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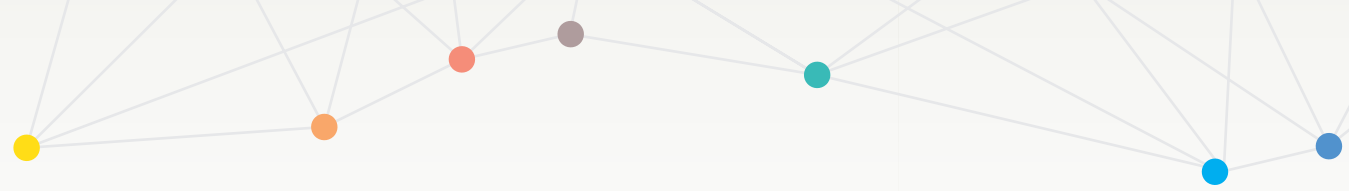
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“Algarve 2020 – a youth proposal” is a project aimed at developing a new culture of youth participation in decision-making processes at local and regional levels in the Algarve region.

Through youth consultation processes and particularly by the establishment of spaces for structured dialogue, cooperation, awareness-raising, and learning this project intends to stimulate the development of partnerships, projects and collective strategies for the youth of the municipalities and the region in general.

OBJECTIVES

Establish spaces of debate and reflection among the youth, youth organizations and local authorities;

Develop strategies to promote youth participation and youth involvement in the development of local and regional policies;

Share good practices for youth participation in policy-making as well as approaches to increase the active participation of young people in the local and regional life.

Discuss challenges and opportunities for the development of a structured dialogue for youth, and to incorporate youth forums and councils at local and regional levels;

Create the space to propose ideas and plans of action to improve access to education, formation, mobility, entrepreneurship opportunities, health, and culture among others;

Establish a working space for networking and for the development of future partnerships and projects between youth organizations, other relevant stakeholders and municipalities of the Algarve.

Raise awareness among young people about the new framework of European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018) and the Europe 2020 strategy.

Raise awareness among young people and youth associations on the existing opportunities to participate in the Youth in Action Programme and other relevant programs supporting youth initiative for entrepreneurship, mobility and employment.

WORKING STRUCTURES

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Local Coordination Committees
Local coordinating committees would provide forum for debates and reflection among the local councils, young people, local youth associations and other entities and stakeholders involved in developing activities with the youth in each municipality. The constitution of the local coordinating committees will enable the development of strategic planning for the orientation of youth policies at a local level, through the consultation of the young people of the relevant municipality.

Regional Coordination Committee
The Regional coordination committee would be a focal point for comprehensive cooperation among the local partners and regional stakeholders and organisations to reflect, propose and debate on regional strategies suggested by young people in the framework of various processes of consultation.

These structures are meant to be a partnership where the actors have an active and participatory role not only in the implementation, but also in the conception of the project, particularly considering that incorporating collaborative learning, cooperation and structured dialogue are regarded as essential components of the project’s approach to youth involvement strategies.

ACTIVITIES

Presentation and launching event of the project “Algarve 2020: a youth proposal”

- Press conference
- Official Opening
- Website and social networks launch
- Seminar “Youth participation – Challenges and Opportunities in the Algarve region”

Meetings of the Algarve 2020 Regional Coordination Committee throughout the duration of the project.

Consultation activities in each of the 16 municipalities of Algarve and the University of Algarve.

- Working Groups using non formal education and participatory methods for large groups
- Focus Groups for stakeholders
- Questionnaires

Roadshow: activities to raise awareness about “Youth in Action Program” as well as other initiatives promoting youth employment, mobility and entrepreneurship.

1st Regional meeting of youth leaders – Regional event that will allow 160 youth leaders and youth workers to work together with their youth councilors on the regional youth policy framework

Production and release of a documentary movie about the young people in the Algarve region.

Publishing of an outcome document about the activities and results of the project.

