



YOUTH PARTICIPATION CAMP FOR MEDIA MAKERS #YPC4MEDIA

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TSAGHKADZOR, ARMENIA**

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BACKGROUND

In spite of the fact that voting and running for elections are still vital components of participation, there is a growing understanding that young people must actively participate in the democratic life of any society. Having rights, resources, opportunities, and, when necessary, the chance to build more inclusive, democratic, and successful communities are all part of participation and active citizenship. Youth are still disenfranchised and excluded from these processes in many nations, and their opinions are not heard. Another issue is that, in some nations, youth involvement is limited to creating youth councils and participation in political decision-making. Nevertheless, genuine youth involvement goes beyond that.

Implementing some activities at all levels of municipal policy, such as social, cultural, recreational, and employment, housing, and educational planning, is another facet of participation. The issue of low involvement is very important. It can erode the effectiveness of policies and programs aimed at helping young people by causing them to lose trust and disengage. This was originally mentioned at the 1992 Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe. The European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life, which was amended in 2003, is a representation of the standing conference's commitment.

We want to examine the current situation and foster talent, participation, and competition by increasing youths' knowledge of how to participate in local decision-making processes and beyond. This is crucial for assisting youth in fulfilling their vital role as active citizens who actively participate in their local communities' daily activities.



OBJECTIVES

This Project aims to improve youth participation in democracy, society, and culture while increasing youth knowledge of active, meaningful participation in local and regional life and local decision-making processes throughout Europe.

Objectives of the Project are:

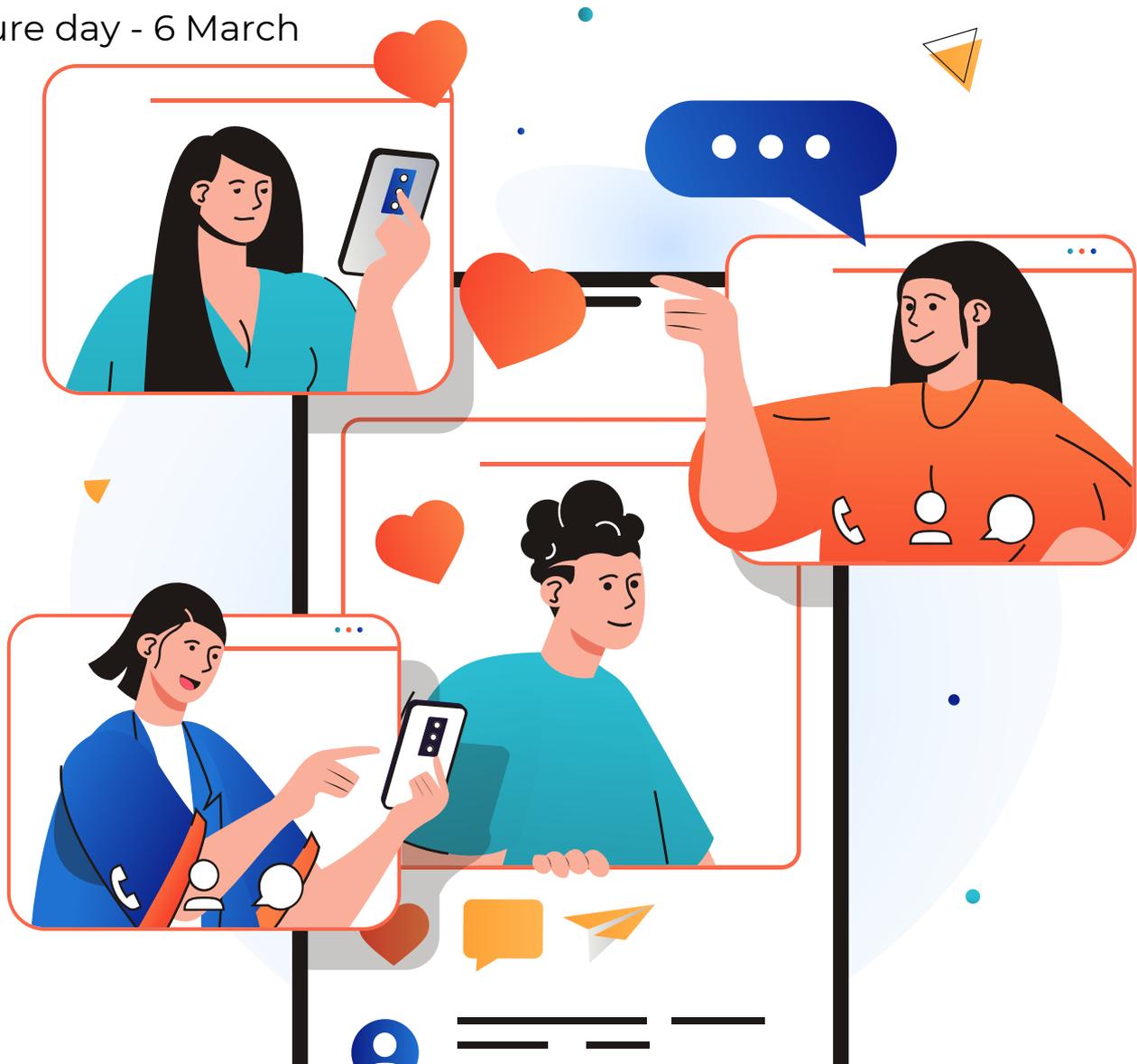
- During the awareness-raising youth exchange, educate 40 young people from four different European Union countries and Armenia on the importance of meaningful youth participation in decision-making processes, including social and cultural considerations.
- Produce at least 10 video materials that portray the difficulties young people in Europe confront in their everyday lives, encourage engagement, and offer suggestions for solutions.
- Provide 40 young leaders with the tools they need to spread the word in their communities and among other young people in their nations during a week-long awareness-raising social media campaign dubbed "Youthifying Week".



