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Pilot Workshop on smart youth
engagement
Turkey



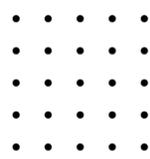
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Youth Participation Beyond Mobility

Youth participation is often linked with mobility opportunities such as international exchanges and training abroad. While these experiences are powerful, not all young people can access them. Barriers like financial limits, social inequalities, health conditions, or geographical isolation prevent many from taking part. It is therefore essential to design participation opportunities that do not rely exclusively on mobility, ensuring inclusion for all.





Smart Youth Engagement

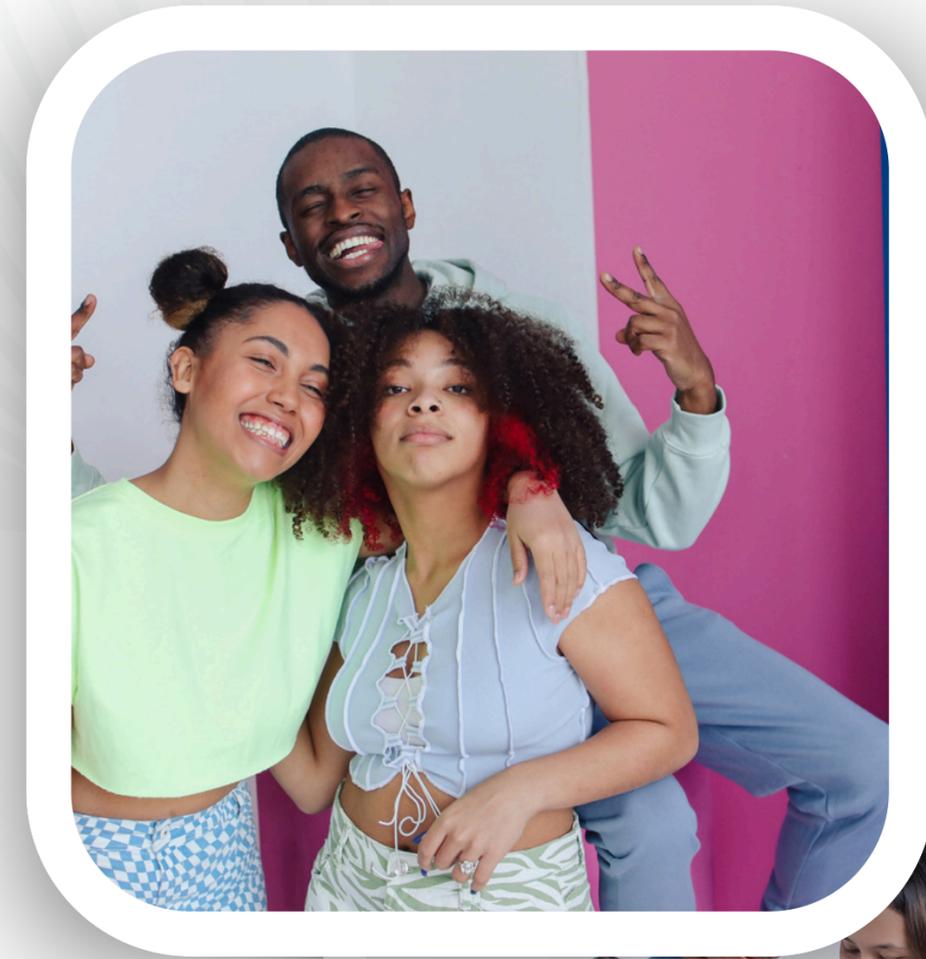
Smart youth engagement means using innovative and accessible methods to involve young people locally and digitally. It emphasizes creativity, inclusion, and impact through non-formal education, digital platforms, and local initiatives. By doing so, it ensures that every young person has the opportunity to engage in civic life and express their voice, regardless of their ability to travel.

The Pilot Workshop

The Pilot Workshop on Smart Youth Engagement aims to test and showcase new approaches to participation that work without mobility. Through interactive sessions, digital tools, and co-creation activities, the workshop creates a model for youth participation that is accessible, engaging, and replicable. It offers youth workers and organizations practical strategies to empower young people locally.

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the pilot, participants will have experienced practical ways to engage without mobility, learned how to use digital platforms for civic life, and created ideas for local actions. The model can then be shared and repeated across Europe to make youth participation more inclusive.



