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Study Session

“Shaping our World across Generations: Understanding the Past to Create a Democratic and Sustainable Future”

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)
in cooperation with the [JECI-MIEC](#)

European Youth Centre Budapest, Room BC

24 -28 April 2023

Draft Programme

Sunday, 23 April 2023

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Welcome Evening

Monday, 24 April 2023

09:30 Opening with Introduction to Study Session: getting to know each other, aims, objectives, expectations, and programme

with Balint MOLNAR, Executive Director, European Youth Centre Budapest
Jonathan PAGEL, Course director, JECI-MIEC

Presentation of the Council of Europe

11:00 Break

11:30 Team Building activity, code of conduct

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Definition of Key Concepts – *Finding common ground on key concepts of the study session such as youth participation, democracy, and sustainable development*

16:00 Break

16:30 Democracy in Participants' Realities – *Sharing youth experiences and perspectives on democracy now!*

18:00 End of the Session

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Intercultural evening - *Celebrating and learning about the diverse cultures represented by the participants.*

Tuesday, 25 April 2023

09:30 Timeline of Democracies - *Analysing historical instances of developing our democracies and drawing lessons*

facilitated by Sergio XAVIER – Researcher and Author, Member of the Pool of European Youth Researchers

11:00 Break

11:30 Youth Protests and Movements for Democracy - *Exploring and learning from youth movements and protests for democracy in Europe.*

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Democracy, Sustainability and Sustainable Development - *Investigating the connection between political decisions and their impact on a sustainable future*

16:00 Break

16:30 Current Threats to Democracy - *Identifying and discussing contemporary challenges to democratic systems*

18:00 End of the Session

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 26 April 2023

09:30 Youth Participation and Democracy (What? – How? - Why?) - *Discussing various methods and strategies for meaningful youth participation in democratic processes*

11:00 Break

11:30 Evidencing the Impact of Meaningful Youth Participation

with Gubaz KOBERIDZE – Member of the Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe

Sári UNGVÁRI – Activist for democracy, member of the union “Pedagogues' Democratic Union”, Hungary

13:00 Lunch

Free Afternoon

19:00 Dinner in Town

Thursday, 27 April 2023

09:30 What can young people do to revitalize democracy. *Brainstorming and discussing ways for young people to strengthen democratic processes*

with Ruxandra PANDEA, Senior Project Officer, Youth Department, Council of Europe

11:00 Break

11:30 Easy Actions to Participate - *Identifying practical and accessible ways for young people to take part active part in democratisation of their countries*

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 “Protest” as a Form of Youth Political Participation

16:00 Break

16:30 The Council of Europe Support Measures for Initiating Local Actions for Democracy

with Ruxandra PANDEA, Senior Project Officer, Youth Department, Council of Europe

18:00 End of the Session

Friday, 28 April 2023

09:30 Planning Follow Up Activities - *Developing plans to apply the knowledge and skills gained during the study session*

11:00 Break

11:30 Planning of Follow Up Activities (continued)

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Presentation of Follow Up Activities

16:00 Break

16:30 Evaluation and Closing

18:00 End of the Session

19:00 Dinner

Saturday 29 April 2023

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the study session "Shaping our World across Generations: Understanding the past to create a democratic and sustainable future"

Aim: To support young people, representatives of JECI-MIEC member organisations, participate meaningfully in sustainable democratic processes and reinforce their faith in democracy

Objectives:

- To reflect on the events of the past and present and critically analyse the possible implications on the democratic future.
- To introduce the concept of political participation of young people as more than "voting" or "being a member of a political party"
- To understand the linkage between political participation, democracy, and sustainable development
- To support participants to take actions about political participation of young people in their local environment
- To get the participants familiarized with the Council of Europe standards in the field of youth participation.