DATES AND LOCATION

Information and Education Development Network - INEDNET (www.inednet.com), the Armenian partner organisation will host the Youth Exchange, which will take place in **Tsaghkadzor, which is a ski resort center in Armenia. The participants will be accommodated in 4-6 people per cottage at Alpina hotel.**

- Arrival day - 28 February
- Working days - 29 Feb, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 March
- Departure day - 6 March



GETTING TO YEREVAN, ARMENIA

Zvartnots International Airport (EVN) serves international flights to Yerevan, Armenia. There are cheap flights with Wizz Air to Yerevan directly from Vienna, Milan, Venice, Rome, Larnaca, and Sofia for those days. Please check Wizz Air first. From Zvartnots Airport to Yerevan City Center, you can get by:

- **Airport Express #201 Minibus**

One of the best options, and certainly the most affordable one, is taking the Airport Express bus that goes to and from Yerevan city centre to the Zvartnots Airport several times daily. The Yerevan Airport Express buses depart every half hour from 7 am until 10 pm daily. After arriving at Zvartnots International Airport, you will need to exit the arrivals area on the ground floor. You will immediately see a sign that says 'Shuttle Bus' and it will guide you in between where the taxi stand is and the regular parking lot. This is where you'll find the Yerevan Airport Express bus. A ticket costs 300 AMD (under 1 EURO). Cash and card payments are accepted. Inform the way of payment to the driver before you get in.

- **Taxi**

We suggest not taking taxis offered at the airport. On the other hand, download **Yandex Taxi** or **GG taxi** apps and call a taxi via that, which will be cheaper.

- **Bus from Yerevan City to the Airport**

From the city center to the airport, you can take the same bus going the opposite way. The Airport Express starts at Yeritasardakan metro station in the city center by the Metronome underground shopping center.

- **We will** arrange a group bus from Yerevan to Tsaghkadzor. More information on this will be given closer to the date in the group chat.
- There is a locker in Yerevan  in case some of you might need <https://janarmenia.com/car/luggage-storage-lockers-yerevan>

How to navigate in Armenia

Google Maps or Maps.me are the fastest way to know how you get from one place to another. We also suggest to activate eSim at AirAlo application to have internet all the time in Armenia, even though the internet is quite good in all places via free Wi-Fi spots.

We expect 8 participants per country:

- 1 group leader, preferably 25+ years old and with experience in Erasmus and leadership
- 7 participants, aged 18-30, who are interested in the topics of media making, youth participation, active citizenship

The programme will be sent a bit later. The group leaders will play an important role in this exchange and will be asked to present things from their side. Later, they will also be responsible for implementing social media campaigns.

Participating countries

- Germany - European Youth Press
- Armenia - Information and Education Development Network
- Slovakia - European Dialogue
- Cyprus - Make It Happen
- Hungary - Dynamic Youth Association

