

# How to identify meaningful youth political participation activities?

**1**  
**IS THE  
ACTIVITY IN  
LINE WITH THE  
DEFINITION ...**

**... OF YOUTH  
POLITICAL  
PARTICIPATION?**

Is it voluntary?

Is it an active  
citizenship  
activity?

Does it require  
engagement of  
young people?

Does it shape,  
affect, or involve  
the political  
sphere?

**2**  
**DEFINE AIMS  
OF THE  
ACTIVITY**

What are  
the aims of  
the activity?

What underlying  
justifications  
connect to  
these aims?

- Rights-based
- Empowerment
- Efficiency
- Developmental

**3**  
**DEFINE  
DEMOCRATIC  
ENVIRONMENTS**

Who makes  
decisions:  
all eligible  
citizens or elected  
representatives?

What does the  
decision-making  
depend on?

- preferences of all citizens
- preferences of voted representatives
- concrete policy suggestions from active citizens
- recommendations based on public debates
- public pressure

What  
mechanisms  
are used?

- direct voting by all (concerned) citizens
- elections of public representatives
- public participation platforms
- public discussion platforms
- actions of civil society

**4**  
**DETERMINE  
MEANINGFULNESS  
OF THE ACTIVITY**

Are the aims  
achievable in the  
given democratic  
environment?