

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

YOUTH WORK AT MUNICIPALITY LEVEL

CREATING SUSTAINABLE YOUTH POLICIES AT LOCAL LEVEL



3rd - 6th December 2018

Cascais, Portugal

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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

CASCAIS EYC2018 in cooperation with **DYPALL NETWORK** is organizing the **International Conference “Youth Work at Municipality Level”** in Cascais (European Youth Capital 2018), focusing on the theme of “Creating Sustainable Youth Policies at Local Level” - youth policies and youth work at Municipality Level, with a specific focus on inclusion (NEETs, migrants, youth at risk and marginalized youth).

The International Conference comes in the follow up of several European guidelines that have been recently established **highlighting the importance to mainstream youth at local and regional level that have identified the need to tackle these issues at grassroots.**

However, to be able to find effective paths for this direction to be taken, and to keep improving impact and outreach of our activities, stakeholders need to meet, discuss, reflect, exchange practices and develop their competence to work together on such themes.

The Conference is the flagship event for youth workers, youth leaders, young people and public officers from local and regional authorities that work with youth in their local realities. They will come together for 4 days to share debate and discuss about key policy fields to find ways to improve youth work at municipality level and increase youth participation on policy making at local and regional level.

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop the capacity of Local Authorities (LA) and Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and their youth workers to **work together on the field of youth public policy** to provide answers to the challenges of participation, inclusion, unemployment;
2. To identify and promote good practices and **mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making** and debate about their potential and challenges on public governance
3. To **share practices** of inclusion and engagement of young people at local level
4. To develop more inclusive approaches to foster participation of **young people with fewer opportunities**

into spaces such as local youth councils and youth fora

5. To allow youth CSO and LA to share their best practices in terms of **cooperation between local authorities and civil society, with a specific focus on how to target NEET youth, young migrants and other marginalized youth**

The conference will held the **Assembly of Members and Partners of DYPALL Network**. This meeting will allow for all the members and partners of DYPALL Network to gather and work on the future network priorities, discuss on how to mainstream our network values, objectives and work, deepening the connection among stakeholders working in the field of youth work and youth participation in different dimensions, levels and spheres.

PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

The Conference will be a space for learning, development of competences, dialogue and sharing of experiences among 50 international participants with the following profile:

- > Municipality representatives working in either youth, social, education and/or employment policies
- > Local professional youth work manager or senior professional working with and for young people, especially youth from vulnerable/marginalized backgrounds and fewer opportunities (unemployed, NEETs, migrants, etc.

Whenever possible, these participants should preferentially have already worked together within their own local setting and be able to work together after the training in order to implement the lessons learnt and boost concrete and sustainable follow-up activities

MOREOVER, PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- > Be able to work in English
- > Be willing to contribute with their experience to the Conference
- > Be residents of Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Republic

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of North Macedonia, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Turkey

- > Be able to attend the whole duration of the Conference
- > Have relevant experience in the topic of youth participation in decision-making processes at local level in general and participation of young migrants and young people with migrant background in particular;
- > Highly motivated towards the follow-up of the Conference

PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Venue and accommodation

The Conference will be held in the city of Cascais. On the Top 100 of the more sustainable tourism destinations, Cascais enjoys a mild weather all year long and a unique geographical localization. Between mountain and ocean, Cascais has borders with Oeiras and Sintra, taking advantage of an unique cosmopolitanism that is complemented by a rich natural, historical and cultural heritage, making Cascais a place of excellence to work, to live and invest.

Accommodation and meals will be provided by the organizers in the Cascais City centre. Accommodation will be provided in double rooms.

Travel and subsistence expenses

Arrival day is 2nd December 2018 and **departure day** is 7th December 2018. *The arrival and departure airport is Lisbon*

Flight tickets shall be bought only after agreement and confirmation with the organizers. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum pre-agreed with the organizers, according to the Erasmus + rules

Reimbursement of travels will be done via bank transfer after the Conference

Visas

Visa expenses will be covered according to the Erasmus+ rules and financial support

Other information

An **info-pack** with further details on accommodation and programme will be shared with the selected participants

There is **no participation fee**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

To apply for participation in the conference, please fill in the online registration form here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/SLZMj9EtE6hdGMoJ2>

The deadline for applying is **12th of October 2018**, latest by 23:59 Central European Time

Selection will be announced by 18th of October 2018

ORGANIZERS & FUNDING

This Conference is organized by Cascais 2018 Association with DYPALL Network in cooperation with the support of Municipality of Cascais.

Cascais EYC2018 Association, aims to support the successful implementation of the Action Plan for the European Youth Capital 2018. It has the function to support the educational practices and activities developed in the framework of the Youth Capital as well as to support the development of synergies and partnerships among the various stakeholders that are engaged in the programme implementation which is organized in 13 different pillars of GLOCAL actions: Events, Sports, Employment, Spaces, Experiences, Volunteering, Students, Action, Green, Knowledge, Mobility, Dialogue and Arts encompassing more than 300 actions and initiatives along 2018. The Association also supports the implementation of local, regional, national and international activities and projects that bring an added value to the community and for the EYC2018.

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Check the EYC2018 video here: <https://goo.gl/j25kY3>

DYPALL Network is a European initiative created by municipalities and civil society organizations in 29 European countries. DYPALL Network focuses on developing youth participation at local level, through the development of strategies, building structures and relations of trust and cooperation between actors. This necessity and the similar experiences of several partners, made visible the common need to reinforce participation not only among young people but among all citizens. Through this project partners aim to work in a stable and systematic way on themes of common interest and strengthen the cooperation among local authorities (LA), civil society organizations (CSO) and citizens, where the creation of mutual understanding and learning spaces are the main goals.

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