



Youth participation – areas, concepts and dimensions

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Dimensions of participation: it's a small world after all

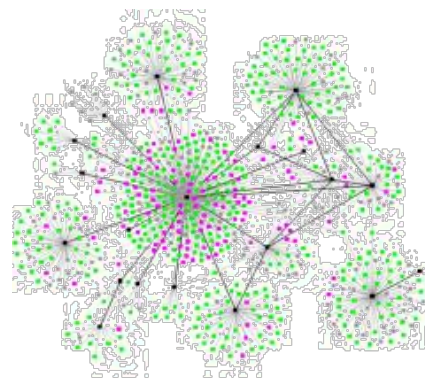
From local to international!

- Involvement in local development on all topics – from playground to senior residence from school buildings to water supply.
- On regional / national level: education, labour, democracy, youth rights
- On international / European level: freedom to... (travel, work, study); human rights, youth rights
- Do I see consequences of my participation, of my involvement?
- Mutual influence of local and global level.
- Support is nice, but does it really help? So the easy solution is: just stay tuned in facebook.



Globalisation – diversity – networks

- From “mono-culture” to multi-culture and trans-cultural living
- Perception of trans-cultural differences in everyday life
- Trans-national culture and media industry (TV, Internet)
- Everyday life and acting in networks
- Changing in determinants of migration
- Growing migration, growing inter-cultural contact and (in)tolerance





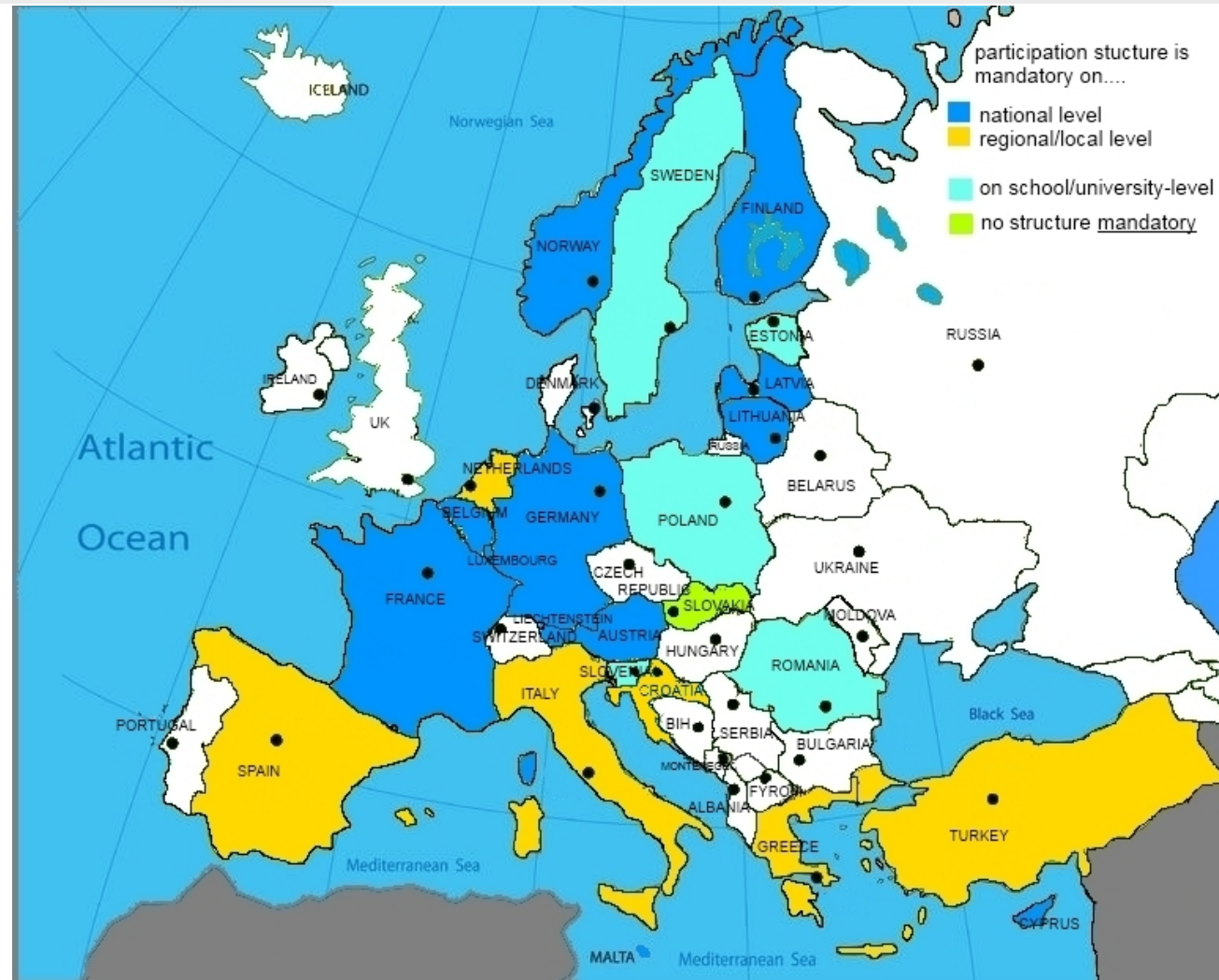
Concepts of participation: you don't own me

Bottom up or top down?

- Representation of youth – youth involvement in policy making as legal right
- Youth councils – pupils/student councils
- Youth parliaments
- If we invite (young) people to participate, we don't know the results!
- Demonstrations / strikes
- E-participation beside voting
- Active, political correct way of living without political demand
- Common topics in demonstrations do not imply similar political values.



The right to participate for youth





We can not predict how participation will end ...





Personal involvement shown in private





Areas of participation: it's my life

The more it affects me, the more I care.

- Leisure time / media / lifestyle
 - Education / work
 - Equal opportunities / discrimination
 - Human rights
 - Environmental issues / animal rights
 - Democracy
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- The more I know about it, the more opportunities of action I see:
 - Information as a basic means for participation, but is not the guarantee for “the correct” decisions.



Revolution might be seen as participation in the future – or not





Thank you for your attention

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