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RYGLICE POLAND



YOUTH DECIDE!



Disappointment with politics, heavily widespread among the youth of Central Europe. The number of skeptics among young people in relation to politics is significant. According to results of recent public opinion polls among young people from V4 countries, 82% to 72% of respondents think that politicians don't really care about them and politics needs new faces. The majority of young people is convinced that "political parties are the same" and "youth don't have a power to significantly influence political decisions". Young people do not share the belief that their opinion is considered as important by their representatives. Involvement in the student councils or municipal youth council is significantly lower in V4 countries than in western Europe.

Initiative You(TH) Decide! reacts to this situation with the aim to enhance civic engagement and to raise awareness about the importance of participation in civic life among youth from V4 countries, by mobilizing active youngsters and developing their sense of initiative. In order to promote active involvement of youth in policy-making and decision-making processes, strengthen youth confidence in those processes and help them understand how they work, You(TH) Decide! involves experts together with local political representatives and decision-makers. Experiential learning and non-formal education methods will provide youth with personal experience on how important is their participation in those processes and what impact it might cause.



During the final event – conference in Ryglice youngsters' interest towards civic engagement will be risen. Youth will be presented with the work of local NGOs, student or municipal youth councils and their peers involved in previous project activities. The conference will offer an alternative and safe environment, enabling the exchange of knowledge, practices and hands-on experience, supporting the creation of new ideas and development of specific actions. Its intention is not only to attract youth attention but to create communities of active individuals that will fight youth indifference on regular basis, support their region and motivate their peers towards active participation in civic life.



## WHO ?



To the public conference and related networking session we invite:

- Active youngsters and youth leaders between 16 – 25 years of age
- Representatives of NGOs, Youth organizations, policy-makers, decision-makers, local authorities – no age limit

( 6 representatives per country, preferably; 4 representatives of young people and 2 representatives of NGOs/ Youth organizations/ policy-makers/ decision-makers/ local authorities)

To the public conference we invite:

- 70 relevant stakeholders; youth leaders, youth workers, authorities responsible for education and youth

## WHEN ?

**/10th of August, RYGLICE, Poland/**

At 2 PM non-formal education sessions will start, attended by 6 representatives of each involved country. Participants insights and experience with the project topic will be shared. The results of local activities will be reported and discussed. New international strategies will be drafted, and future steps will be planned in order to empower youth civic engagement.

After the official dinner, networking programme will follow.

**/11th of August, RYGLICE, Poland/**

At 10 AM the public conference will start gathering representatives from all 4 participating countries in order to share experience and best practices with the project topic, present local events together with their outcomes, planned activities and activities already started in their community. Relevant stakeholders, authorities responsible for education and youth, together with local youth leaders and youth workers will be invited. The main aim of the event will be to raise public awareness and to attract the attention of youth from V4 countries towards the importance of youth participation in civic life.

After the official lunch, networking programme will follow Expected end 3 PM.



## Where?

The conference and related activities will take place in Ryglice small town in Lesser Poland Voivodeship. Accommodation will be provided in cozy and ecological venue: <http://ekosiolo.pl/> preferably in double rooms.



## What is covered?:



For 6 representatives of each country, organizers will provide above-mentioned accommodation, coffee breaks and dinner on 10th of Aug, breakfast, snacks and lunch on 11th of Aug.

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to 70 € per person. Ecological means of transportation are highly encouraged. Please confirm with us before the purchase of any tickets.

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