

SALTO PARTICIPATION & INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE



Fostering Youth Participation Across Europe

We encourage Youth Participation and Media Literacy by being a source of inspiration and trustworthy information. We develop tools and publications and organise trainings and events to actively promote and foster youth participation in Europe.

We also support National Agencies, the European Commission and other youth field stakeholders to work strategically on youth participation and communication within the European programmes for youth.

PARTICIPATION RESOURCE POOL

www.participationpool.eu

Dive into the Participation Resource Pool to discover useful materials and new trends in Youth Participation, Media and Information Literacy, and Communication. Be inspired by best practices, use up-to-date training materials, find hands-on tools and boost your knowledge to make a bigger splash.

WHAT WE STAND FOR?

Participation should happen everywhere!

No decision about young people should be made without their involvement. Youth participation is and should be an integral part of democratic governance at all levels. It should be promoted both within youth work, education, policy making and public sector but should also be incorporated into areas, such as the private sector, family life and sport.

Participation is smart.

Young people are increasingly engaging with new technologies and digital media. We encourage their use in a meaningful way, support digital literacy and enable young people to deal with some of the associated risks. At SALTO PI, we focus on promoting and expanding opportunities for eParticipation.

Participation is for all young people!

Every young person has the right to be involved in decisions that affect their life. That includes young people with disabilities, young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, young LGBTIQ people and young people not in employment, education or training.

Participation is constantly changing.

The last two decades have seen a proliferation of youth policies and the creation of participatory structures, such as youth organisations, youth and student councils and parliaments, and much more across Europe and globally. We need to continue to support and develop these opportunities. At the same time, young people have been bypassing “traditional” structures and mechanisms. We at SALTO PI prioritise the development of alternative and innovative forms and methods for youth participation.

Participation is informed and evidence-based.

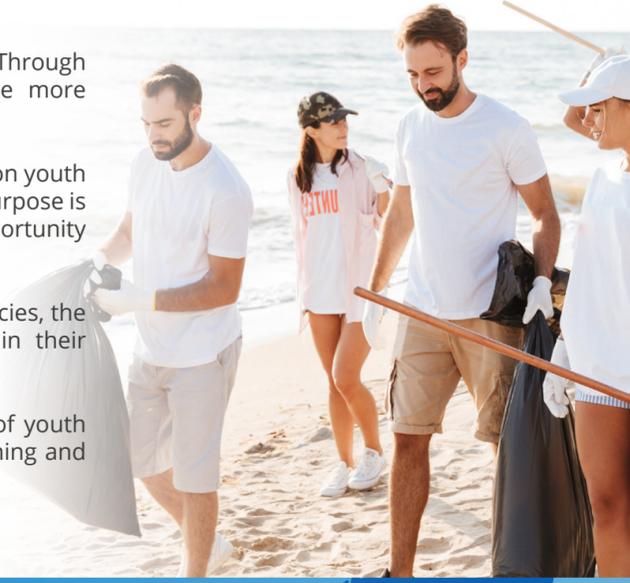
Despite extensive available information on youth participation and its benefits for young people, their communities and society as a whole, better knowledge is needed in relation to the emerging trends in youth participation. We provide and disseminate knowledge on young people’s social and political involvement to help shape better policies and practice. We also foster Media and Information Literacy and critical thinking, which play a crucial role in cultivating a culture of democratic participation.

WE ARE PART OF THE SALTO NETWORK

SALTO-YOUTH stands for support, advanced learning and training opportunities for youth workers and youth leaders. We represent a network of seven evidence-based knowledge hubs with a mission to improve the quality and impact of the European Union youth programmes and youth work at large.

WHAT WE DO?

- We share our expertise and experience to **strengthen synergies** between the European Union’s youth policy, programmes and practitioners.
- We explore and promote **best practices**. Through sharing stories, we can inspire and encourage more positive action in Europe.
- We publish up-to-date **research and strategies** on youth work, create **tools** and organise **trainings**. Our purpose is to give young people and youth workers the opportunity to learn, develop and thrive.
- We support the entire **network** of National Agencies, the European Commission and partners involved in their work.
- We help to ensure the quality and recognition of youth work and **foster participation**, non-formal learning and informal learning for young people.



SALTO RESOURCE CENTRES

Find our network and useful youth work tools:

salto-youth.net

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