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YouthMetre – an innovative project for EU Member States

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Professor Karl Donert, coordinator of the YouthMetre Project, presented the YouthMetre approach and latest developments at the [Clute Institute conference on International Education](#) held in Venice, Italy, and and at the [INSPR](#) (Interdisciplinary Network for Social Protest Research) Conference held at the University of Cambridge, UK.

The YouthMetre project focuses on further empowerment of youth to engage with and have an impact on shaping the [EU youth strategy](#) and its implementation at local, regional and national levels. The primary target audience for the YouthMetre project are young people aged 18-29. The project aims at connecting with those working with youth and engaging them as multipliers to empower youth in policy actions.

Apart from focusing on empowering youth, the YouthMetre project also supports local authorities in EU Member Countries in carrying out effective policy reforms in the field of youth, in line with the indicators provided by the EU Youth Strategy and according to young Europeans' priorities. The local authorities will receive evaluations of their initiatives, while being able to find out about best practices achieved in other municipalities across Europe.

The project also includes research on state-of-the art of implementation of the EU Youth Strategy. Its outcome – [State-of-the Art Report](#) – suggests tackling youth and long term unemployment is nowadays considered an absolute priority. European programmes are succeeding in fostering the attainment of higher level of education, however the improved levels of education do not automatically lead to better working opportunities. Youngsters find it difficult to deal with their transition from education to the workplace. The main cause for this is the mismatch between the skills that they acquire at school and those demanded by the labour market.

The presentations by prof. Donert highlighted the rationale behind the project, summarised the policy review and related literature, develop the YouthMetre data dashboard concept and reflect on issues of data and reaching out to key stakeholders. They can be viewed and downloaded from Slideshare at <http://tinyurl.com/ymintro>.

Please visit the YouthMetre website for the latest updates: <http://youthmetre.eu/>

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