



# IMPACT

European Platform for Quality  
Development of Local Youth Councils

## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

International training course on  
Local Youth Councils quality development

16th-21st November 2026  
Portimão, Portugal

**DYPALL**  
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## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at the Local Level) is a European platform of civil society organisations, local authorities and research institutions focusing on youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level. We stand for active and meaningful involvement of young people in local democracies through cooperation with local authorities, and we provide the space and the resources for capacity building and exchange of good practices among our members.

DYPALL Network has the following objectives:

- Develop structures and mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making at local level
- Identify best practices and introduce innovative approaches on public governance in cooperation with local authorities and civil society organisations active in the field of youth
- Foster youth engagement and inclusiveness in representative and participatory democracy processes
- Build capacity and provide technical assistance on various areas and processes like policy-making, advocacy, structured dialogue, co-management, and more
- Mainstream youth policies at local and regional level (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies

DYPALL Network's field of action covers four programme areas, with a common goal of fostering quality development of democracies by enhancing youth engagement in local and regional public policy-making. Within these areas, our programmes feature a variety of international projects and activities, as well as tailor-made services for our members, partners, and institutional stakeholders. Our programme areas are:

- Quality development for stronger democracies
- Youth empowerment
- Inclusive democracies
- Innovating democracies

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## INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

The Training Course on Local Youth Council Quality Development for building the capacities of the **LYC stakeholders** (including **youth workers, managers, youth leaders, political representatives and policy-makers**) focuses on the development of competences, dialogue and sharing of experiences among the stakeholders interested in developing or improving their local youth councils.

The training will involve 20 participants **from Portugal, Spain, Belgium and Finland**. The participants will be equipped with practical knowledge of the applicability, transferability and implementation of the European Platform for Quality Development of Local Youth Councils.

The activity will be based on the **non-formal education methodology**, which includes a shared responsibility between the trainers and the participants for their learning.

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## OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

- to explore tools and mechanisms that enable young people to engage as active actors in LYCs
- to explore the state of the art of local youth councils around Europe in what concerns different structures, instruments, and mechanisms
- to bring insights and experiences on how to develop sustainable and inclusive engagement of young people in local youth councils to exchange experiences and competencies among the participants
- to explore the features of the European Platform for Quality Development of Local Youth Councils and its usability and transferability to their local and national contexts

The overall objective of the training is to mainstream local youth councils by improving the competencies of municipality officers, decision makers and youth leaders directly involved and contributing to the mapping of local youth councils in project countries since **participants should have previous experiences in these specific local structures or similar**.

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To reach the objective the training will:

- Increase participants' knowledge in the field of youth participation, namely the implementation of local youth councils and ways to support meaningful youth participation
- Raise awareness of the challenges one might face to access participation structures and renew competencies for youth people and youth workers
- Increase knowledge and expertise about different approaches to manage and run a local youth council in different contexts

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## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The participants must:

- Be an active member of a Local Youth Council (LYC), a support staff for a Local Youth Council (LYC) in your municipality or any other LYC stakeholder (including youth workers, managers, youth leaders, political representatives and policy-makers)
- Be a resident of one of the following countries: Portugal, Spain, Belgium and Finland
- Have direct experience in participating, managing, coordinating, supporting, or facilitating the activities of a LYC, or hold a position of responsibility within the structure
- Possess a good working knowledge of English to fully participate in an international training environment
- Demonstrate strong motivation to actively engage, share practices, and collaborate within a European network of youth council peers
- Be fully available to attend the entire duration of the training course (16th – 21st November 2026)

During the selection process, we will pay attention to motivation and relevant experience, while ensuring geographical representation and, where possible, a diverse range of backgrounds, professional careers, and qualifications.

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- The activity will take place in Portimão (Portugal)
- Arrival day is 16th November 2026 (preferably by 6 pm, but not mandatory)
- Departure day is 21st November 2026 (anytime)
- The closest arrival and departure airport is Faro (Portugal)
- Travelling a maximum of 2 days before or 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed; otherwise, the ticket will not be eligible for reimbursement
- In the case of arriving earlier or departing after the designated travel days, please note that the organisers will not cover the cost of your stay for the extra days
- Flight tickets shall be bought only after confirmation of selection from the organisers. Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum per country/per participant (including all travel costs from the participant's home to the venue and back)

Portugal: 56€

Spain: 309€

Belgium: 309€

Finland: 580€

- Reimbursement will be done via bank transfer after the activity (within 2 months)
- Accommodation and meals will be provided by the organisers. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms of 2 people at the Made Inn Portimão <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TiwIXpq5budNzWu69>
- There is no participation fee





## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To **apply** for participation in this activity, please **fill in the online application form**:

<https://forms.gle/rXY5mJAUWAbubDwj8>

**The deadline for applying is 16th August 2026 by 23.59 CET.**

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## CONTACTS

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