



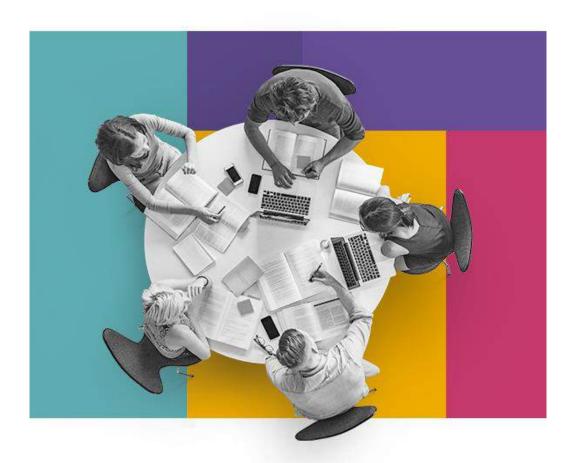




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1. ABOUT THE PROJECT



The SB YCGN PROJECT – The South Baltic Youth Core Groups Network Project was approved by the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg South Baltic Programme on 8-9 November 2017 in Gustrow (Germany). The project has a total budget of 565 642,00 EUR and is implemented by 8 formal and 6 associated partners from 4 countries (Poland, Sweden, Denmark, Lithuania).

The core partnership is represented by local communities, an international association of polish communes for cross-border cooperation (EUROREGION), academic sector and two local community foundations and that support youth engagement. Project implementation period is January 2018-December 2019.

The overall idea of YCGN is to increase youth participation in the decision-making process at local level, and to strengthen local and regional actors' capacities in the fields of youth policies and sustainable development in the South Baltic Programme area. In its whole lifetime, the project has the ambition to create a youth cross- border network through the organization of joint capacity-building events. The latter will be launched on the basis of international participatory campaigns- through the research and analysis of partner countries.

SB YCGN aims to increase capacity building for local actors working with youth, demonstrating the benefits of soft cross border cooperation to solve youth issues. Enhancement of young people's cross-border cooperation in partner countries will be seek through civil dialogue, improvement of local governments and their representatives' capacities, and dissemination of project results. The final outcome will consist in the development of future plans for an increased youth participation in local and cross border issues in the South Baltic region.

2. THIRD PHASE OF THE PROJECT ACTIONS 10.2018 - 06.2019

09.10.2018 - SCHOOL APPEALS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN NOWE MIASTO LUBAWSKIE



On 9/10/2018, appeals were held in all educational institutions in Nowe Miasto Lubawskie, for pupils from 5 to 8 years of primary school.

The Youth Council together with caregivers and employees of the Civis Polonus Foundation Karolina Pawlak prepared and then conducted the appeals in schools. The purpose of

the appeals was to raise awareness about the possibility for students to participate in the project and to inform about the Youth Council, how it works, how it can change the local environment and what important decisions it can make. Youth councilors chose this formula because they wanted to consciously encourage students to start the elections for the new term, which began in autumn. The purpose of this event was to enable youth councilors to share experiences about participation in the project and active participation through knowledge, by showing what they are doing and what skills can be acquired through the Youth Council.







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18-19.10.2018 – PARTICIPATION OF POLISH ASSOCIATED PARTNERS IN EXTERNAL TREINING IN IŁAWA



On the 18th and 19th of October, the two-days training was held in Iława, organised by Civis Polonus Foundation in agreement with the local authority of Iława Municipality as a part of the project "Young people in Dzierzgoń, Elbląg, Gdynia, Iława and Nowe Miasto Lubawskie participate in the decision-making process (public)" co-financed by the funding program 2018 of the civic initiative, which was attended by all the Polish representatives of the affiliated partners of the SB

YCGN project.

This event was convergent with the activity 4.7 of the SB YCGN project - modelling of examples of citizens participation processes, in order to increase the knowledge and abilities of caregivers and members of youth cities and communes councils on the functioning of Youth Boards, good practices and joint solving problems through the exchange of experiences.

Almost 40 people, including adults, participated in the training courses, during which they discussed the life challenges and issues of the indigenous people in local communities and the possibilities of cooperation with the local self-government.







