



## **Multiplier event on Participation in National Level Youth Organizations 19.11.2015 Centrum Bukowska 27/29 Poznań**

### **About The project**

The Project "Honeycomb of Participation in National Level Youth Organizations" is addressing one of the key issues in national-level youth organizing: the aspect of real effective and meaningful participation, quality management and outreach. It is lasting from January to December 2015 and involves 4 Partners (CID Macedonia, CIM Horyzonty Poland, TOG Turkey and Out-of-the-box Belgium). The innovation in the project comes from the theme of the project itself. In the past programme (Youth In Action) but also in the current Erasmus Plus, many youth organizations are listing themselves as national---level structures. This means that they are working with youth coming from different areas and that youth are having a say in their activities.

However, the capacity of youth organizations to run effective management of a national level youth organization has never been specifically addressed in any programme or research and it is needed very much. The project will address the following questions/issues:

1. How to manage democratically youth organizations and clubs in different towns and to link them on national level in a meaningful way
2. How to ensure active participation and links between young people from rural areas and remote areas, with the central secretariat of the organization
3. How to address youth policies and ensure effective European Exchange and cooperation between youth from a local club and the national - level youth secretariat
4. Are the local level youth clubs allowing enough space for practical development of strategies and competences

The project is set around a big need of the youth organizations working at a national level - which is to make their work effective and to provide space for real and meaningful participation. It is important to address issues such as democratic participation in youth organizations on national level before being able to increase quality of the work in the youth sector. CID as the applicant is also setting up a national level network for youth clubs aiming to enhance its work in branches around the country. The same is happening with the partners in their countries. So the project's main aim is to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of youth organizations by

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developing the competencies of their democratic leadership and management structures for national level operations.

Objectives of the project are the following:

--- To develop a common understanding of the concepts related to democratic leadership in national level youth organizations such as: democracy, participation and leadership, civil society, human rights and citizenship

--- To raise participants' awareness and provide space to reflect upon the value of youth organizations/structures -their role and impact as democratic leaders within society

---To develop the participants' ability to relate the work of their organizations with youth policy and provide them with up---to---date research (study) On national level youth organizations management

---To develop participants' understanding and knowledge of various forms of youth participation through youth organisations and their applicability for the management of national level youth organizations

--- To define and further develop leadership and civic competencies as well as relevant management skills (conflict management, advocacy, motivation, shared leadership, decision making, empowerment, strategic planning, resource management)

---To support participants in analyzing and further developing their organization internal processes and mechanisms in order to strengthen their work as national level youth organizations.

Final outcomes of the project apart of the internal change in youth organizations work, includes a publication of the survey and a youth work publication on National Level Youth Organizing With the focus on Organizational Management.

## Project partners

The Centre For Intercultural Dialogue (CID) is a non-governmental, non-profit youth organization based in Macedonia, working on local, national and European level. It was formed in May 2006 by active youth leaders and youth workers, following the need to develop a youth-led organization in the Municipality of Kumanovo, Macedonia.

CID works for creating diverse responsible and cooperative communities where citizens are actively contributing to the social development and integration. The mission of the Centre for Intercultural Dialogue is ensure sustainable community development by creating opportunities

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for quality engagement of civil society, advancing learning opportunities, and active involvement of young people and other citizens. The organization's work focuses on many aspects, which are of interest for young people: from provision of services and information, to research and support

for policy-making and networking. CID works with young people and citizens from diverse religious, ethnic, national and other beliefs that are at the same time creators and beneficiaries of our activities. CID also works with public administration that works with youth, as well as all stakeholders involved in inter-community dialogue and sustainable community development on local, national and international level.

CID is a member of few European and global networks such as Service Civil International, Youth for Exchange and Understanding and UNITED. The organization is actively participating in initiating and shaping the main European Youth Policy processes. On national level CID advocates for development of sustainable youth support systems and youth representatives' bodies.

The organization is one of the most experienced mobility support points ensuring youth mobility through quality educational exchanges and is involved in the general mobility of teachers, school support staff, and people on the labor market in general. CID offers as well international volunteering opportunities through summer camps and long term volunteering in Europe and globally.

CIM Horyzonty is youth organization, member of the international network called Youth For Exchange and Understanding. Similarity to YEU International Horyzonty aim at promoting intercultural understanding and cooperation through local and international projects involving youngsters from different cultural and social backgrounds. We also aim at promoting voluntary work and youth participation. Our main activities are youth exchanges, long-term educational projects and training courses. The organization works on a regional level in the Wielkopolskie Region offering services in different locations

The Organization Out Of the Box International is a non-profit expert organization working in the field of provision of training and advocacy projects. It is a service provider for the International youth organizations based in Brussels and also it is listed in the experts' organizations of the Joint Partnership of the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of youth.

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Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG –Community Volunteers Foundation) was founded in December 2002. The Foundation contributes to the personal development of young people by encouraging them to participate in social responsibility projects as volunteers. In doing so, it increases young

people's community involvement on a voluntary basis. Every year the foundation supports the realization of over 1000 projects and activities implemented by about 40,000 young people in over 120 university clubs.

Provisional program	
Time	Activity
10.00 - 10.30	Welcoming, introduction of participants
10.30 - 10.45	Presentation of the project
10.45 - 11.30	Research presentation and discussion
11.30 - 11.50	Coffee break
11.50 - 13.15	Decision making processes and participation in Your organisations – sharing best practices
13.15 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 15.45	Workshop on ensuring democratic processes and sustainability in youth organisations – testing materials from T-Kit
15.45 - 16.00	Conclusions and summary

The event will take place at Centrum Bukowska ul. Bukowska 27/29 on 19.11.2015. For registration please contact Michał Kłopocki +48 664 969 242 or [michalklopocki@ymail.com](mailto:michalklopocki@ymail.com)

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