



# Mapping of Youth Participation

## Call for Researcher

### Summary

- We are hiring a researcher to carry out a desk research / mapping on youth participation and to present this in a report of 10 pages
- Budget 2,500 EUR excluding VAT
- To apply send a CV and 1 page Cover Letter to Kristof Papp [kristof.papp@youthforum.org](mailto:kristof.papp@youthforum.org) by Tuesday 2nd of August 9:00 (CET)
- Research to run between 9th August - 12th September 2022

### Background

Several participatory processes exist in the European Union (EU), such as the “Have your say” portal. Young people have a number of opportunities to express their view on topics they are asked about. However, it is not enough to consult with young people, invite them on the stage and just move on without taking them into consideration. There is a clear call for meaningful participation and engagement, while there is also a need for follow-up on how the voice of youth has been heard. By now it is clear that young people are affected by policies that are outside the scope of traditional youth policies, yet they are rarely included in the policy-making process. The EU needs to step up and work on policies that consider the impact on those that will suffer the consequences: young people today and future generations.

The EU Youth Test that the European Youth Forum is developing is a tool that will ensure that young people are considered during the policy-making processes within the EU. As a result, the EU will be able to create better policies that are long-lasting and impactful, actively close inequality gaps, and take into account current and future generations. Policies will address the experiences, needs and expectations of young people and they will help Europe's youngest generation maximise their potential.

The EU Youth Test is designed to evaluate the impact that any new proposals may have on youth in the EU and identify any mitigation measures necessary to avoid any negative impacts.

It is based on 3 pillars:

- Meaningful engagement with youth experts and youth organisations
- Impact assessments of draft proposals
- Mitigation measures to address adversities on groups of young people, with a special focus on groups living in vulnerable situations

It supports the mainstreaming of youth in all policy fields, including those that are not usually considered youth-related, e.g. sustainability, economic or infrastructure policies.

### **The Mapping Exercise**

To support the implementation of the EU Youth Test, the European Youth Forum is preparing **guidelines for decision-, and policy-makers** to enable them carrying out meaningful engagement with young people.

The main approach for our research will be to identify already existing meaningful participatory mechanisms for young people on European or national level that can be replicated Europe-wide.

This will allow us to collect best practices and build our recommendations around the already existing good practices.

### **Key elements of the mapping**

- Identify the main characteristics of meaningful participation of young people in decision-, and policy-making processes.
- Identify best practice participatory mechanisms in Europe within the EU institutions or national level that could serve as examples to follow or implement.
- Prepare content of report (10 pages) including:
  - Summary - 1 page
  - Presentation of the characteristics and most crucial aspects of meaningful youth participation
  - Presentation of the best practice participatory mechanisms across Europe
  - Conclusion with recommendations on how to implement the participatory element of the EU Youth Test

### **Timeline**

- Deadline to send application: Tuesday 2nd August 2022 by 09:00 (CET)
- Project to start: 9th August 2022
- End date for all deliverables: 12th September 2022

### **Budget for researcher**

- 2,500 EUR excluding VAT. The researcher is exclusively responsible for the payment of all other taxes and social contributions related to the fee for the researcher.

### **Profile of Researcher**

- Experience of analysing youth policies both on European and national level
- Excellent English writing and editing skills.
- Understanding of the EU and other international institutions and policies focusing on youth participation

**How to apply**

- Send a CV and a 1 page Cover Letter which describes your suitability for this role, including links to previous work done and research plan, to Kristof Papp [kristof.papp@youthforum.org](mailto:kristof.papp@youthforum.org) by Tuesday 2nd of August 9:00 (CET).
- You may be contacted for a call as part of the selection process.

**Supporting information**

The European Youth Forum aims to ensure that no applicant receives less favourable treatment on the ground of race, colour, nationality, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, marital status, caring responsibilities, sexual orientation, disability or chronic illness.

The written materials delivered must be original and not been published previously.