07-08.11.2018 - INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "YOUTH CIVIL PARTICIPATION: PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL SOLUTIONS" IN KLAIPEDA UNIVERSITY



Project members and invited quest participated in SB YCGN International Conference "Youth Civil Participation: Practical And Theoretical Solutions" organized by Kłaipeda University, as a part presentation of the results of scientific research conducted within the framework of the project.

The main aim of conference was to encourage the academic community, representatives of public institutions, non-government

organizations and members of society to share theoretical knowledge and practical experience, participate in discussions and strengthen scientific, economic and social integration in the Baltic Sea Region.

It was an inspiring combination of a scientific approach to the issue of civic participation with the presentation of the practical activities of young people and the opportunities available for them in Klaipeda Region. It was clearly shown how many options youngsters have and how active they are in Lithuania. The activities of many organizations can be set as a model for all the others or for the future.







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23.11.2018 - TRAINING FOR POLISH YOUTH COUNCIL'S SUPERVISORS IN ELBLAG



On the 23rd of November the course and seminar for Polish Youth Councilors, caregivers and supervisors was held in Elblag. During this event the participants had the opportunity to discuss the most important issues about working with youth or operate and manage the youth council in each city.

The supervisors shared ideas on how they work and what they would like to do if they had a real impact on the decisions of the authorities. The caregivers have carried out some practical exercises with

professional trainers on the statuts and rules of the Youth Councils, focused on the legal bases and experience of each Youth Council.

The trainers provided information on the important role of Youth Council caregivers, duties and tasks which have to be used to encourage youth for a more active participation and organization in local actions e.g events or meetings. They discussed about the way of choosing caregivers in each city and how to communicate with communes authorities. One of the raised issues was: what the Youth Council does and what it should actually do? What kind of problems it has and how it works to solve them.







04.12.2018 - PROJECT MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE MAYOR OF THE NOWE MIASTO LUBAWSKUIE MR JERZY BLANK



On the 4th of December in Nowe Miasto Lubawskie, the project meeting was held for the representatives of the Youth City Council and the authorities. The aim of the meeting was to bring the parties closer to issues important to the local community and develop the topics for the future.

It was an extraordinary opportunity for the young people to ask the Mayor the most interesting questions about the youth strategies. Several topics were discussed: sport, scholarships for young people, a

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04.12.2018 - STORYTELLING & COMMUNICATION WITH MEDIA' TRAINING IN GDAŃSK



The representatives of Lead Partner and other project leaders from Interreg South Baltic Programme took part in the communication training organized by Joint Secretary. The aim of the training was to learn how to write project stories and communicate project results in a more visible and attractive way. The participants shared their experiences and exchanged good communication practices in order to make the projects' communication more effective.

06-07.12.2019 – 2ND SB YCGN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND TRAINIG FOR ADULTS AND LOCAL YOUTH LEADERS IN TELŠIAI (LITHUANIA)



On the 6th and 7th of December 2018 the dedicated workshop, combined with the training for "Young Leaders" within the SB YCGN project, took place in Lithuania, with the participation of abound 50 people. The meeting was held in the city of Telsiai and representatives of young people and adults from Poland and Lithuania actively participated in the workshop. The event was a combination of training for adults and youth and study visits in loco, presenting the civic activity going on at the moment and the way in which young people are involved

in in the participation processes.

During the workshop there were also individual consultations with representatives of the local government dedicated to the working methods used in the local communities, to build a platforms for the dialogue between local government and young people. At the same time, a group consultation with young people on the needs of the young community took place. Both the activities were led by representatives of the University of Klaipeda.

Youth and their caregivers participated in the workshops prepared for them, which taught how important are the activities of teamwork in achieving the goals. The guests had the opportunity to learn about different negotiation methods, what it means and how to benefit from the help of a youth leader. In addition, participants visited the museum in Telsiai and they participated in an important local event for the city: the inauguration of the Christmas celebrations.







