



Meta-University 2020

Online international youth event
for networking, capacity building and peer learning
among stakeholders of the youth sectors

4 -5 November 2020

Call for participants

Organised by:



Partner organisations:



Activity in the framework of the project: VC 2606
"Global Youth - Interregional Cooperation for Youth
Participation and Global Citizenship".



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The Meta-University 2020 is an online event for networking, capacity building and peer learning among youth workers and organisations active in the youth field.

Considering the current pandemic crisis, which is challenging traditional spaces for dialogue and accelerating the process of shrinking space for civil society, the Meta-University is conceived as:

- ✓ a platform to ensure interaction and mutual understanding addressing the current needs and challenges of the youth sector;
- ✓ a space to build capacities according to current needs, share knowledge and gathering insights from peers;
- ✓ an opportunity to share good practices, mainstream new projects and find new partners.

A multilevel event allowing different opportunities of participation

During the two-day programme, as participant you will have the possibility to:

- expand knowledge and build new skills by taking part in one or more of the 5 webinars promoted by partner organisations (IFM, UNDP/ONJ Tunisia; CNJC; Digital Grassroots, CNG)
- contribute to the developments of the global youth agenda by following the plenary sessions focused on current key issues of the youth sector;
- connect with peers while enjoying informal gatherings such as online coffee-breaks, dynamic group chats, musical sessions and other facilitated group interactions;
- mingle in the “virtual youth fair” to know more about the work of other organisations, to set up your own virtual stand, exchange business cards and chat in private with the promoter of each stand to build synergies.
- take the lead of the event by setting up your own session to follow-up ideas and proposals, go more in-depth on a conversation started in previous sessions, to address a relevant issue that was not covered by the event etc...

The different levels of engagement and the variety of partners involved (grassroots initiatives, institutional organisations, national bodies and international networks) covering different geographical scopes are the added value of this event.

4th Nov		5th Nov		6th Nov
9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>		9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>	10.00 - 11.15 CNJC <i>#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean</i>	Peer-to-peer space Sessions promoted and led by participants to follow-up the event's insights and proposals
10.30 - 11.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>		11.30 - 12.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>		
11.30 - 12.30 The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space		12.30 - 13.30 Africa-Europe youth cooperation: A multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance.		
14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>	14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>	
16.00 - 18.00 Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality		16.00 - 18.00 Digital Grassroots <i>Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout</i>		
18.00 - 19.00 Virtual Youth fair Expo area to share best practices, projects and opportunities <i>(open until the end of the event)</i>		18.00 - 19.00 Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions <i>A musical session by Ubanda</i>		
Webinars by partner organisations - limited number of participants		Plenary sessions - open to everyone		Participants-led spaces - open to everyone

THE TIMETABLE FOLLOWS THE LISBON TIME

1. Webinars promoted by partners

[Catalan Nacional Youth Council \(CNJC\)](#)

[#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean](#)

Gender violence and forms of violence enabled by online tools in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNJC)

[DIGITAL GRASSROOTS](#)

[Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout](#)

Young people's rights, governments' responsibilities and restrictive measures infringing rights and freedoms in this time of crisis.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by DG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[Italian National Youth Council \(CNG\)](#)

[Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach](#)

The role of youth in addressing pressing urban issues: youth action and youth culture for sustainable urbanization in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[United Nations Development Programme Tunisia \(UNDP\) and Observatoire National de la Jeunesse \(ONJ\)](#)

[Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) camps sensemaking workshop](#)

The impact of the pandemic on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the eyes of young Tunisians.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by UNDP/ONJ Tunisia)

[International Falcon Movement – Socialist Education International \(IFM-SEI\)](#)

[COVID-19 and Violent Extremism – Youth as stakeholders for conflict transformation and shaping peaceful societies](#)

A trans-Atlantic perspective about youth counteracting violent extremism and the harmful escalation caused by the COVID-19 virus.

(Open to 30 participants selected directly by IFM-SEI)

2. Plenary sessions

[Connection café](#)

Informal gatherings led by facilitators to connect and cooperate with like-minded people.

[The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space](#)

An interregional perspective by members of the [Network on Youth and Global Citizenship](#), the [Conference of INGOs](#), and other international umbrella organisations on the current challenges faced by young people and civil society organisations.

Moderator panel discussion + Q&A from the audience

[Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality](#)

A workshop in three modules to better face the digital shift of the youth initiatives

1) Lessons and questions: Quality of NFE online? ([CoE-Youth department](#)).

2) From participation to involvement: “the Art of Hosting” ([NIYOA](#) - Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa).

3) Tools, methods and tips for effective online youth events ([Dypall](#))

[Africa-Europe youth cooperation: a multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance](#)

The postponement of the Africa-Europe youth summit to 2021 (as a side event of the Africa-Europe Heads of State and Government Summit) highlighted even more the need to have stable and frequent channels of cooperation across regions involving intergovernmental institutions, international youth-led umbrella and grassroots initiatives on a long-term process.

Moderator panel discussion (+ Q&A from the audience)

Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions

A musical session by “Ubanda” a team of musicians which connects the pedagogical, social and artistic dimensions to youth work.

Asynchronous group dynamics

A team of facilitators will lead several activities of cooperation and knowledge-sharing which can be performed at any moment throughout the entire duration of the event.

3. Participant-led spaces

Virtual Youth Fair An Expo area, where everyone can open a virtual stand (uploading videos and documents etc..) to share ideas, projects and opportunities and ask questions through a private chat.

Peer-to-peer space For an entire day, participants can take the lead of the event and open new sessions to follow-up insights and proposals gathered during the event or to deepen the conversations on issues they feel relevant to cover

REGISTRATION FOR PLENARY SESSIONS ONLY

To take part at the Meta-University 2020 and get engaged in the plenary sessions and in the participant-led spaces (webinars promoted by partners follows a separated registration procedure managed directly by partners) please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/PT3f6f2NLY1H9iXZA>

Although it is not compulsory to attend all sessions, please note that it is recommended that you take part in all plenary moments, **starting from the first “Connection café” on the 4 November at 10:30 a.m. (Lisbon time), when all the instructions will be given and all participants presented.**

After the submission of the form you will receive all the details to access the event.

Enquires and further information:

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