

Youth Renewed Policy Agenda on promoting LGBTQ+ Rights and Participatory Inclusion

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Highlights from Our Youth Participation Events

We are pleased to share the outcomes of the youth participation activities carried out under the GENERATION+ project. These events created innovative spaces for young people to strengthen their advocacy skills, connect with policy experts, and promote inclusion and LGBTQ+ rights across Europe.

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Local Event: Malta – Youth Empowerment Bootcamp: Activating LGBTQ+ Advocacy

(Location: Malta)

The Youth Empowerment Bootcamp: Activating LGBTQ+ Advocacy in Malta brought together young participants and guest speakers to foster structured dialogue and collaboration.

Key highlights included:

- Workshops on gender equality, human rights, and foundational advocacy skills.
- Candid, gender-sensitive conversations where young people presented their perspectives on women's empowerment and challenging systemic barriers.
- Direct exchanges between youth representatives and esteemed guest speakers regarding volunteerism and digital advocacy.

The event successfully empowered young people to engage in decision-making and helped build a new generation of leaders to champion LGBTQ+ rights in their local communities.



Local Event: Greece – Youth Unity Picnic: Embracing LGBTQ+ Community

(Location: Greece)

This local gathering focused on interactive and community-led approaches to youth participation, equipping young people with new tools for grassroots activism and social cohesion.

Key highlights included:

- Dialogue circles on challenging local stereotypes and countering discrimination.
- Practical team-building activities designed to build meaningful peer support networks.
- Collaborative exercises exploring youth-led initiatives for greater social acceptance in schools and workplaces.

Participants gained confidence in using community networking as a powerful tool for participation and leadership.



Local Event: Romania – Youth Café Conversations: Advancing LGBTQ+ Rights

(Location: Romania)

The informal café conversations provided a platform for young people, civil society, and guest speakers to co-create strategies that advance human rights and equality at a grassroots level.

Key highlights included:

- Debates on how to analyze systemic challenges and better respond to the current social and legal realities faced by the LGBTQ+ community in Romania.
- Policy dialogues linked to digital advocacy, civic engagement, and youth-led policy initiatives.
- Joint mapping of localized community campaigns and recommendations to strengthen social acceptance and inclusivity.

The event underlined the value of youth perspectives in shaping European integration, legal equality, and democratic life.



Youth Participation Mobility: Malta – Youth Activism Policy Lab: Mobilizing for LGBTQ+ Equality

(Location:, Malta)

The international mobility in Malta brought together young people from partner countries to engage in rigorous policy analysis, strategic advocacy, and cross-border collaboration.

Key highlights included:

- Structured debates on youth participation in European policymaking and the dissection of systemic barriers impacting the LGBTQ+ community.
- Simulation of policy discussions with input from invited decision-makers and policy experts to draft formal legislative proposals. Intercultural workshops promoting solidarity, diversity, and European identity.
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This mobility gave young people a unique opportunity to strengthen their competences, build networks, and experience active European citizenship.

Reflections and Next Steps

The events of GENERATION+ have shown how young people can play a decisive role in shaping democratic processes, advancing human rights, and fostering inclusive participation. From local dialogues and grassroots networking to international mobility policy labs, youth have been empowered to share their voices, develop essential advocacy skills, and co-create policy proposals alongside decision-makers and experts.

The insights and outcomes of these activities will feed directly into future youth-led policy initiatives, inspire localized community campaigns, and ensure that the project's impact continues to grow, leaving a lasting blueprint for LGBTQ+ equality and social inclusion across Europe.

Join the GENERATION+ movement as we continue to shape a more inclusive, supportive, and equitable Europe — one community, one breakthrough, and one empowered young advocate at a time.

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