



Meta-University 2020

Online international youth event
for networking, capacity building and peer learning
among stakeholders of the youth sectors

4 -5 November 2020

Call for participants

Organised by:



Partner organisations:



Activity in the framework of the project: VC 2606
"Global Youth - Interregional Cooperation for Youth
Participation and Global Citizenship".



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The Meta-University 2020 is an online event for networking, capacity building and peer learning among youth workers and organisations active in the youth field.

Considering the current pandemic crisis, which is challenging traditional spaces for dialogue and accelerating the process of shrinking space for civil society, the Meta-University is conceived as:

- ✓ a platform to ensure interaction and mutual understanding addressing the current needs and challenges of the youth sector;
- ✓ a space to build capacities according to current needs, share knowledge and gathering insights from peers;
- ✓ an opportunity to share good practices, mainstream new projects and find new partners.

A multilevel event allowing different opportunities of participation

During the two-day programme, as participant you will have the possibility to:

- expand knowledge and build new skills by taking part in one or more of the 5 webinars promoted by partner organisations (IFM, UNDP/ONJ Tunisia; CNJC; Digital Grassroots, CNG)
- contribute to the developments of the global youth agenda by following the plenary sessions focused on current key issues of the youth sector;
- connect with peers while enjoying informal gatherings such as online coffee-breaks, dynamic group chats, musical sessions and other facilitated group interactions;
- mingle in the “virtual youth fair” to know more about the work of other organisations, to set up your own virtual stand, exchange business cards and chat in private with the promoter of each stand to build synergies.
- take the lead of the event by setting up your on session to follow-up ideas and proposals, go more in-depth on a conversation started in previous sessions, to address a relevant issue that was not covered by the event etc...

The different levels of engagement and the variety of partners involved (grassroots initiatives, institutional organisations, national bodies and international networks) covering different geographical scopes are the added value of this event.

4th Nov		5th Nov		6th Nov
9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>		9.00 - 10.30 UNDP Tunisia & ONJ <i>SDGs camps sensemaking workshop</i>	10.00 - 11.15 CNJC <i>#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean</i>	Peer-to-peer space Sessions promoted and led by participants to follow-up the event's insights and proposals
10.30 - 11.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>		11.30 - 12.30 Connection café <i>An interactive plastic-free coffee-break</i>		
11.30 - 12.30 The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space		12.30 - 13.30 Africa-Europe youth cooperation: A multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance.		
14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>	14.00 - 16.00 IFM-SEI <i>COVID-19 and Violent Extremism</i>	14.00 - 15.30 CNG <i>Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach</i>	
16.00 - 18.00 Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality		16.00 - 18.00 Digital Grassroots <i>Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout</i>		
18.00 - 19.00 Virtual Youth fair Expo area to share best practices, projects and opportunities <i>(open until the end of the event)</i>		18.00 - 19.00 Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions <i>A musical session by Ubanda</i>		
Webinars by partner' organisations - limited number of participants		Plenary sessions - open to everyone		Participants-led spaces - open to everyone

THE TIMETABLE FOLLOWS THE LISBON TIME

1. Webinars promoted by partners

[Catalan Nacional Youth Council \(CNJC\)](#)

[#Unfollow gender violence in the Mediterranean](#)

Gender violence and forms of violence enabled by online tools in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNJC)

[DIGITAL GRASSROOTS](#)

[Resetting Digital Rights Amidst the Covid-19 Fallout](#)

Young people's rights, governments' responsibilities and restrictive measures infringing rights and freedoms in this time of crisis.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by DG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[Italian National Youth Council \(CNG\)](#)

[Mediterranean resilient cities: youth-friendly approach](#)

The role of youth in addressing pressing urban issues: youth action and youth culture for sustainable urbanization in the Mediterranean region.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by CNG but welcoming also interested participants already enrolled in other webinars)

[United Nations Development Programme Tunisia \(UNDP\) and Observatoire National de la Jeunesse \(ONJ\)](#)

[Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) camps sensemaking workshop](#)

The impact of the pandemic on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the eyes of young Tunisians.

(Open to 20 participants selected directly by UNDP/ONJ Tunisia)

[International Falcon Movement – Socialist Education International \(IFM-SEI\)](#)

[COVID-19 and Violent Extremism – Youth as stakeholders for conflict transformation and shaping peaceful societies](#)

A trans-Atlantic perspective about youth counteracting violent extremism and the harmful escalation caused by the COVID-19 virus.

(Open to 30 participants selected directly by IFM-SEI)

2. Plenary sessions

[Connection café](#)

Informal gatherings led by facilitators to connect and cooperate with like-minded people.

[The youth sector, the Covid-19 pandemic and the shrinking of civil space](#)

An interregional perspective on the current challenges faced by young people and civil society organisations from the member organisations of the "[Network on Youth and Global Citizenship](#)" and the [Conference of INGOs](#).

Moderator panel discussion + Q&A from the audience

[Digital youth work: exploring possibilities, pursuing engagement, ensuring quality](#)

A workshop in three modules to better face the digital shift of the youth initiatives

1) Quality standards for online education and training (CoE-Youth department, tbc)

2) From participation to involvement: "the Art of Hosting" ([NIYOA](#) - Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa)

3) Tools, methods and tips for effective online youth events ([Dypall](#))

[Africa-Europe youth cooperation: a multilevel coordination for a sustainable governance](#)

The postponement of the Africa-Europe youth summit to 2021 (as a side event of the Africa-Europe Heads of State and Government Summit) highlighted even more the need to have stable and frequent channels of cooperation across regions involving intergovernmental institutions, international youth-led umbrella and grassroots initiatives on a long-term process.

