SMART PARTICIPATION

Smartphone as mean to build a real citizenship through digital skills

EU PROGRAM
Erasmus+, Support for policy reform, Dialogue between young people and policy makers

YEARS
2018-2019

BUDGET
29.320 €

MAIN OBJECTIVE

The project aimed to promote structured dialogue between young people and policy makers on digital competences, innovation, and youth participation. Specifically, it sought to foster co-design processes at the European level, using smartphones as a means to encourage inclusion, creativity, and active citizenship. It intended to compare youth perspectives with those of decision-makers, activate consultation processes, and contribute to the formulation or improvement of policies at regional, national, and European levels regarding digital education and smartphone use.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

SMART Participation implemented four transnational youth meetings in Spain, Romania, Italy, and Latvia, each focused on a specific theme: participation, creativity, inclusion, and digital skills. Activities included presentations, group work, study visits, networking events, and policy co-design sessions. Youth workers facilitated participatory workshops using digital tools and consultations. Supporting actions included information and awareness campaigns, networking with local institutions, a project website, and a dedicated Facebook group to ensure broad engagement.

INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS

The project innovated by leveraging smartphones not only as communication tools but also as instruments for civic participation and structured dialogue. It combined non-formal learning, cooperative methods, and peer education with direct interaction between young people and policy makers. The creation of Recommendation Packs at each international meeting provided concrete outputs linking youth voices with policy frameworks, while the integration of digital platforms encouraged continuous interaction and sustainability.

TARGET

The direct target group consisted of young people aged 13–30, including those with fewer opportunities, and youth policy makers/experts involved in transnational meetings. Indirectly, the project addressed local communities, schools, youth organisations, and public authorities, fostering awareness and capacity to promote active citizenship through digital tools.

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