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Participation

Action Plan

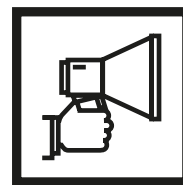
**Priorities in the 2021–2027 programming period
in the field of Participation for the Erasmus+
and European Solidarity Corps programmes**



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Strategy

Participation is one of the **horizontal priorities** of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps. The importance of Participation is understood at the National Agency level. Therefore, the aims of the Participation are coordinated and monitored by a **Participation Officer**. The strategy of Participation is embedded into three sections – civic engagement, competences/skills and non-formal education, and the European identity. To fulfil the strategy, the particular aims are set out in **Action Plan**.

Priority No 1

Cross-sectoral

1

Aim

Increasing civic engagement through the European programmes

(Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps)

Target

Increasing awareness of the opportunities of the European programmes regarding participation.

Ways to reach the target

DZS will systematically analyze good practices of Participation and share them to promote an undeniable impact of people's involvement in the European programmes. DZS will support applicants as well as beneficiaries by means of professional consultations, informational seminars, and webinars to implement a project dedicated to the priority of Participation or participatory project. Furthermore, DZS will prepare a "toolkit" for applicants and beneficiaries thematically focused on how to involve Participation into projects. DZS will continue to cooperate with the regional representatives to promote the benefits of participation in the EU programmes. DZS will acknowledge the importance of Participation and will promote it during its events.

Monitoring of progress

DZS will monitor progress in terms of the share of seminars, webinars, consultations, events partially dealing with the priority of Participation and the number of good practices shared on DZS' channels. DZS will monitor the number of projects focused on Participation. DZS will publish one Toolkit.

Priority No 2

Cross-sectoral



2

Aim

Mitigating the barriers of people's involvement in European programmes

(Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps)

Target

Increasing participant's competences with an emphasis on media literacy, digital skills, project management, project planning and strategic thinking.

Ways to reach the target

DZS will actively promote Networking/Training and Cooperation Activities focusing on the following topics: the realization of own projects (project labs), PBA, Study visits, and Training Courses in the field of media education, digital skills, strategic thinking.

Monitoring of progress

DZS will analyze final reports of participants on TCA/NET activities to ascertain the share of participants that reported, they increased their competence through the attendance on promoted NET/TCA activity.

Priority No 3

Cross-sectoral



3

Aim

Acknowledging the non-formal education in institutions providing formal education

Target

Interconnecting of non-formal and formal education.

Ways to reach the target

DZS will collect good practice and share the good practice on the interconnection of formal and non-formal education through DZS communication channels. DZS will actively encourage the inclusion of non-formal education in events, webinars, seminars, dedicated to formal education and vice versa.

Monitoring of progress

DZS will monitor the number of institutions providing formal education involved in non-formal education and the number of events where the interconnection of non-formal and formal education has been present.

Priority No 4

Cross-sectoral



4

Aim

Increasing knowledge about European Union, European identity, European values and sense of belonging

Target

Increasing the awareness of democratic processes and knowledge about the European Union.

Ways to reach the target

DZS will raise awareness about the European Union and democracy through DZS communication channels.

Monitoring of progress

DZS will focus on shared information regarding the European union, its values and monitor its impact (views, likes, comment etc.).

Priority No 5

Cross-sectoral



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Aim

Strengthening common understanding of Participation and reflection of the priority in the programmes

Target

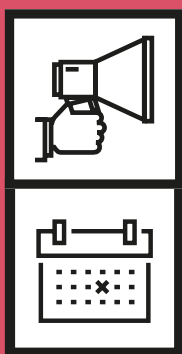
Enhancing the knowledge base of DZS staff in the realm of Participation.

Ways to reach the target

It is crucial to understand different kinds of Participation in different settings and sectors. DZS staff will be trained to identify nuances of Participation to be able and qualified to pass know-how on to beneficiaries and applicants. Training can be done in the form of a webinar, job shadowing, Meet-up or a different format of the event. The topic of all the priorities (including participation) of the European Commission will continue to be included in onboarding trainings for new employees.

Monitoring of progress

DZS will conduct monitoring of the process based on the number of trained employees through questionnaire.



This Action Plan will be revised annually.

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