

# GLOBAL YOUTH

2020-2021

## ESTIMATED FIGURES

- 24 Months
- 9 Activities
- 30 Partners
- 600 Direct beneficiaries
- 100 Countries involved
- 300 000 Euros



Interregional cooperation for  
**YOUTH PARTICIPATION** and  
**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

The project aims at enhancing a multilevel governance approach among youth stakeholders, supports a youth global partnership for sustainable development and global citizenship and contributes to more peaceful and inclusive societies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.





## CHALLENGES ADDRESSED

### ➔ Space for coordination and cooperation:

Most of the youth-related entities acknowledged that the development of their own initiatives leave little margin to look beyond their own project-spectrum. As a result, most of the youth-led and youth related organisations risk to duplicate their work, to overlap initiatives, to target the same beneficiaries, to miss opportunities to innovate their programmes and, ultimately, to reduce their impact.

✓ GLOBAL YOUTH aims at increasing opportunities for cooperation and coordination among youth stakeholders in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA)

### ➔ Specific competencies:

The demand for new capacity building courses is always high and it should not only address young people, but also those who work for and with them. Moreover, it was acknowledged that factors such as the methodology used, the skills of facilitators, the attendees' engagement in the preparatory process, undermine the fruitfulness of structured dialogue initiatives/consultation processes/policy development meetings between policy makers and young people.

✓ GLOBAL YOUTH will develop the skills of professionals facilitating moments of dialogue, consultation and sharing among different youth stakeholders (policy makers, researchers, youth representatives, international organisations, etc.) ensuring a high level of engagement among all the actors.

## KEY POLICY REFERENCES

- CoE youth sector strategy 2030:
  - Priority 1 Revitalising pluralistic democracy
  - Priority 3 Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies
- CoE Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture.
- CoE Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education.
- CoE Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life
- CoE Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on Youth work
- Recommendation CM/Rec (2011)4 on Education for Global interdependence and solidarity
- SDG 16: "Peace, justice and strong institutions"
- UNSC Resolution 2250 (2015) on "Youth, peace and security"



### TOPICS COVERED

Interregional cooperation  
Youth participation  
Global democratic  
citizenship  
Human rights  
Intercultural dialogue



### METHODOLOGIES

Capacity building  
Peer learning  
Networking  
Awareness raising  
Confidence building  
Human Rights based  
approach



#### **Youth-related Civil Society**

**Organisations** will be empowered to actively participate in dialogues with policy makers for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Interregional structures, policy makers and youth representatives** will be encouraged to further develop institutional channels for youth participation based on an increased awareness about each other's roles.

**DESCRIPTION  
OF ACTIVITIES**

*Activities roadmap in adjustment due to impact of COVID-19 global pandemic crisis.*

• **SUMMER UNIVERSITIES :**

**Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship.  
African University on Youth and Development.  
University on Youth and Development.**

The Summer Universities will offer platforms for networking, cooperation and exchange of good practices, integrating multilateral capacity building activities carried out by several partners from different regions, following a peer-to-peer educational approach.

• **JOINT PROGRAMME OF THE SUMMER UNIVERSITIES:**

Participatory and multidisciplinary non-formal education activities will enable youth multipliers from EMEA to acquire knowledge, competences and tools on issues related to sustainable development, democratic participation, human rights and intercultural dialogue.

• **TRAININGS OF FACILITATORS:**

The advanced capacity building course will create a pool of professional facilitators for youth dialogue processes and multi-stakeholder events providing expertise and support for events where young people and policy makers interact and cooperate.

• **MEETINGS:**

**Meetings of the Network of youth and global citizenship.  
Meetings of Stakeholders active in the youth field.  
Preparatory meetings of the partners of the Universities.**

A series of technical meetings gathering the main youth stakeholders active at interregional level (interregional structures, policy makers and youth representatives) will allow to set a common agenda, to identify shared priorities, to explore new synergies and to share lessons learned, advancing the global youth partnership for sustainable development, peace and global citizenship.

Youth multipliers improve their capacity to contribute to issues related to Global democratic citizenship, human rights and intercultural dialogue, being able to address challenges regarding the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda and of the UNSCR 2250 on Youth Peace and Security.

Bottom-up multilateral cooperation among youth stakeholders on issues related to sustainable development and global democratic citizenship is enhanced through peer-learning, networking and partnership building.

The North-South Centre as enlarged partial agreement of the Council of Europe has a long-standing experience in promoting dialogue at interregional level, being an instrument of the Council of Europe's neighbourhood policy.

Since 1989, the North-South Centre fosters solidarity, raises awareness about global interdependence and contributes to promote human rights, democracy and the rule of law in Europe and in other regions.

The North-South Centre is in a unique position to foster inclusive policy making processes by strengthening civil society while increasing spaces for structured dialogue with institutions in a moment where civil spaces are shrinking due to a challenging political environment.

Through the project Global Youth, the North-South Centre ensures the recognition by a wide range of youth stakeholders of the CoE values and standards as guidance tools to advance on issues related to youth participation and youth work, democracy and human rights, security and peacebuilding.

The North-South Centre develops multilateral activities following a participatory and bottom-up approach. The project Global Youth relies on the "Network on Youth and Global Citizenship": a partnership gathering youth-led organizations, governmental and intergovernmental institutions.

Since 2011 the organizations part of the network join efforts for the definition of a common agenda and for the implementation of activities aiming at the recognition of youth as agents for positive change.