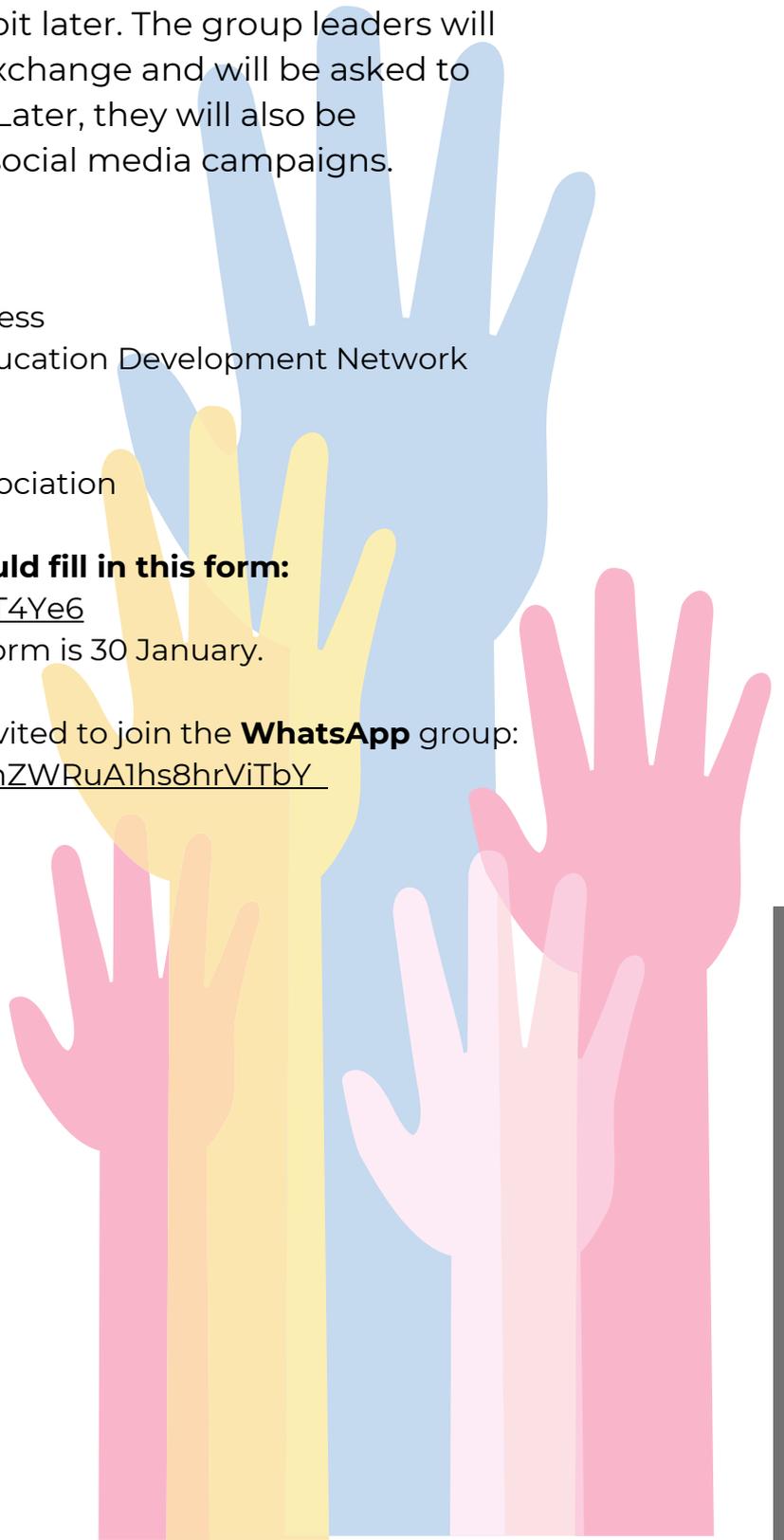
ONLY Selected Participants should fill in this form:

<https://forms.gle/qu8dhJxnUBFHT4Ye6>

The deadline for submitting the form is 30 January.

ONLY selected participants are invited to join the **WhatsApp** group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jzwi3nZWRuAlhs8hrViTbY>



Currency

Currency in Armenia is AMD - Armenian Dram 1 EUR = 425 AMD

Things to bring with you

- Warm clothes
- Hiking/walking comfortable boots
- Laptops and tablets, if you have
- Media coverage equipment if you have (recorder, tripod, or camera)
- Traditional food & and beverages of your country for the intercultural nights
- Personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothpaste, medicine, etc)
- Towels will be provided
- High Energy and Enthusiasm



TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

We expect:

- Arrival to Armenia: 28 February
- Departure from Armenia: 06 March

You can arrive 2 days before and depart 2 days after, but the organizers need to CONFIRM this. The 6 days are fully working days, maybe we will give free time, but it will not be used for the touristic adventures. If you want to travel in ARmenia we allow to come early and leave late.

Travel costs will be reimbursed via bank transfer once all participants have provided all travel documents and proof of dissemination, which we will assign to the project. In our ongoing efforts to be fast with the reimbursements, we would like to inform all participants of our policy. To facilitate this, we encourage you to follow these steps:

Save as PDF: When you receive your boarding pass, save it as a PDF file on your device, as later they disappear.

Upload to Your Drives: Store the PDF boarding pass securely in your allocated Google Drive folder.