Smart Engagement and Digitalization

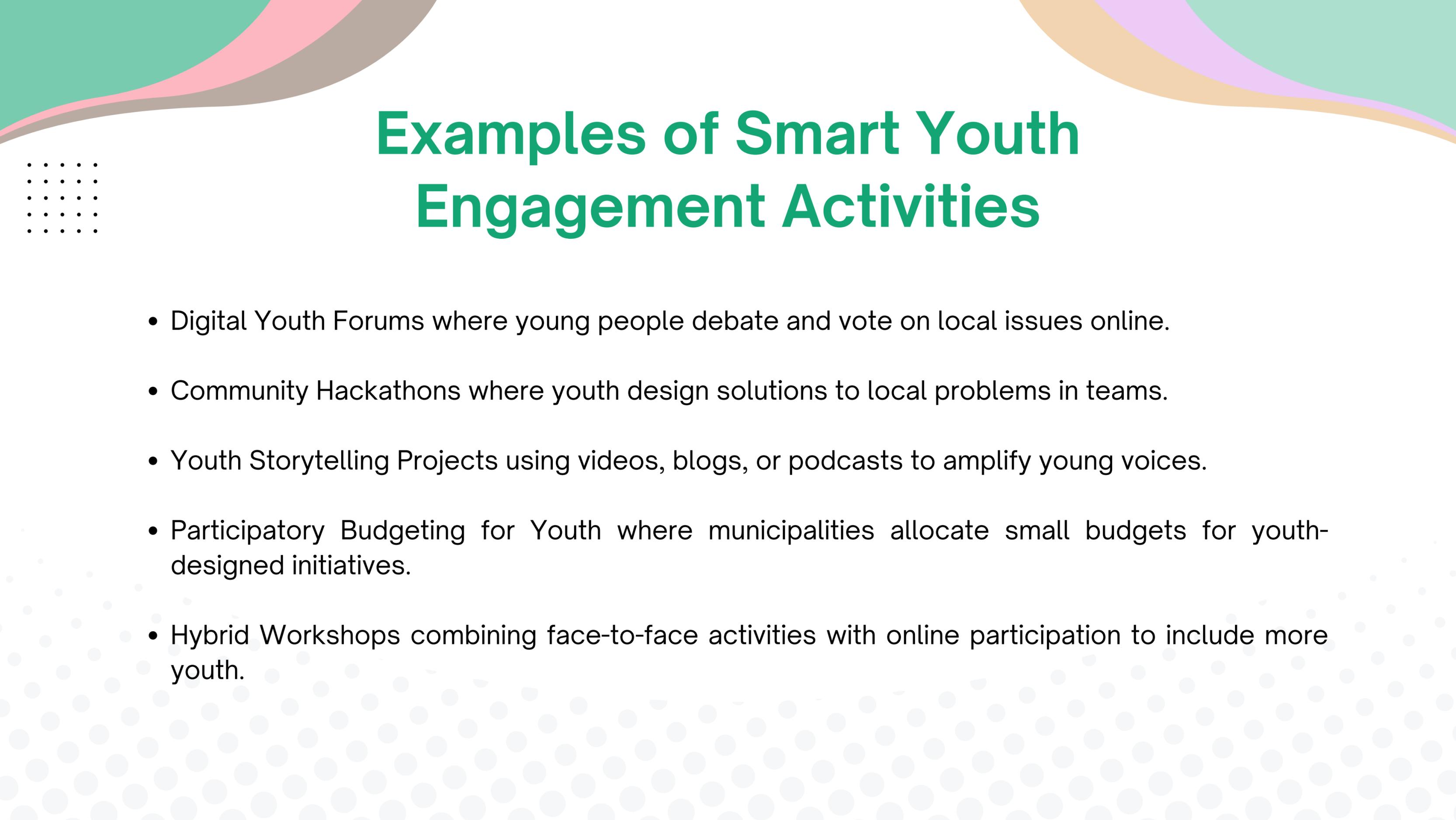
Digital transformation has created new ways for young people to engage. Smart youth engagement takes advantage of interactive tools, from virtual workshops and collaborative apps to social media campaigns and e-participation platforms. These digital solutions allow young people to connect, share their voices, and influence decisions even if they cannot travel.



Capacity Building for Youth Workers

Smart engagement also equips youth workers and organizations with the skills to design inclusive activities. Training in digital tools, facilitation of non-formal learning, and methods of engaging disadvantaged youth are essential components. This helps create sustainable structures for youth participation at the community level.





Examples of Smart Youth Engagement Activities

- Digital Youth Forums where young people debate and vote on local issues online.
- Community Hackathons where youth design solutions to local problems in teams.
- Youth Storytelling Projects using videos, blogs, or podcasts to amplify young voices.
- Participatory Budgeting for Youth where municipalities allocate small budgets for youth-designed initiatives.
- Hybrid Workshops combining face-to-face activities with online participation to include more youth.

Why It's “Smart”

The “smart” element lies in using innovative, flexible, and inclusive methods that adapt to young people’s realities. It is not about replacing mobility but about ensuring that participation opportunities exist for everyone, wherever they are, whatever their background, and with whatever resources they have.





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