

YouthMetre Study Group

Raise your knowledge on EU Youth Policies. Stand Up to Improve them

Join a YouthMetre Study Group

The young Europeans who know or experienced on their skin a programme within the Erasmus+ (EU Programme to support education, training, youth and sport) are numerous. However, very few young Europeans are able to precisely define what Erasmus+ (whose budget amounts to € 14.7 billion) is, as well as they are not aware of the existence of the broader European Youth Strategy 2010-2018.

The YouthMetre Focus Group Activity invites you to develop an in-depth knowledge into the policies and programmes developed by the European Commission in the youth field. The YouthMetre project itself stems from the Erasmus+, and it addresses one of its Key Actions: *Innovation and Good Practices – Capacity Building*.

What is the YouthMetre?

YouthMetre (<http://www.youthmetre.eu>) proposes and field-tests an innovative ICT-based solution in the youth field, by organising Study Groups in at least 15 European countries, with the potential to improve and/or transform policies and practices. The YouthMetre tool includes maps of policy good practices, a dashboard of data on different indicators, the YouthMetre index - a weighted index of different countries, indicators presented by country and youth perceptions.

The project aims at directly providing European citizens (18-30 years old) with necessary skills and knowledge to foster effective policy implementation and influence and inform policy makers of acknowledged good practices across Europe.

"The YouthMetre" is based on a policy- and research-based state of the art analysis and a data bench-marking review process which, using innovative technologies, leads to the establishment of a data dashboard and the visualization of EU Policy achievements.

Outcomes and Achievement from your Participation to a Study Group

Participants to the YouthMetre Study Group will develop an in-depth knowledge of the European policies and programmes in the youth field. In particular, they will be introduced to:

- how EU Ministers agreed the European Youth Strategy (2010-2018);
- which are its main objectives and how they should be achieved;
- how the situation of European youth is measured (Youth Data Dashboard and its Indicators).

Attendants will also approach two crucial concepts in the framework of European decision-making: the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) and the Structured Dialogue.

Study Group attendants will get in touch with several non-formal education methodology, as well as they will be part of a non-formal training.

Then, they will be introduced to the YouthMetre project and to its online platform – e-tools. They will become active participants to the projects, as far as they will provide feedback and comments that will contribute to advance and ameliorate the interactive e-tool, which is open to individual contribution.



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They will also gain a knowledge on the data collection and analysis carried out by Eurobarometer, Eurostat and by the YouthMetre's staff, as well. Hence, they will work on the Indicators used to measure youth situation at the EU level, and they will be finally asked to draft a brief project of good practice in the Youth field.

Certificate of Attendance

Certificate of Attendance to the YouthMetre Study Group & Accomplishment of the Activities:

all attendants will be provided with a Certificate of Attendance to the Study Group, providing evidence of the skills achieved (European Commission Youth Strategy, Eight Key Areas of Action of the Youth, Indicators and Project development in Youth field).

YouthMetre Study Group Leader

Each Study Group will individuate a Group Leader who will distinguish him/herself for his strong interest towards EU Youth Policies and the YouthMetre Data Dashboard, as well as for his/her participation during the training activities. The Leader will be invited to the YouthMetre Trainer for Multipliers, which will take place in Brussels in February 2016.

Participation to the 2017 Training for Multipliers (Brussels)

The Training for Multipliers Session (February 2016) will provide an in-depth focus on the activities carried out during YM Study Group, while it will put in relation young Europeans coming from 15 different EU Member states, at the heart of the European Union: Brussels.

The training will focus on the understanding of how EU Youth Policy has evolved from a piecemeal approach to that of a more coherent framework. The most significant aspect of this evolution has been the changing type of the instruments used to operationalise EU Youth Policy from action programmes to a wider range of instruments including policy guiding resolutions and OMCs.

Through hands-on participation, brainstorming sessions, and workshop activities, YouthMetre training will focus on collective understanding the realm of EU Policy and democratic participation and engagement, presenting a case for change, negotiating mutually beneficial relationships in the public sector organisations, and developing influence and evaluating outcomes. The training, divided in 5 modules, will showcase successful activities and projects, and also discuss what can be learned from challenges.

How to develop your Advocacy skills in the Youth field with YouthMetre?

Study Groups participants will be invited to become part of the YouthMetre network of Local Partners, which counts at least 15 European youth organisation, universities, institutions. They will have the opportunity to continue their voluntary contribution to the YouthMetre website, as well as they will have access to documents, reports, presentations and survey developed by YouthMetre's staff in order to carry out further advocacy activities.

