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Study session organised by the **World Armenian Youth Network** ([WostAYN](#)) in cooperation with the Council of Europe within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, room **3.1**
6-10 November 2023

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday, 5 November 2023

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening

Monday, 6 November

09:30 Introductory session

Opening of the session, with SARAH WALTER Deputy to the Executive Director of the European Youth Centre

Getting to know each other

Introduction to the study session and to WostAYN

11:00 Break

11:30 Team building and cooperation

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Team Building 2: Expectations and Contributions, Concerns, Ground rules

16:00 Break

16:30 Defining Democracy and Youth Participation

18:00 Reflection

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Networking evening

Tuesday, 7 November

09:30 Opening of the session with input by RUI GOMES, Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department of the Council of Europe

10:00 Democratic Citizenship (Education) and Youth Participation, opening input by Dr. ATOM MKHITARYAN, Dean, head of Education management MA program at National Academy of Sciences of Armenia

11:00 Break

11:30 Different Forms of Youth Participation

Opening input by Dr. RUZANNA IVANYAN, Associate Professor at Saint-Petersburg State University and Saint-Petersburg Institute for service and economy

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Introducing the "Ladder of Participation"

16:00 Break

16:30 Attending a forum talk of World Forum for Democracy: Forum Talk 7: International Community and Democratic Insecurity of the World Forum for Democracy

18:30 Reflection

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Self-organised Evening

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

09:30 The approaches to youth participation of the Revised Charter on Youth Participation in Local and Regional Life

11:00 Break

11:30 Actors, Challenges and Barriers of Youth participation in the Communities

13:30 Lunch break

Free afternoon

19:00 Dinner in Strasbourg

Thursday, 9 November 2023

09:30 My Story of Meaningful Youth Participation: Sharing Practices

11:00 Break

11:30 Elaborating creative tools of youth participation

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Elaborating creative tools of youth participation (continuation)

16:30 Developing Action plans based on the elaborated tools

18:00 Reflection

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Self-Organised Evening

Friday, 10 November 2023

09:30 Presentation of the Tools and Action Plans

11:00 Break

11:30 From plan to practise: Opportunities of implementation of action plans, with inputs from ANCA-RUXANDRA PANDEA (Democracy Here, Democracy Now!), MARGIT BARNA (European Youth Foundation)

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Evaluation: Harvesting learning outcomes and highlights

16:00 Break

16:30 Closing of the Study Session/Certificates

18:00 Farewell dinner

21:00 Self-organised PARTY :)

Saturday 11 November 2023

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the study session

Aim: To raise the level of participation of young people and member organisations, including those with fewer opportunities in the democratic processes at local and national levels, via traditional and alternative means of participation.

Objectives:

1. To empower young leaders, youth workers, multipliers from the member organisations and their communities, including those with migrant backgrounds to take an active role in democratic processes;
2. To encourage exchange of experiences and good practices of traditional and non-traditional/alternative ways of meaningful youth participation of member organisations;
3. To elaborate mechanisms/tools for meaningful youth participation in democratic processes including digital ones, for further dissemination at local communities/organisations;
4. To promote the voices of young people and the democratic participation of network members of WostAYN at the local level through local actions plans.