

Youth Dialogue Forum 2024

Summary:

We will organize an innovative youth dialogue forum which combines digital modules and an offline live deliberative event for 20 participants. Digital discussion modules will be realized by DEMDIS discussion software in a semi-centralized model (by local ambassadors) in 3 countries (Slovakia, Poland, Czech Republic). Our goal is to engage youth in an innovative format, identify barriers of participation in communities and countries and propose solutions on how to overcome them.



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Social problem



Unfulfilled potential of youth civic engagement. Youth is disengaged because they lack incentive structures, there are not enough of incentive structures because stakeholders, institutions deem youth as disengaged (chicken-egg problem).

Target Group

In the light of the topic the main target group is youth (18-30y) in Slovakia, Poland and Czechia.

The secondary target group are local civic actors working with youth engagement. Their role will be ambassadors - to engage their communities in the discussion and promote the dialogue.

The most active participants from both target groups will have the opportunity (as a reward) to participate in the final deliberative event.

Humanitarian system plugin

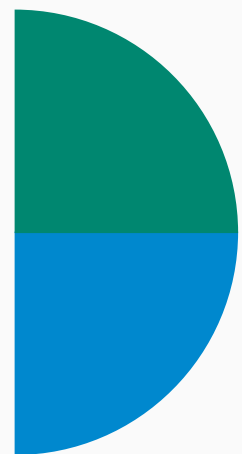
Democracy in its core is a collective system for overcoming societal challenges. Today we're experiencing poly-crises and the inability to address them in a fast, inclusive and constructive way leads to tensions in societies. Since we cannot predict what tectonic challenges we'll be facing in the future, we need to experiment, test and create new ways of collective problem (re)solutions.

The proposed forum is in its core not only a new incentive structure for youth participation, but a model of relatively fast, open, and constructive way of coming to common solutions in various societies and collectives. Forum design originates from broader academic research and theory on deliberative democracy enhanced by civ-tech. The results and found common ground is a precondition to legitimate and inclusive execution of the solutions that stem from democratic discussions.

Social change

The project will contribute to long-term social change in three countries by:

1. Providing a new blueprint for functional model of citizen engagement. The output of the forum will consist of a complex report mapping the process and a recommendation manual for creating new incentive structures for (not only) youth participation in civic life.
2. Creating a new network of civic actors that could be engaged in various other international conversations and collective problem solving.
3. Providing custom reports of the discussion outcomes in every participating (ambassador's) micro-community. This means that we will breakdown the overall results of the digital modules into micro reports that will lead to broader understanding of communities regarding the barriers and solutions to better participation.



Objective and key results

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Quantitative

1. Engaging 2000 participants in the two digital discussion modules.
2. Involving 20 participants in the offline event.
3. Involving at least 9 ambassadors from three countries.

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Thematic (qualitative)

1. Identifying the perceived barriers of youth participation in civic, public and community life.
2. Identifying preferred solutions and creating new models of incentive structures.
3. Creating a coherent manual on civic (youth) participation in public life for civic actors.

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Procedural (qualitative)

1. Creating a complex report mapping the process design and implementation with potential ideas for improvement based on the experience.
2. Mapping the impact of this new innovative approach on the participant's understanding of the topic and perceived meaningfulness of the forum.

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