

Project Newsletter

About the project

The project aims to enable young people to understand, practice, and influence participatory budgets across European cities. The project will develop the capacity of educators and local authorities to implement participatory budgeting and increase civic participation among youth.

Partners

Out of the Box International (Belgium) is the lead organisation and implementing the project with 9 partners: Union of the Baltic Cities (Poland), CESIE (Italy), CSI (Cyprus), SÜDWIND (Austria), RD IKSD (Latvia), OPENS (Serbia), IED (Greece), XWHY and VYTAUTAS MAGNUS University (Lithuania).

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TRANSNATIONAL PARTNER MEETING

First time partners met in person



The first meeting took place in Brussels, Belgium (May 30 - 31, 2022) hosted by Out of the Box International. This was the opportunity for the project partners to meet in person after some online meetings.

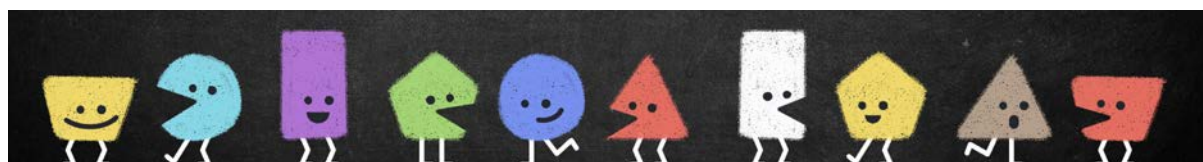
The goal of the transnational meetings is to discuss and coordinate the project performance, in particular forthcoming activities, and share the best practices with the overall aim of achieving the project goals. In addition, these meetings are the opportunity to discuss and coordinate administrative and financial issues but also project deliverables.

In the 24 months project duration, four transnational project meetings will take place. Participants of the transnational meetings are team members of the project partners engaged in the delivery of the project.

YUPAD Recipes and YUPAD Cookbook

The main objective of the "Food for thought" work package is to put in place and implement the learning phase of the project (based on previous needs analysis) by compiling a set of youth participatory recipes (the good practices), organizing the fair of the good practices and finally compiling the experiences into a "cookbook" of good practices in the form of videos.

Previous needs analysis conducted during the project development phase has been refined based on the trends and new developments in the area of participative budgets and Big Data. The partners have collected the good practices of youth participatory budgets and prepared them for further showcasing.



YUPAD Fair - Sharing promising examples



YUPAD Fair was carried out in Brussels (May 31st, 2022) based on the previous research on participatory budgeting across Europe. This event served to showcase best practices of participatory budgeting as well as possibilities with Big Data. This showcase event gathered 10 partners and 10 practitioners with promising practices. The carried-out need analysis was synthesized into 10 videos, 2-3 minutes long each. These videos can be found on the following [link](#).

The following step will be to create a **tailored platform that gathers input from young people on policy priorities**, expected outcomes, and their preferences for concrete projects in a city. A survey will be conducted among young people, and the conclusions will allow for the **piloting and preparation of the capacity-building activities** among educators and local authorities.

2nd TRANSNATIONAL PARTNER MEETING

Partners in Novi Sad – European Youth Capital for 2019



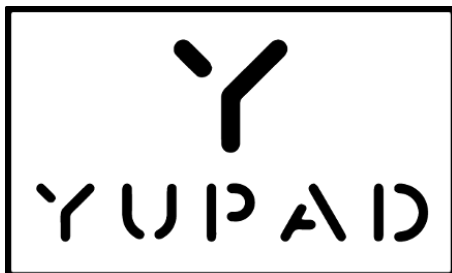
The second partner meeting took place in Novi Sad, Serbia (January 12-13, 2023) hosted by OPENS. The meeting served to discuss progress in the launched project activities but also to discuss present challenges in the project implementation. This opportunity was used to close YUPAD Recipes and YUPAD Cookbook that dealt with examples of participatory budgeting particularly related to youth aspects. During the meeting key focus was given to the YUPAD calculator, Bees methodology and curricula for educators and policy makers. The partners have provided their inputs in order to make these documents more suitable to potential users and beneficiaries.



Project communication was discussed together with the project website (www.yupad.net) and presentation and dissemination events planning.

After the meeting partners joined the networking session that aimed at empowering diverse organisations across Europe to better understand upcoming calls for proposals in 2023 and make use of an opportunity to network.

Developing the YUPAD Calculator, Curricula for Educators and Policymakers and Bees Methodology



Third work package is geared towards the development of project activities: the Curricula for educators and policymakers, the YUPAD Platform, and the subsequent YUPAD Bees methodology. The YUPAD Curricula for Educators and Policymakers aims to introduce the basics of youth participation and youth policies on European and local level. This curricula will provide an essential guide to understanding of youth participatory budgets including promising practices and new tools. In addition, this will make educators and policymakers more familiar with other project deliverables such as the YUPAD Calculator & Bees methodology. The methodology of the training curricula for educators and policy makers will be based on NFE values and approaches, experiential learning, active participation and new ICT tools.

The YUPAD Calculator is based on using big data developed from the input from "Recipes", "Fair" and "Cookbook". YUPAD Calculator will be a tailored platform that gathers input from young people on policy priorities, expected outcomes and their preferences for concrete projects in a city. The YUPAD Calculator is built as a complex questionnaire able to gather and summarize big data collection as well as certain features supporting an innovative participatory budget planning system on local level.

The YUPAD bees methodology is the second step in creation of the system that provides the methodology for development of concrete projects or initiatives suggested within the calculator.

