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Study Session

"Breaking the Barriers: Green Economics and Youth Political Participation in Eastern Europe"

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)
in cooperation with the [Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe](#)

European Youth Centre Budapest

Room A

4th-9th of November 2024

Draft Daily Programme

Sunday, 3 November 2024

	Arrival of the participants
19:00 – 20:30	<i>Dinner</i>
21:00	Welcome evening

Monday, 4 November 2024

09:30 – 10:30	Opening, getting to know to each other, with Balint MOLNAR, executive director of the European Youth Centre Budapest Introduction of CDN, Youth Department of the Council of Europe and the European Youth Centre in Budapest Introduction of the preparatory team, Rules of Moderation.
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee-break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	Introduction to the Study session – the topic, aims and objectives, and the programme.
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:30	Team building and trust-building
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee-break</i>
17:00 – 18:00	The main concepts of the Study session – understanding concepts and terms important for the sessions.
18:00 – 19:00	Reflection groups
19:00 – 20:30	<i>Dinner</i>
21:00 -	Intercultural evening

Tuesday, 5 November 2024

09:30 – 10:30	General introduction to human rights with Nika BAKHSOLIANI, external educational advisor
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Economic and social rights with Nika BAKHSOLIANI, external educational advisor
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Exploring inequality through intersection of systems we live in 1
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>

16:30 – 18:00	Exploring inequality through intersection of systems we live in 2
18:00 – 19:00	Reflection groups
19:00 – 20:30	<i>Dinner</i>
21:00 -	Intercultural evening

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

09:30 – 10:30	Intersections of inequality: Eastern European realities – how inequalities impact underprivileged communities 1
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Intersections of inequality: Eastern European realities – how inequalities impact underprivileged communities 2
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Wellbeing economy and care economy – marginalised economic activities and prospects of change
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Solidarity within the system – examples of solidarity actions and fight for respecting human rights within oppressive systems, Guest lecturer: Nađa MARKOVIC (Executive Director of <i>A11 Initiative</i> , Serbia) TBC
18:00 – 19:00	Reflection groups
19:00 – 20:30	<i>Dinner</i>
21:00 -	Movie night

Thursday, 7 November 2024

09:30 – 10:30	Technology: tool or competitor within economic systems – role of technological advancement on economic activity
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Alternatives to growth – critically evaluating the growth logic of most economies and exploring existing alternatives
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 19:00	Free afternoon in the city
19:00 –	<i>Dinner in the city</i>

Friday, 8 November 2024

09:30 – 10:30	Political participation in Eastern Europe – sharing experiences and identifying barriers 1
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>

11:30 – 13:00	Political participation in Eastern Europe – sharing experiences and identifying barriers 2
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Good practices from Democracy Here, Democracy Now Campaign Guest lecturer: Ruxandra PANDEA (Senior Project Officer, Youth Department of the Council of Europe) tbc
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Overcoming economic barriers to political participation
18:00 – 19:00	Reflection groups
19:00 – 20:30	<i>Dinner</i>
21:00 -	Karaoke night

Saturday, 9 November 2024

09:30 – 10:30	Advocacy as a tool for change – practicing the skills
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Toolkit development – co-creating guidebook covering the topics, knowledge and tools shared throughout the Study session for further use 1.
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:00	Toolkit development – co-creating guidebook covering the topics, knowledge and tools shared throughout the Study session for further use 2.
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee-break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	Evaluation and closing of the Study session
19:00 – 20:30	<i>Dinner</i>
21:00 -	Farewell party

Sunday, 10 November 2024

07:30 – 09:30	<i>Breakfast</i>
	Departure of the participants

Aim and objectives of the study session "*Breaking the Barriers: Green Economics and Youth Political Participation in Eastern Europe*"

The aim of this study session is to empower 35 young people from Eastern Europe to explore the dominant economic systems, the inequalities they create, and the barriers to political participation faced by the youth of Eastern Europe that these systems create, as well as to propose solutions inspired by the Green economic models to address these inequalities, and to inspire the youth of Eastern Europe to overcome barriers, advocating for sustainable changes within their communities.

Objectives:

- 1. To increase the awareness of participants about the functioning of economics in the Eastern Europe and its connections with other areas of politics, to understand and critically assess the current economic system and examine it against the existing human rights standards.*
- 2. To investigate the root causes and consequences of economic and social inequality that create barriers to the political participation of young individuals in the Eastern Europe, particularly those from disadvantaged communities.*
- 3. To discuss overcoming the socio-economic barriers the Eastern Europe youth face to political participation.*
- 4. To explore Human Rights based and Green alternative solutions to social and economic inequalities and barriers to political participation.*
- 5. To motivate the participants (CDN member organisations, and activists around the network) to actively engage in advocating for solutions against economic inequalities within their communities and to integrate these issues into the activities of their organisations, including promoting the Toolkit created.*