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## **YouthMetre: An Award for the Most Engaged Youth Region**

Brussels, Belgium

The **YouthMetre: a tool to empower youth in policy making** launches on 14th February 2017 at 14.00, with a seminar at the European Committee of the Regions in Brussels. During the event, accompanied by the consortium of six European organisations, YouthMetre will award **the best and most engaged EU regions supporting youth**.

The seminar **"YouthMetre: an innovative tool for e-participation of youth in policy-making across Europe"** (<http://youthmetre.eu/launch/>) will introduce and launch an interactive open data tool to support youth participation in European policy making. YouthMetre proposes a tool to support evidence-based decision-making by voicing and advocating for their ideas.

The aim of the seminar is to bring together representatives of European institutions, local and regional authorities, civil society associations, experts and young European citizens to exchange knowledge, experience and good practices on how best to involve youth in the decision-making process, at local, national and European levels.

Moreover, YouthMetre will establish an award for the European regions that achieve most in supporting the needs of young people. Based on the data from the Youth Development Index, the three regions with the best score will receive an **Award for the Most Engaged Youth Region** (<http://youthmetre.eu/youthmetre/>).

During the seminar, YouthMetre will showcase e-tools that the project consortium has developed to promote youth participation at local, national and European disregarding the social status or place of residence. The YouthMetre launch gives youth as well as the policymakers the opportunity to discuss and foster forward looking youth participation and EU youth policies between public authorities, civil society and youth.

The seminar will be followed by a **training workshop** with young people from different European countries that will take place in Brussels on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of February. If you wish to meet and talk with some of the young people involved contact the Project coordinator, Karl Donert ([kdonert@yahoo.com](mailto:kdonert@yahoo.com)).

Further information on the methodologies and approaches used can be obtained from the Communication officer of the project. You can also subscribe to the project newsletter to receive regular updates at [www.youthmetre.eu](http://www.youthmetre.eu).

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