


ENGAGE Project Database of Best practices collected at EU level

Purpose: To offer a gallery of best practices examples to be used as examples and motivations for the youth leaders in their activities when raising young people’s awareness of UE values and motivating them to get engaged in democratic life.

Title of the initiative	Youth for the City, City for the Youth								
Representative image of the initiative									
Website/Social Media account of the initiative	Official Website: Lublin City Office – Youth for the City, City for the Youth								
Country of implementation	Poland, with international cooperation involving Norway and Ukraine								
Representative organisation/ individuals	Lead Organization: Municipality of Lublin, Poland Partner Organizations: The European Wergeland Centre (Oslo, Norway); Sempre a Frente Foundation (Lublin, Poland)								
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	Diversity and inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender, social, economic and health	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Social justice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leadership & mentorship	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Democratic life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change, sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	If other, please specify			
Type of action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● International youth exchanges (online and offline) ● Workshops and training sessions ● Civic education programs 			
Target group	Young people aged 10–30			
Main partners or stakeholders	<p>Donors: EEA and Norway Grants (Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway)</p> <p>Local Authorities: Municipality of Lublin</p>			
Short description of the initiatives	<p>"Youth for the City, City for the Youth" is a bilateral initiative aimed at increasing the civic involvement of young people in local communities by leveraging Norwegian experiences. Implemented in Lublin, Poland, with partners from Norway and Ukraine, the project encompasses the creation of youth spaces, participatory budgeting in schools, international exchanges, and various educational activities. The initiative seeks to empower youth, foster democratic participation, and build inclusive communities.</p>			
Activities and methods implemented	<p>The initiative employs a multifaceted approach to engage youth in democratic processes:</p> <p>Youth Spaces: Establishment of "Hej!" and additional youth spaces co-designed by young people, providing safe and inclusive environments for meetings, workshops, and creative activities.</p> <p>School Participatory Budget (SPB): Implementation of participatory</p>			

	<p>budgeting in schools, allowing students to propose and vote on projects, fostering a practical understanding of democratic decision-making.</p> <p>Youth Information and Development Centre (YIDC): Provision of workshops, counseling, and information on civic engagement, career development, and volunteering, targeting both youth and those working with youth.</p> <p>lublin.eu</p> <p>International Exchanges: Organization of online and offline exchanges with participants from Poland, Norway, and Ukraine, focusing on building civil society, democracy, and tolerance.</p> <p>Study Visits and Congress Participation: Facilitation of study visits and participation in the Cross-Border Cooperation Congress, enabling knowledge exchange and networking among youth and stakeholders.</p>
Key Success Factors	<p>The success of the initiative is attributed to several key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth-Centric Design: Active involvement of young people in designing and implementing activities ensures relevance and ownership. ● Inclusive Participation: Engagement of diverse youth groups, including those from marginalized backgrounds, promotes inclusivity and equity. ● International Collaboration: Partnerships with organizations from Norway and Ukraine enrich the initiative with diverse perspectives and best practices. ● Practical Civic Education: Hands-on experiences like participatory budgeting and youth exchanges provide practical understanding of democratic processes. ● Sustainable Structures: Establishment of permanent youth spaces and ongoing programs like YIDC ensure long-term impact beyond the project's duration.