„Participation of School Students in Europe”

„Youth Participation in Educational Environments”

Seminar „Youth and Citizenship”

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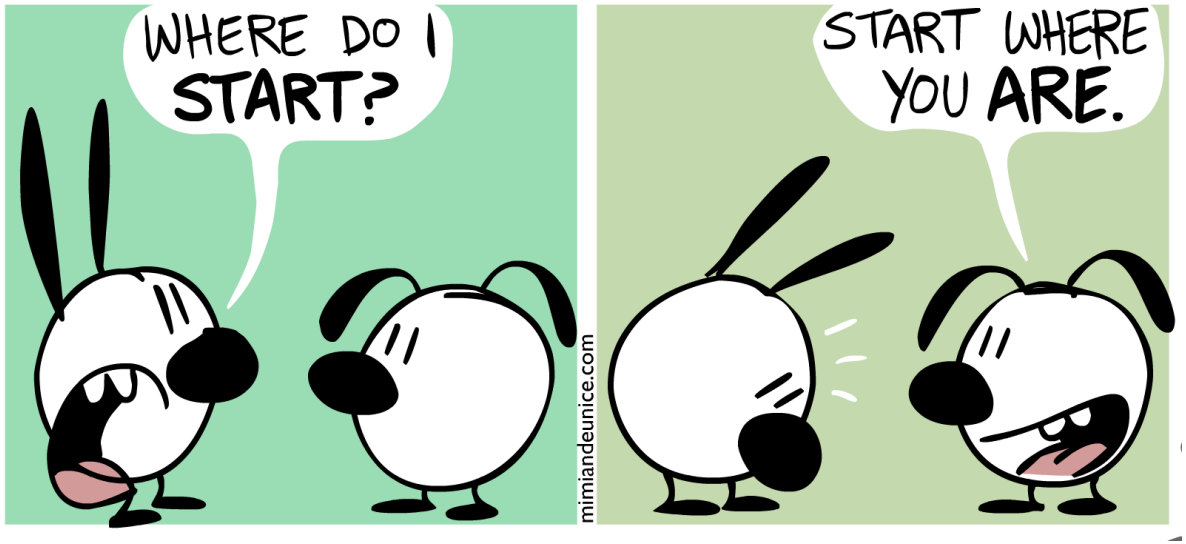
Participation & Schools

- Where does participation start?



- ✓ *„As Education and Training is a key to personal self - fulfilment and participation in civil society, no one must be denied the access to education or be discriminated by educational institutions in any other ways."*

Model of participation in schools

- ❑ Individual
- ❑ School Student Council
- ❑ School Student Union:
- •National
- •International

OBESSU

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OBESSU

- OBESSU is a platform for cooperation between the national school student Unions active in general secondary and secondary vocational education in Europe.

- Founded: 1975., Dublin, Ireland
- Based in: Brussels, Belgium
- OBESSU gathers 24 member organisations from 19 European countries
- All organisations are independent, national, representative and democratic School Student Unions

Objectives

- To represent the School Students as stakeholders within their educational systems, and in issues concerning their lives;
- Building and supporting representative structures of the School Students;
- Exchange of experience and good practice among School Student Unions;
- Fight for equal access to education, for democracy and active citizenship; (…)

Policy Work

- School Student Rights (through Declaration of School Student Rights);
- Democracy in Schools and recognition of School Student representation;
- Free and equal access to education for everyone – against tuition fees, private education and processes threatening public education;
- Against discrimination of any kind – against racism, homophobia, sexism; (…)

Representation

➢ ***Recognized by***

- ❑ European Union (EU), and
- ❑ Council of Europe (CoE).

❖ *European Commission (EC): Thematic Working Group on Early School Leaving (WG ESL)*

❖ *Council of Europe (CoE): Member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe (AC CoE)*

❖ *Youth Advocacy Group for the UN Secretary General's „Global Education First Initiative"*

Representation

➢ ***Full member***

- ❑ European Youth Forum (YFJ)
- ❑ European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning (EUCIS – LLL)

➢ ***Associated member***

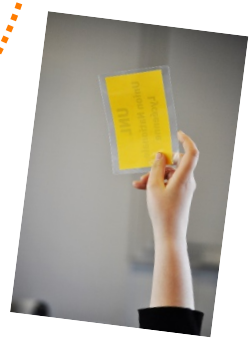
- ❑ European Students' Union (ESU)

Members

- ***Organisational membership***
  - Full members,
  - Observers,
  - Contact members.

Structure

- General Assembly
- Council of Members
- Monitoring Committee
- Board of OBESSU
- Secretariat
- Working Groups



Activities

- External representation;
- Policy work and lobbying;
- Campaigns.

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Activities

- Presidentof the European Parliament, Martin Schulz expressed his support to the campaign!
- European Commission expressed its support to the campaign on their official web site!

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Project Management

- Study Sessions
- Conferences
- Conventions
- Seminars
- Summer Schools & Camps
- Trainings for International Officers

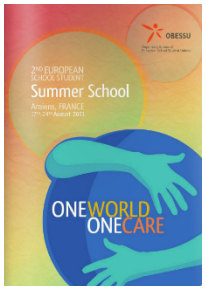
Achievements

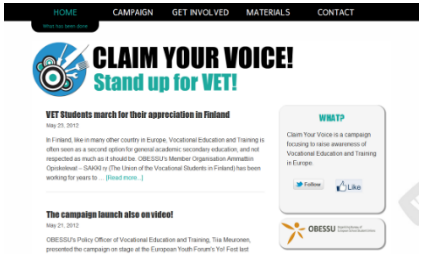
- OBESSU's *„Light on the Rights Bus Tour"* was selected with 24 other projects as best examples of projects within the *„Europe for Citizens Programme"* of the European Commission.

- The *„Light on the Rights Bus Tour"* also won the 3rd Prize of the *„Civil Socitey Prize 2011"* awarded by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

Communication

- Monthly Newsletter
- There to Share Magazine
- Publications
- www.obessu.org
- http://www.obessu.org/vet/
- http://obessu.org/inclusion





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