11.12.2018 - PARTNERSHIP MEETING DEVOTED ISSUES CONNECTED WITH CREATION YOUTH COUNCIL ELBLAG



In addition to basic project activities, the SB YCGN project has the ambition to become a precursor of local changes aimed at increasing the real impact on decisions made by young people in local communities. As a result of previous consultations with the authorities of the City, one of the elements of youth activity is the reconstruction of the youth City Council of Elblag. Hence a dedicated meeting with future caregivers dedicated to the







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reconstruction of the Youth City Council in Elblag, as a basis for recruiting participants of SB YCGN activities and one of the pillars of the future Network of Youth Groups in Poland.

29-30.01.2019 – STUDY VISIT AND WORKSHOP DEDICATED FOR CAREGIVERS AND YOUTH IN KOGE, DENMARK.



On the 29th and 30th of January 2019 the first workshop was held in Koge, during which participants learned more about the situation of the youth in Koge and the general situation of Youth in Denmark. Participants met professionals as Majbritt Baek Dalgaard form DUF organization, Kenneth Salomonser, John Khan and representatives of "Junta" and youth board from Koge, Denmark.

The second day aimed to improve the knowledge of young people and caregivers about youth situation in each city. They presented several

different situations in Poland, Lithuania, Sweden and Denmark. After the presentations they could exchange their experiences and knowledge.

Youth had individual consultation with representatives of University of Klaipeda and Gdansk University of Technology. A parallel session was prepared for caregivers, during which they could get to know each other and had the opportunity to talk about the good practices from each countries when it comes to youth participation.





13-14.02.2019 – PARTICIPATION IN EUROREGION BALTIC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER COOPERATION WITH ERB YOUTH BOARD IN SUBJECTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS IN KLAIPEDA



The Euroregion Baltic Executive Board meeting took place on the 13th and 14th of February. Some of its highlights included: the presentation of the new Swedish ERB members, the transfer of the ERB Presidency, the approval of the new Head of the Euroregion Baltic International Permanent Secretariat and the ERB Action Plan for 2019. Furthermore, the SB YCGN project was presented to the new Executive Board members, as a new method of involving the youth in decision making processes and local

participation. Project aim and details were presented, as well as the results and plans for the future. During the Youth Board meeting, the Youth Strategy created in the CASYPOT project and the methods used in SB YCGN project were, once again, presented. The participants discussed the potential of integrating international youth members from the ERB YB into the structures of the existing SB YCGN network. The methods of cooperation were analyzed through the implementation of current project activities in various regions within the use of synergies and the creation of new projects, in order to best







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correspond to local needs occurring in individual Baltic countries. This event was also the occasion to present all the possible areas of cooperation between young people (included the ERB YB and the SB YCGN project) and the plans for the future of ERB YB.







15.02.2019 – SB YCGN MEETING WITH POLISH AP MUNICIPALITY STAKEHOLDERS OF IŁAWA MUNICIPALITY



On the 15th of Februray 2019 the meeting with the authorities of the member cities of the project SB YCGN took place in Iława. The meeting was the occasion for the representatives of LP and the project Work Package Leader's from Civis Polonus Foundation, Gdańsk University of Technology to present the assumptions of the project, discuss about the general situation of young people in Iława and elaborate joint solutions and mechanisms of cooperation focused on the development of the SB YCGN network in Iława City.

Authorities from Ilawa presented several decision-making possibilities available to young people. Individual consultations in the form of an interview with the Mayor of Ilawa and with the representatives of Gdańsk University of Technology, took place during this meeting.







22.02.2019 – MEETING OF PROJECT PARTNERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DZIERZGOŃ, DEVOTED TO THE COORDINATION OF THE SB YCGN PROJECT ACTIVITIES



The meeting among the representatives of the Lead Partner, members of the Civis Polonus Foundation, representatives of the authorities of the City of Dzierzgoń was held on the 22nd of February 2019. The meeting was the occasion to discuss about the situation of young people in Dzierzgoń, their participations and opportunities. The participants elaborated common solutions and cooperation methods focused on the development of the SB YCGN network in the Pomeranian region.

Individual consultations were held in the form of an interview with Ms. Mayor Jolanta Szweczun, representative of the Gdańsk University of Technology. Furtermore the residents and municipal administrations started a formal and informal dialogue about the situation of Youth in the area.