Submission of Originals: If you do not have any online check-in and pdf, you will be required to provide the original boarding cards to me for verification and reimbursement purposes.

Reimbursement rules:

- We require invoices, tickets, and boarding passes to reimburse your travel costs.
- These documents are necessary for the reimbursement to occur.
- Be careful because boarding passes expire from your phone app after the flight.
- Make screenshots or keep them in PDF, or physical formats to present them for reimbursement.
- **Please don't buy any tickets without our prior approval.**
- 2nd class is mandatory.
- Transfer by Taxi is not reimbursable. Use public transportation.

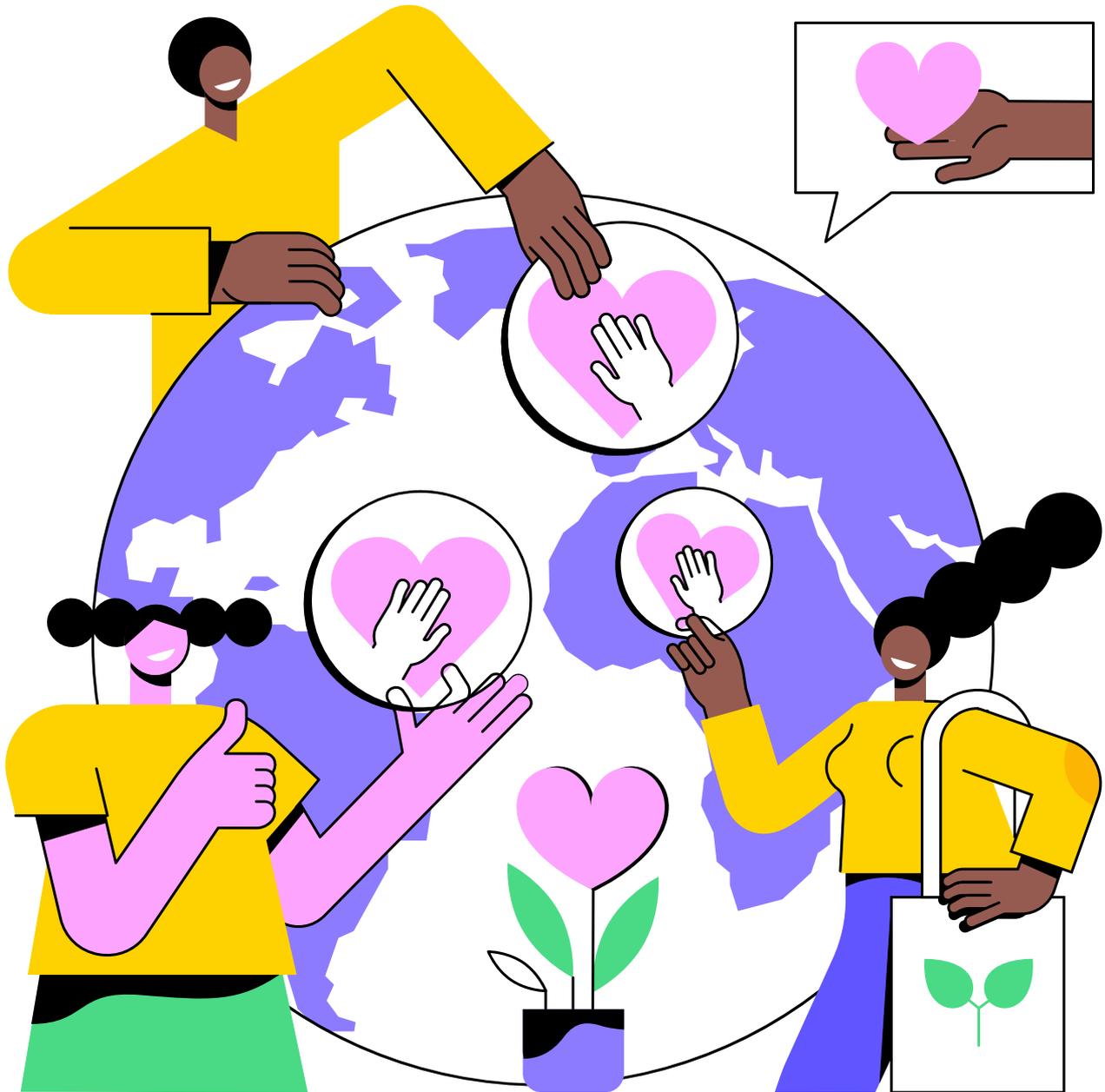
Maximum limits of reimbursement per country:

- Germany - 360 EUR
- Slovakia - 360 EUR
- Cyprus - 275 EUR
- Hungary - 360 EUR

Contact Person

For any questions, you can contact:

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