

## Youth Policy and Action

### Short Project Description:

Cross sectoral cooperation requires proper supplementation of evidenced based policy development for youth that can mainstream youth participation in the public, business and educational sector. The challenge to bridge these gaps are essential to ensure that the youth is in the centre of development initiatives and interventions. The need to promote strategic cooperation between youth organization and public bodies as well as private institutions such as businesses and education institution will require non-conventional approaches to build youth capacity are imminent. New forms of practical training schemes and simulation of real life cases in society through experiential learning is one of the key strategies that this project would like to use. The strategy will put young people themselves in the central position by giving them concrete tools to realize their projects, goals and consult certain solutions with policy-makers. Creating Synergies in the Fields of Education, Training and Youth

The project is guided by two principal EU Council resolutions: 2009/C 311/01 on a renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018) specifically on topic of young people's participation in and contribution to global processes of policy-making, implementation and follow-up and 2015/C 417/01 on a European Union Work Plan for Youth 2016-2018 specifically on cross-sectoral cooperation that will contribute in addressing the challenges and opportunities of the digital era for youth policy, youth work and young people.

The project's focus on strengthening the capacity of young people in evidenced based policy development through exposure on real global challenges, practical hands-on experiences and in-depth immersion of young people with young policy makers and business sectors representatives. Furthermore, the project would explore:

- (a) What framework is needed for it to happen?
- (b) What are the available platforms and entry point for young people to get engaged with to strengthen their policy making skills?
- (c) What assistance or interventions are needed from the public and private sector to create an enabling environment for youth participation to be realized?
- (d) How international and global cooperation can aid the European level structured dialogue for young people on policy development?

To realize the objectives of the project, the Youth Policy and Action project will organize **intergenerational dialogue** among policy makers, business leaders, youth worker and young people. The dialogue will be done in conjunction with the **evidenced based policy development** training to capacitate young people on proper policy development and negotiations. Finally, a **youth mobility initiative** in a form of job shadowing exercise will be done where youth workers can shadow elected youth policy makers and business leaders.

### Project Activities Foreseen:

#### ACTIVITY 1:

##### Partnership Building Meeting

**Venue:** Sri Lanka **Tentative Date:** March 24-30, 2017

##### Purpose

The PM ensures the partners have the same understanding of what the project is, what it intends to achieve and how to do it. Details regarding strategies, implementation mechanism, coordination guidelines and methodology for capacity-building exercises will be discussed during this activity. It is also the venue to level-off concerns on project management, quality management, monitoring and evaluation, administrative requirements, and work program. It will produce the following:

Project Coordination and Management Plan – reaffirms and guides the implementation of the project– harmonizes the different topics and strategies that the partners feel are most important to use/focus on in the capacity-building of youth workers; Monitoring and Evaluation Framework – builds on the project’s logical framework, and is the monitoring tool to cover all expected results of the project.

## **ACTIVITY 2:**

### **Youth Policy and Action Dialogue, Training and Conference**

**Venue: Philippines Tentative Date:** October 01-12, 2017

#### **Purpose**

The Youth Policy and Action Training and Dialogue is a 12-day residential training course designed for youth workers and young people to focus on the importance of evidenced based policy development through cross-sectoral cooperation. It aims to enhance their understanding and competences in dialogue, negotiations, public-speaking skills, policy drafting and defence. The different policy development, advocacy and communication skills will be mainstreamed through series of non-formal strategies, structured games and exercises as well as dialogue and discussions. It is expected for the youth workers to:

1. Understand the concepts of evidenced based policy development;
2. Understand the concepts of cross-sectoral partnership and cooperation on policy development;
3. Effectively apply policy drafting and defence by mainstreaming youth issues and agenda;
4. Understand the role of the business sector in policy formulation
5. Understand the role of international bodies and institutions in policy formulation;

## **ACTIVITY 3:**

### **Mobility of YouthWorkers: Job Shadowing**

**Venue: Philippines Tentative Date:** October 18- November 18, 2017

#### **Purpose**

Many of the key learning on policy development happen where actual development of policy took place; rarely can they be comprehensively covered by training courses or classroom lectures alone. Youth workers has been a witness of the emerging changes on approaches of non-formal education approaches and needless to say the importance of introducing innovations to reach more young people in this dynamic time. The Job shadowing exercise will run in full cycle of 1 month, where young people can choose either to do their job shadowing with:

1. Business Leader
2. Elected Young Policy Maker

This will give them hands on experience and allow them to understand the complex world of policy development and business environment. This will pave the way for their inner reflection and realization.

## **ACTIVITY 4:**

## **Evaluation Meeting**

**Venue: Poland Tentative Date:** January 25-31, 2018

### **Purpose**

The 5-day Evaluation Meeting will cap off the activity, wherein representatives of the partner organizations will evaluate how the project went and if they objectives have been met, as well as review the coordination and partnership quality of the Consortium. It will be the opportunity to tackle issues that arose from implementing the project, and the potential of the Consortium to pursue future projects together. By this time, the partnerships already have a clear direction and framework. It is crucial to document all lessons learn for proper transfer of knowledge and sustainability.

### **Project Partners:**

#### **Europe:**

##### **Poland:**

SEMPER AVANTI STOWARZYSZENIE  
[www.semperavanti.org](http://www.semperavanti.org)

##### **Germany:**

Gesellschaft für Europabildung e.V.  
[www.euroapbildung.org](http://www.euroapbildung.org)

##### **Denmark:**

IPC student union Denmark  
<http://www.ipc.dk/>

##### **Greece:**

KINONIKI SINETAIRISTIKI EPICHERISIELLINIKI SYMMETOCHI NEON  
<http://www.social-economy.com/koinsep.html>

##### **Italy:**

YOUNET Italy  
<http://www.you-net.eu/>

#### **Asia:**

##### **Philippines:**

Youth for Sustainable Development Assembly Inc.  
<http://www.angelfire.com/yt/YSDA/>

##### **Cambodia:**

Youth Council of Cambodia (YCC)  
<http://www.ycc.org.kh/>

##### **Sri Lanka:**

Lanka Youth Organizations Network  
[www.lyonsrilanka.net](http://www.lyonsrilanka.net)

##### **Myanmar:**

Charity-Oriented Myanmar

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