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25.02.2019 - MEETING WITH GDYNIA'S STAKEHOLDERS



The meeting of Porject Partner Foundation Civis Polonus with city authorities was held on the 25th of February 2019. During the meeting the participants discussed about cooperation of Gdynia authorities with Youth Board, the work system and the training for youth and government employees. The city authorities have declared their willingness to cooperate with young people and proposed topics to which they can include young people, ie public transport, city aesthetics and new

investments in the city. These topics will be discussed at local meetings as part of the Youth Core Groups network.

05.03.2019 - WORKING MEETING DEDICATED TO THE PREPARATION OF A JOINT INTERNATIONAL PROJECT SIA4Y AND SB YCGN EVENY IN ELBLAG



In Elblag on 5th of March, representatives and leaders of three international projects CASYPOT, SB YCGN, SIA4Y met to plan and organize a joint event: Interregional workshops in Poland, with the participation of partners from the Baltic Sea countries, under the name: "Access to public information from a youth perspective".

During the meeting the participants decided that each project will have its own workshop, with the aim to increase the level of awareness, knowledge, and ability to use the right of access to

public information and support freedom of information (FoI) among youth. The event should contribute to increase the knowledge and activities of young citizens regarding not only public monitoring of state institutions and local government, but also other ways of youth civic participation. The appropriate tools to increase the participation and inclusion of young people in decision-making processes have been chosen through the applied method: the Round Table, to evaluate the good practices and tools from CaSYPoT and SB YCGN projects for increasing the involvement of youth in the decision-making processes.







7.03.2019 - SIA4Y EVENT - ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION FROM THE YOUTH PERSPECTIVE



On the 7th of March 2019 an SIA4Y important event took place and young people could talk and discuss about youth civic participation. The main objective of the event was to inform and train participants in the use of the right to access public information, including practical training in socially responsible relationships and knowledge of the participatory budget for young people. Furthermore, young people could share ideas on new local projects, such as the PolRus Art Forum, which can be implemented in the







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future.

During the event, the organizers prepared the Round Table to evaluate the good practices and tools of the CaSYPoT and SB YCGN projects for the involvement of youth in the decision-making processes – working in groups. During the workshops, the moderators wanted to gather information and ideas from all the participants that will help to implement the tools used to improve the local situation of young people and include them in the decision-making processes.

By this exercise they wanted to improve the tool used to build the network in the framework of SB YCGN project - real practical platforms / arenas for dialogue (LOCAL STRUCTURE YCG, which will work on principle of Project Meetings / Round Tables - in every involved municipality.) During the Round Table youth discussed 3 topics:

- 1) How to encourage people to take part in this kind of round-table meetings?
- 2) How to consolidate such a form of cooperation so that it becomes a local tradition?
- 3) How do you think these meetings should be?







20.03.2019 - TRAINING FOR THE YOUTH BOARD OF GDYNIA



On the 20th of March 2019 the training for the Youth Board of Gdynia was held in the Wymiennikownia- Youth Center for Social Innovation and Design. The members of the Youth Board together with supervisors participated in the training.

The main objective was to show young active members what are the rules of the Youth Board, what it deals with, what decisions can authorized and through which actions it shows the real impact on the surrounding reality. The key moment was to diagnose the needs of the young inhabitants of the City of Gdynia and to try to choose the topic that will be implemented during the round table. Participants also had time for integration, learning the rules for a good

cooperation, and learning about the different definitions of leadership.















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22.03.2019 - MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON MUNICIPALITY OF ELBLAG - PRESENTATION OF THE SB YCGN PROJECT AND ITS ACTIVITIES AND ESTABLISHING DIRECTIONS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF ELBLAG



The meeting with authorities of Elblag city was held on the 22nd of March 2019. Lead Partner presented the main assumptions of the project and planned activities in which the city of Elblag will be involved as an associated partner. During the meeting, the president of the city declared his willingness to support the Youth Board and the activities of the SB YCGN project.

In this occasion, the participants decided to connect the Youth Board with the Children's Board, so that the youngest one can learn civic

participation from elder colleagues. One of the project's activities was presented, which is the creation of a Network of Youth Core Groups, which will be composed of local and regional groups. The main goal for Elblag is to create a network, using the "Round Table" method, with the city authorities, existing NGOs and other organizations working for the benefit of young people.







