


### 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 Participation Sebnitzer Jugendstammtisch
Representative image of the initiative	
Website/Social Media account of the initiative	<a href="https://jugendstammtisch-sebnitz.de/">https://jugendstammtisch-sebnitz.de/</a> <a href="https://www.aktion-zivilcourage.de/news/2025-04/so-geht-jugendbeteiligung-im-laendlichen-raum">https://www.aktion-zivilcourage.de/news/2025-04/so-geht-jugendbeteiligung-im-laendlichen-raum</a>
Country of implementation	Germany (Saxony)
Representative organisation/ individuals	Aktion-Zivilcourage, City of Sebnitz

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Field of action	all			
	EU values & human rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cultural identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
	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 type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Climate change, sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	If other, please specify .....			
Type of action	Youth group / organization			
Target group	Young people between 15 and 25			
Main partners or stakeholders	Region of Saxony, City of Sebnitz, Aktion Zivilcourage, DFJW/OFAJ/YFGO			
Short description of the initiatives	<p>Sebnitz young people as role models for active participation</p> <p>On Thursday, 3 April, the young people from the Sebnitz Youth Round Table and Aktion Zivilcourage jointly hosted a workshop on youth participation in rural areas at the Franco-German network meeting in Chemnitz. The event organised by the Franco-German Youth Office provided a valuable platform for an open and constructive exchange between young people as experts in youth participation and educational specialists from France, Ukraine and Germany.</p> <p>Living direct democracy through youth participation</p> <p>The authentic and confident moderation of the young people made it clear that many young people are willing to get involved and actively help shape their community - if they are given the chance. As part of the youth round table, the young people regularly meet with the mayor of Sebnitz to voice</p>			

	<p>their concerns directly. One of the key realisations of the day: the participation of young people in political decision-making processes is not only beneficial for the young people themselves - it strengthens the entire community.</p> <p>Youth participation creates added value for the entire community</p> <p>Many thanks to all participants, to the dedicated interpreters and to Europa Direkt e. V. and the Association Roudel for the excellent organisation. Special thanks go to the young people from Sebnitz: their inspiring presentation of their commitment impressed all the experts and impressively demonstrated the potential of youth participation in rural areas.</p>
<p>Activities and methods implemented</p>	<p>Organization of events, youth meeting and democracy, youth forum, youth german-french encounters</p>
<p>Key Success Factors</p>	<p>young people organise themselves, adults are just here to give advices</p> <p>the City of Sebnitz recognize them as independant, strong voice by decision making about the community</p> <p>meeting with politics</p> <p>Since 2005</p>