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Strasbourg, 16 October 2024

Study session

## **“Youth Democracy Academy for young policy-makers”**

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#) in cooperation with the [DYPALL Network: Developing Youth Participation at Local Level](#)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, room 3.1  
27 October - 1 November 2024

# **Draft Programme**

## **Sunday, 27 October 2024**

- Arrival of participants
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:30 Welcome evening

## **Monday, 28 October 2024 - Day 1**

- 08:30 Participants' registration at the dining area, with Patrick NORLAIN, Programme Assistant, Council of Europe Youth Department
- 09:30 Official opening, with Gordana BERJAN, Head of the European Youth Foundation, Council of Europe Youth Department
  - Introduction to the study session, its aims, objectives and the programme
  - Icebreaker with connection to following exercise
  - Exercise to collect participants' expectations, contributions and fears/concerns
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Team-building and getting to know each other
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Democracy and youth participation
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 My local youth participation – sharing local realities
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 18:30 Dinner
- Free time

## **Tuesday, 29 October 2024 - Day 2**

- 09:30 Co-management and Reykjavik Principles for Democracy (exchange with Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department and Eva KOTNIK, member of the Advisory Council on Youth)
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Our democracies at risk – threats and opportunities for local youth participation
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Local policy dialogue in action - "Meeting the Mayor"
- 16:00 Break + Logistics for Dinner out
- 16:30 How (else) do we participate?
- 18:00 Reflection groups
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:30 Intercultural evening

## **Wednesday, 30 October 2024 - Day 3**

- 09:15 Walk to the Council of Europe
- 10:00 Visit to the Palais de l'Europe
  - Exchange with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (joint activity with the Revitalising Democracy project study visit group)

- 12:45 Walk back to the Council of Europe  
13:00 Lunch break  
14:30 Youth Against Racism: Empowering Change in Our Communities, with Serpil TEMIZ UNVAR, activist  
16:00 Free time in the city  
Dinner out in the city

#### **Thursday, 31 October 2024 - Day 4**

- 09:30 Quality charter on Local Youth Councils  
11:00 Break  
11:30 Presentation of the European Youth Foundation, with Mara GEORGESCU, Programme Manager at the European Youth Foundation, Council of Europe  
Follow up planning / Working on the network  
13:00 Lunch  
14:30 Follow up planning - *continued*  
16:00 Break  
16:30 Evaluation and closing  
18:30 Dinner  
20:30 Farewell party (invitation for self-organised moment)

#### **Friday, 1 November 2024**

Departure of participants

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#### **Aim and objectives of the study session "Youth Democracy Academy for young policy-makers"**

The aim is to improve the competences of young policy-makers to effectively involve young people in participatory processes at the local level.

The specific objectives of the study session are:

- To raise awareness of the importance of strengthening democracy through youth participation and local policy dialogue
- To equip young policy-makers with skills to educate young people for democracy by using tools and manuals of DYPALL network and the Council of Europe
- To exchange good practices that will inspire young policy-makers to explore the youth perspective in policy-making
- To establish a network of young policy-makers to support collaboration and exchange about democratic engagement and citizens' participation on the local level.