

HOPE

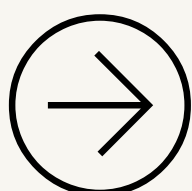
Welcome to the first issue of the HOPE project newsletter! We are excited to launch this 18-month project focused on helping youth organizations lead civic engagement and active citizenship processes.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The HOPE project brings together partners from Slovakia, Greece, and Romania to promote active youth participation and peacebuilding through strengthening youth work. Activities include research, training, development of resources, and campaigns.

KEY OBJECTIVES:

- Equip youth workers with skills and knowledge on peace education conflict prevention/resolution to transfer to young people
- Connect vulnerable youth with institutions to foster cooperation in civic activities
- Help youth organizations manage active citizenship initiatives by developing the competencies of youth leaders
- Facilitate future collaboration between organizations active in the peace education field



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MEET THE PARTNERS



BPI

- Independent research institute focused on youth policy, extremism, and migration.
- Experienced in EU project implementation and research
- Will lead the development of youth work tools for the project

FIFTY-FIFTY

- Promotes equal learning opportunities, human rights, intercultural dialogue
- Extensive experience in EU projects related to entrepreneurship and youth
- Will design and manage the digital training platform

ASEL

- Focuses on innovation, education, and project implementation
- Implements projects on youth entrepreneurship, digital literacy, etc.
- Will develop the project website and branding

Youth political disengagement continues to be a significant challenge for European democracies. Although young people are educated and skilled, many still need to participate in traditional politics or join political parties at the same rates as older generations. Youth instead tend to engage through informal structures and initiatives focused on specific issues for a limited time. There is also a lack of structures to facilitate meaningful youth participation in public decision-making processes. By equipping youth organizations with resources to lead civic engagement and training youth workers on peace education, the HOPE project will help address these gaps. Enabling youth voices to be heard on issues that matter to them promotes social inclusion and contributes to more equitable, resilient societies across Europe.

The project is timely given current geopolitical tensions threatening European peace and security, such as the Ukraine conflict. Sustainable peace requires the fulfillment of human rights for all. The HOPE project ultimately seeks to build and maintain a broader culture of peace.

WHAT'S NEXT

September 2022:

Partners begin research to map the current state of peace education efforts and realities in each country.

November 2022:

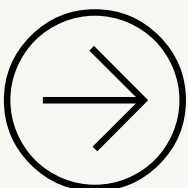
Fifty-Fifty launches the development of an online training platform to engage young people on social issues and exchange views.

May 2023:

Creation starts on the Youth Strategy for Peace & Solidarity in the EU manual to advocate for including this imperative in EU youth policies.

September 2023:

Bratislava Policy Institute hosts training on basic facilitation skills for interacting with youth about peacebuilding.



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