

INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DANUBE REGION

LEADERSHIP & CAPACITY

They also need adults to know their context, and to support them

capacity building on how to engage / frame messages / frame projects

have an online training module to introduce young people to EUSDR and show them through which channels to get engaged, update them on status-quo of network development

Youth also needs a healthy portion of leadership, bringing them in.

support to express their opinion (including language, knowledge about the mater of stake, communication competences);

provide informational campaigns within the EUSDR for youth organizations / youth NGOs in order to involve them in different activities dedicated to the EUSDR.

COMMUNICATION

Need to understand the governance structure, where are the entry points

Youth organisations need to SEE an added value if they engage

More possibilities to meet, share, exchange (even online).

Platforms for interaction & communication

Exchange of good (and bad) respective practice with the young from another Macro regions

What do youth organisations/young people need to participate in development in the Danube Region?

Financial support to cover all costs of the facilities they need to communicate, cooperate and develop something together

What do youth organisations need to engage with the Danube Strategy (stakeholders)?

Subjects dedicated to the MRSs at high schools/universities.

AWARENESS

Youth Organisations first need to know about the EUSDR!!!

They also need to know why their opinion is needed and how is it to be considered!

Youth organisations need the contacts/network to EUSDR stakeholders

INTERACTION

The how of the engagement is key: young people need to be engaged at eye-level.

Feeling that they are being equally involved and heard as any other participant/stakeholder

Involving youth in making decision process

What do youth organisations need to engage in cross-border/transnational cooperation?

Networks to find competent & committed partners

IMPLEMENTING THE EUSDR THROUGH YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

How could the EUSDR benefit from involving youth organisations?

Getting inside information of the stakeholder group that is actually affected/or dealing with respective issues (brain drain, youth unemployment, working cross-border etc.)

benefits would be lots of new ideas and insights on how young people perceive the major issues in Europe/region. On long term you have a pool of more informed, eengaged and experined

Learning and understanding young people and their issues => avoiding conflicts and frustration and eventually better policy making

It can be shaped in a future-oriented way, because they are a kind of stakeholders for youth.

Children and young people make 1/3 of the EU population. Their full participation of young people in political, social and economic life is essential for a pluralistic, democratic and fundamental rights-based future of our societies.

EUSDR Youth Platform (PA9)

How does the EUSDR currently engage with youth organisations/young people?

CESCI Cross-Border game

promotion of respective events

What could be the next steps toward youth participation in the EUSDR?

Advocate towards leaders of different EUSDR structures the value of involving youth

In many countries there are National Youth Councils - this could be a means to convey key EUSDR messages toward young people

activate YOUNG Parliamentarians in the Danube countries, as the EUSDR is often not very much present on a parliamentary level

Just organise a parallel meeting to the next regular meeting and let groups interact and present together

consider to have a youth representative in the Steering Group?

Reach out to young people more actively, using means preferred by them, to tell about EUSDR

Using the Participation Day format focusing on youth involvement