


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	Network “Diversity and Participation” (DiPa)						
Representative image of the initiative	 <p>© Judith Kormann</p>						
Website/Social Media account of the initiative	https://www.ofaj.org/notre-reseau-de-partenaires/diversite-et-participation						
Country of implementation	Germany and France						
Representative organisation/ individuals	OFAJ/DFJW/YFGO						
Field of action	<p>All</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="505 1835 1377 1898"> <tr> <td data-bbox="505 1835 846 1898">EU values & human rights</td> <td data-bbox="846 1835 927 1898"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td data-bbox="927 1835 1300 1898">Citizenship</td> <td data-bbox="1300 1835 1377 1898"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>			EU values & human rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Cultural identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Diversity and inclusion	X	Gender, social, economic and health	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Social justice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leadership & mentorship	X
	Democratic life	X	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change, sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	If other, please specify			
Type of action	Networks of Regions in France and Germany			
Target group	Young People with Fewer Opportunities			
Main partners or stakeholders	OFAJ/DFJW/YFGO, Regions in France and Germany, different Organizations within these networks			
Short description of the initiatives	<p>Studies show that not everyone has the same opportunities to take part in a Franco-German exchange or international mobility scheme. Financial difficulties, geographical distance, disability, lack of information... Young people are diverse and the obstacles are varied.</p> <p>The commitment of the OFAJ and its partners began in the 1970s, when mass unemployment particularly affected young people. It's a long story. But we'll keep it short!</p> <p>In 2006, the first Diversity and Participation network - initially called 'Integration and Equal Opportunities' - was created. At the time, the context in both countries was marked by social tensions involving young people. In 2007, a partnership was signed between Clichy-sous-Bois and Neukölln, two towns with high levels of youth unemployment and social problems. School exchange projects were immediately launched.</p> <p>Over the years, the network has grown to include more than a hundred organisations involved in youth work and social action in the Île-de-France</p>			

	<p>and Berlin/Brandenburg regions.</p> <p>Its mission? To enable young people who previously had little or no access to mobility programmes to take part in a Franco-German or even trinational exchange.</p> <p>Why a Franco-German exchange? Experience of the other country has a high added value for personal development: acquisition of intercultural skills, language knowledge, adaptability, etc.</p> <p>The strength of the network? A network of professional structures with local roots and proximity to target groups.</p>
<p>Activities and methods implemented</p>	<p>Networks meeting</p>
<p>Key Success Factors</p>	<p>- learn from each other, find partners for projects, find inspiration</p>