

# PROMOTING INCLUSION AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF EUROPEAN YOUTH ON DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

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## Highlights from Our Youth Participation Events

We are pleased to share the outcomes of the youth participation activities carried out under the IncludeYOU project. These events created innovative spaces for young people to strengthen their civic competences, connect with decision-makers, and promote inclusion and democratic participation across Europe.

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# Local Event: Greece – Youth Networking Dialogue with Local Policy-Makers

(Location: Thessaloniki, Greece | October 2024)

The Youth Networking Dialogue in Greece brought together young participants and local policymakers to foster structured dialogue and collaboration.

Key highlights included:

- Workshops on youth participation and democratic processes.
- Roundtable discussions where young people presented their perspectives on inclusion and civic engagement.
- Direct exchanges between youth representatives and municipal officials.

The event successfully empowered young people to engage in decision-making and helped build trust between youth and local institutions.



# Local Event: Türkiye – Pilot Workshop on Smart Youth Engagement

(Location: Türkiye | November 2024)

This workshop focused on innovative and digital approaches to youth participation, equipping young people with new tools for civic engagement.

Key highlights included:

- Training sessions on digital competences and online advocacy.
- Practical activities on using social media for civic campaigns.
- Collaborative exercises exploring youth-led digital initiatives for inclusive democracy.

Participants gained confidence in using technology as a powerful tool for participation and leadership.





## Local Event: Spain – Round Table: Connecting the EU with its Youth

(Location: Spain | July 2025)

The round table provided a platform for young people, civil society, and EU-level policymakers to co-create strategies that connect the EU more closely with its youth.

Key highlights included:

- Debates on how EU institutions can better respond to youth needs.
- Policy dialogues linked to Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with Youth.
- Joint drafting of recommendations to strengthen EU–youth relations.

The event underlined the value of youth perspectives in shaping European integration and democratic life.



# Youth Participation Mobility: Greece – Policy Debate and International Exchange

(Location: Greece | May 2025)

The international mobility in Greece brought together young people from partner countries to engage in debates, policy simulations, and intercultural exchanges.

Key highlights included:

- Structured debates on youth participation in European policymaking.
- Simulation of policy discussions with input from invited decision-makers.
- Intercultural workshops promoting solidarity, diversity, and European identity.

This mobility gave young people a unique opportunity to strengthen their competences, build networks, and experience active European citizenship.

## Reflections and Next Steps

The events of IncludeYOU have shown how young people can play a decisive role in shaping democratic processes and fostering inclusive participation. From local dialogues to European debates, youth have been empowered to share their voices, develop skills, and co-create policies alongside decision-makers.

The insights and outcomes of these activities will feed directly into the IncludeYOU Toolkit, inspire future youth-policy initiatives, and ensure that the project's impact continues to grow across Europe.

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