share successes, and identify future opportunities.

Through these measures, the Youth-Led Initiative Community will evolve into a **self-sustaining network of youth civic leaders** committed to **shaping European policy and democratic engagement**.

Screenshot: Sample of Youth [Participant Community Members](#)



The screenshot displays a web interface for viewing Youth Participant members. At the top, there are filters for 'Country' (with a dropdown arrow and the text 'Filter by country') and 'Member type' (set to 'Youth Participant' with a dropdown arrow and the text 'Filter by member type'). A 'Search' button is located to the right of these filters. Below the filters, a dark bar indicates 'Active Members: 427'. A search bar labeled 'Search Members...' with a magnifying glass icon is positioned above a list of members. To the right of the search bar is a 'Last Active' dropdown menu. Below the search bar, the text 'Viewing 421 - 427 of 427 active members' is visible. The members are displayed in a grid of profile cards. Each card features a circular profile picture, the member's name, and their role 'Youth Participant'. The members shown are: Pîsica Fabiano Mihai, Gherghe Matei Razvan, Nuria Rodriguez Hidalgo, Angel, Katrin Gloria Heinat, Fieraru Casiana Maria, and Mărgărit Mihaela Ștefania.

Name	Role
Pîsica Fabiano Mihai	Youth Participant
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Nuria Rodriguez Hidalgo	Youth Participant
Angel	Youth Participant
Katrin Gloria Heinat	Youth Participant
Fieraru Casiana Maria	Youth Participant
Mărgărit Mihaela Ștefania	Youth Participant

Conclusion

The **Youth Participant Community** is a fundamental pillar of the **Peer Civic Project**, ensuring that young people across Europe are **not only participants but active agents of change** in the democratic process. Through structured training, digital collaboration, and direct policy engagement, this initiative will **equip youth with the tools, networks, and opportunities** to influence European governance **both during and beyond the project's lifespan**.

By fostering a **youth-led civic movement**, Peer Civic creates a **lasting impact on democratic participation, policymaking, and accountability**, empowering young Europeans to take ownership of their political futures.