23.03.2019 - SB YCGN STEERING COMITTEE MEETING IN ELBLAG



On the 23rd March the meeting of Polish and Lithuanian SB YCGN project Work package Leaders took place. The meeting was dedicated to the preparations of the next phase of project implementation: subsequent activities, changes, division of tasks, youth core group network development. During the meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Summary of action undertaken by each project municipality and promotion and communication of external and internal projects;
- SB YCG network methodology: Verification and improvement of Rules and Standards of YCGN Division of duties in the preparation of materials for "Round Tables" meetings in each community;
- Individual implementation of Project Work packages by WP Leaders status and plans, variations from project schedule, identification of deadlines for project activities;
- The financial part of the project and project team status

25.03.2019 - MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN ELBLAG



On the 23rd of March 2019 the meeting between the Lead Partner of SB YCGN project, caregiver of youth board in Elblag and Chairman of the City Council took place in Elblag. During this meeting the most important information on the project were presented and the involvement of representatives and caregivers of the Youth Board in the current activities of the SB YCGN project was also discussed. The participants







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discussed the next steps and the actions the Youth Board should take and how the City Council in Elblag can help them for a better cooperation. Mr Czyżyk suggested to choose a topic to develop together during common meetings; this topic should be related to youth and interesting to them, because young people don't have experience, so it is important they receive support from adults.

26.03.2019 - PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR POLISH ASSOCIATED PARTNERS IN GDYNIA



Representatives from Municipality of Nowe Miasto Lubawskie, Municipality of Gdynia, Iława Municipality, Municipality of City of Elblag participated in the workshop on the 23rd of March in Gdynia. The workshop was led by Civis Polonus Foundation and Association of Polish Communes of Euroregion Baltic. The aim was to summarize and plan the rest of project's activities until the end, to explain the idea of South Baltic Youth Core Group Network and to carefully plan each step in order to establish the network in Poland. In the first part of the training the participants were reminded of what

happened in the project so far and they were informed about the chronology of all future events divided into mandatory and optional activities and in local and general events. During thr workshop each municipality discussed individual plans and made first assumptions on how to implement what they had learned.







12.04.2019 – ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH CORE GROUP IN DZIERZGOŃ MUNICIPALITY "ROUND TABLE MEETING"

On the 12th of April 2019 the first round table meeting was held in Dzierzgoń, with the aim of debate about the creation of the Youth Activity Area in Dzierzgon. Representatives of the Commune and Town Office of Dzierzgoń, the vice-mayor of Dzierzgoń, the city council and the municipality of Dzierzgoń, teachers and school directors, partecipated, as well as youth representatives: Youth Board of Dzierzgoń and representatives of volunteering. The round table was conducted in the form of an Oxford debate led by the Youth Board mentor. Representatives of YB of Dzierzgoń presented arguments in favor and against the increase of the Local Activity Zone in Dzierzgon. Young people gave suggestions about the place where this area could be located and also about the opening hours and forms of activities. In response to this proposals the authorities expressed their willingness to cooperate and help young people in personal development and active participation.















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18.04.2019 – ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH CORE GROUP IN NOWE MIASTO LUBAWSKIE MUNICIPALITY "ROUND TABLE MEETING"

The 1st round table meeting in Nowe Miasto Lubaswkie was held on 18.04.2018. The aim of this meeting was to conduct consultations and discussions concerning a scholarship program, as well as the rules on which it should work. The representatives of the City of Nowe Miasto Lubawskie were invited to the meeting, including the Mayor, Head of the cultural, sport and education department and directors of all educational institutions, the City Council headed by the chairman and the youth: Youth Board of Nowe Miasto Lubawskie and representatives of pupils' schools in Nowe Miasto Lubawske. The form of the meeting was World Cafe, in which the young people were divided into four thematic groups, where the coordinator facilitated the discussion. Young people were asked to reflect on topics concerning the age range of students who can get the scholarship, the form and frequency of scholarships, the criteria for granting scholarships and how students can gain it. The city authorities, despite the difficulties in obtaining funding for scholarships, have guaranteed the financial resources necessary to cover the scholarships.







