



How can municipalities be more youth friendly?

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Centrum Kultury Podgórze

Programme of the conference:

10:00 – 10:15 – **Opening the conference** – *Zbigniew Janczukowicz, Barbara Moś, Nausika Educational Foundation, Mateusz Płoskonka, Director of the Social Policy and Health Department, Kraków Municipality*

Welcome words from the host city Kraków. Introducing and welcoming international partners.

Presentation of the conference`s context – the strategic partnership project “Mapping best practices for youth friendly cities” and the concept of youth friendly cities. Challenges for youth friendly cities of the future.

10:15 – 10:30 – **Youth policy in Kraków** – *Mateusz Płoskonka, Director of the Social Policy and Health Department, Kraków Municipality*

The presentation of the Young Krakow 2.0. programme and its main activities: youth centers, youth initiatives, participation programs, volunteering, school participatory budget, promoting youth culture and civic activism.

10:30 – 10:45 - **Models for Youth Policy Design at Municipality Level** – *Bruno Antonio, President of the DYPALL Network, Portugal*

The presentation of the DYPALL Network`s recent work with municipalities in Portugal, focusing on how participatory, cross-sectorial approach to youth policy design is supporting the development of youth friendly cities. The experience shared will be based on the processes of designing regional youth policy of Madeira Region and local youth policies Guimaraes Municipality and Municipality of Sintra.

10:45 – 11:00 - **Youth Friendly Municipality - an integrative approach for quality of life in the society** – *Vanja Debevec, CEO of the Institute for youth policy, Ajdovščina, Slovenia*

The presentation of the first certification of local communities in Slovenia, which by implementation of public policies, are establishing and maintaining a youth-friendly environment where young citizens have the possibility of achieving full autonomy and active participation in all spheres of public life.

11:00-12:00 – Q&A, Coffee break



12:00 – 12:15 – **Cluj for Youth 2030** – *Andras Farkas, Strategic Director of PONT Group, Romania*

The presentation outlines the way the city of Cluj-Napoca, Romania addresses a 10-year metropolitan development based on a coherent youth strategy supported by a range of systemic interventions, key initiatives and the aligned work of over 700 local stakeholders.

12:15 – 12:30 – **The role of MultiKulti Youth Center in Kumanovo** – *Nami Isaki, President of Center for Intercultural Dialogue, North Macedonia*

The presentation of the MultiKulti, the youth center managed by CID with the support of the municipality Kumanovo, as a good practice in the field of youth spaces and spaces for participation.

12:30 – 12:45 – **GeoCitizen Atri, a good practice to improve structured dialogue with policymakers** – *Giulia Scarafoni, ARS for Progress, Belgium/ Italy*

The presentation of the project “GeoCitizen Atri” – a crosssectorial initiative to encourage conscious participation of young citizens in the decision-making processes. To achieve this goal, the Municipality of Atri tested the use of an innovative e-tool, the GeoCitizen platform that allowed to collect proposals from young students of the Municipality of Atri about potential interventions in the city.

12:45 – 13:45 – Q&A, Coffee break

13:45 – 14:00 – **European framework for youth friendly cities** – *Barbara Moś, Associate of Nausika Educational Foundation, Director of Europe4Youth Association*

The presentation of the final results of the project “Mapping best practices for youth friendly cities” – a set of dimensions of youth friendly cities with a proposal of standards to be proposed to municipalities to give a framework for strategic developments in the field of youth.



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14:00 – 14:45 – **Moderated debate with speakers and guests on how to make municipalities more youth friendly?**

The discussion will focus on chosen dimensions for youth friendly cities developed by the partners consortium:

- Youth Participation
- Health and Wellbeing
- Support in achieving economic independence
- Infrastructure
- Conditions for learning and development – education and youth work

The main question will be – what support and structure municipalities need to strategically develop youth policies and youth services and how youth work can answer to crisis situation in the context of invasion on Ukraine.

14:45 – 15:00 – Closure of the conference, time for networking.