Moderator panel discussion (+ Q&A from the audience) with representatives from the [European Youth Forum](#), Office of the [Africa Union Youth Envoy](#) and [ADYFE](#)

Music and youth workers: heal the world by connecting young people across regions

A musical session by “Ubanda” a team of musicians which connects the pedagogical, social and artistic dimensions to youth work.

3. Participant-led spaces

Virtual Youth Fair An Expo area, where everyone can open a virtual stand (uploading videos and documents etc..) to share ideas, projects and opportunities and ask questions through a private chat.

Peer-to-peer space For an entire day, participants can take the lead of the event and open new sessions to follow-up insights and proposals gathered during the event or to deepen the conversations on issues they feel relevant to cover

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR WEBINARS PROMOTED BY PARTNERS

CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DEI GIOVANI – Italian Youth Council

“Mediterranean resilient cities: a youth-friendly approach”

4 and 5 November 2020, 14:00 - 15:30 (Lisbon time)



Main theme and key topics:

The SDG 11 aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. More than half of the world’s population now live in urban areas. By 2050, that figure will have risen to 6.5 billion people—two-thirds of all humanity. Sustainable development cannot be achieved without significantly transforming the way we build and manage our urban spaces. The rapid growth of cities in the developing world, coupled with increasing rural to urban migration, has led to a boom in mega-cities. In 1990, there were ten mega-cities with 10 million inhabitants or more. Today we have 25 mega-cities, home to a total 453 million people. The experts estimate to have 35 mega-cities in 2024, an incredible growth.

The SDG 11 wants to focus the attention on some main topics:

- Ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing.
- Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all.
- Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces.

- Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning.

It's almost a decade that the social science attitude has changed in evaluating the history and reality of the Mediterranean basin geographic area. The decadence of capitalistic modernisation has created a void in social and cultural relationships. "The large Mediterranean urban areas are usually based on a unique centre, rich of economic and human resources, connected to a hinterland poor and degraded, without any kind of identity. On the economic side, the need of entering in the global market leads most of these cities facing the international scale and finding a strong characterisation. On the social side, it could increase the social exclusions with the danger of conflicts. A diffuse unawareness about urban patterns in the Mediterranean region has induced planners to consider them as residual, culturally specific, even traditional or precapitalist, destined to converge, sooner or later, with western patterns. This view has produced a fracture between planning rules and local practices that has further confused and de-structured many Mediterranean cities. In the last times, post-modernism and regionalism raised new interest for those urban patterns, alternative to modernism, that celebrates difference and diversity. Thus, a process of cultural legitimisation of regional and local identities has started, focusing on the Mediterranean image and identity and emphasising the knowledge and preservation of local cultures as fundamental elements for the socio-economic development." (Ways of Thinking and Looking at the Mediterranean City, Giuseppe Pace - Institute of Studies on Mediterranean Societies).

In the recent years, young people's voice, agency and leadership have played a crucial role in advancing climate action and climate justice. This is especially relevant in urban settings. Youth and their use of culture in all its forms has been a driving force for change.

Objectives and expected results

Highlight culture and how youth can advance sustainable urbanization; develop capacity amongst youth to address pressing urban issues such as climate change, public space, governance; advocate for youth-led solutions.

This workshop will serve as a space to share best practices, ideas and to promote youth action and youth culture for sustainable urbanization.

Agenda 2030 recognizes the importance of empowering youth. SDG target 11.3 aims "to enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries", including the participation of young men and women. The New Urban Agenda highlights the importance of youth and states to "adopt sustainable, people-centered, age- and gender-responsive and integrated approaches to urban and territorial development".

Speakers:

- Prof. Antonio Acierno – Professor, University of Naples "Federico II" , Faculty of Architecture - Urban planning laboratory.
- Ivan Neirotti - Project Officer for European Youth Capital, European Youth Forum
- Maria Cristina Pisani - President, Italian Youth Council
- Prof. Inés Sánchez de Madariaga - Chair, GenderSTE; Professor, Technical University of Madrid, Spain (TBC)
- Representative from Tirana Youth Capital 2022 (TBC)

Participants' selection process

Registration: Please register via [this link](#) **by 1 November 2020.**

Selected participants are also entitled to take part in other Meta-University's activities: Plenary sessions, Participant-led spaces and to some of the other webinars promoted by partner organisations (see section 1. of this document to verify which webinars welcome participants from other Partner's activities).

Contact: international@consigli nazionale-giovani.it

REGISTRATION FOR PLENARY SESSIONS ONLY

If you are interested in taking part only in the plenary sessions and in the participant-led spaces, please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/PT3f6f2NLY1H9iXZA>

Although it is not compulsory to attend all sessions, please note that it is recommended that you take part in all plenary moments, **starting from the first "Connection café" on the 4 November at 10:30 a.m. (Lisbon time), when all the instructions will be given and all participants presented.**

After the submission of the form you will receive all the details to access the event.

Enquires and further information:

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