25.04.2019 - ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH CORE GROUP IN IŁAWA MUNICIPALITY "ROUND TABLE MEETING"



The round table meeting in Iława was held on the 25th of April 2019. The aim of the event was to debate on the changes of the scholarship formula granted to students of the schools in Iława. The meeting was attended by representatives of the authorities the deputy mayor and the chairman of the City Council, representatives of youth from the Iława Youth Board, SIM PCK Iława, Orchestra from Iława, schools in Iława and representatives of interested organizations: Association "Przystań" and PAW Iława.

The meeting was hosted by caregivers of the Youth Board of Ilawa Tomasz Woźniak. The round table discussion was held using the World Cafe method, where 4 different topics related to the awarding of scholarships were discussed, choosing the age range, the reasons why the scholarship should be granted, and so on. Youth Board has to present a common solution to the City Council, which will take it into account when a new formula scholarships will be created.















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09.05.2019 - PROMOTION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PROJECT DURING "EUROPE DAY" IN SORO (DENMARK) WITHIN UMBRELLA AWERNESS RASING EVEN



At the invitation of representatives of the Umbrella project, representatives of the Association participated and presented the ideas and assumptions of the SB YCGN project, as well as experiences resulting from the implementation of network activities. Nearly 30 people from six Baltic countries took part in the event.

The project was presented as an example of cooperation in the framework of an international educational project that allows the integration of experts, politicians and professionals, as well as youth in raising awareness and promoting opportunities for local

communities.

During the workshop, the participants took part in micro-actions organized as parallel activities in an awareness-raising event of the Umbrella project. They had the opportunity to get support in expanding the partnership and creating a cooperation platforms with foreign partners. They could also use the support of experts who helped to create a new project application, or to simulate real cross-border projects, with reduced administrative or financial burdens for beneficiaries.

During the micro-operation of the workshop, the YCGN project was presented as a model for the creation of dedicated cross-border networks in a specific area. Beneficiaries could benefit from the knowledge, experience and knowledge acquired during the implementation of a large international project, in order to submit their own project applications financed by the European Union funds.

13-14.05.2019 - PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CARRIED OUT IN THE PROJECT OF SB YCGN DURING THE CONFERENCE OF THE CASYPOT PROJECT IN KALMAR



On the 13th and 14th of May 2019 the end CaSYPot project meeting was held in Sweden. On one of the panels Young Representatives of: Iława, Elbląg, Dzierzgoń, Gdynia and Nowe Miasto Lubawskie presented the results of the surveys conducted in Poland and Lithuania as part of the SB YCGN project. During the meeting the participants acquired new experiences and ideas for new projects. Young people also had the courage to speak in front of a large number of people, thanks to preparation of Mrs Izabela Borucińska,

partner from Gdańsk University of Technology. During the conference, a meeting of the partner team was held and the current activities were discussed as well as the steps for the future. On the second day of the conference, a study visit to the UNIK- youth club was organized, where young people from Poland could see how young Swedish can develop themselves and spend their free time.















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30.05.2019 - GRAND OPENING OF YOUTH CITY COUNCIL ELBLAG CONNECTED WITH YOUNG COUNCILORS FIRST OATH



One of the great merits of the project is the start of participatory activities in the Municipality of the City of Elblag, which led to the reconstruction of the Youth City Council of Elblag. The new council consists of 56 representatives, both primary and high school students. This is the result of substantial and technical cooperation of the members of the SB YCGN project with the caregivers and youth from Elblag, representatives of the city authorities and local government employees.

The Youth Municipal Council is a way for the systematic civic activity of young people in their community, creating civic competences in young people, teaching them how to make important decisions at the local level and allows them to co-decide on issues important for young people. The most important goal of the Youth City Council of Elblag is to increase the interest and involvement of youngsters in public affairs at local level.

This activity follows the Preamble of the European Charter for Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life, consisting in: "Active participation of young people in decisions and businesses at local and regional level is necessary if we want to build more democratic, more supportive and more prosperous societies. (...) Local and regional communities, which are the closest authorities to adolescents, play a very important role in promoting their participation. In fulfilling this role, they can ensure that young people are not only well informed about democracy and nationality, but also allow them to participate in these activities in a concrete way. (...) It is necessary to allow young people to act immediately and influence the decisions taken, not only later in their lives."







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