



“YEPP” Approach and Methodology

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The “YEPP” approach and methodology was developed by the Youth Empowerment Partnership Programme (2001-2011), which adopted an innovative approach bringing together foundations, municipalities and local representatives to address complex social challenges related to young people and to promote civic participation in disadvantaged communities across Europe.

The “YEPP” approach and methodology has achieved life-changing and lasting results for young people and communities by tackling youth-related issues with young people - not for them.

Key goals such as youth and community empowerment, trans-sectorial partnership, advocacy and learning are at the core of the “YEPP” approach and methodology. Community stakeholders and young people work together to achieve their goals, sharing responsibilities and working together on joint strategic planning and on sustainable improvements (the “YEPP” Concept of Change).

The YEPP International Resource Centre (YEPP IRC)

YEPP IRC, which is at the centre of the YEPP Community Network, was established in 2012 to further implement the “YEPP” approach and methodology. It supports the work of the YEPP Community at the local and transnational level by organising local, international and online trainings and workshops. YEPP IRC is also responsible for developing further capacity building programmes and services for members of the YEPP Community Network and for reaching out to new members.

YEPP Community Network

At its core, the YEPP Community Network is formed by YEPP Local Sites representing more than 70 communities in seven different countries in Europe (Bosnia & Herzegovina, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Poland and Slovakia).

Having the “YEPP” approach and methodology as the cornerstone of our work, YEPP International Resource Centre (YEPP IRC) supports communities and individuals who want to work towards youth and community empowerment and sustainable change by becoming a YEPP Local Site. Since 2015 it is also possible to join the network by becoming a YEPP Affiliate, benefiting from a wide range of services such as online learning tools, information and resources on partnership and grant opportunities and the invitation to the annual YEPP Community Network meeting.



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How Does It Work?

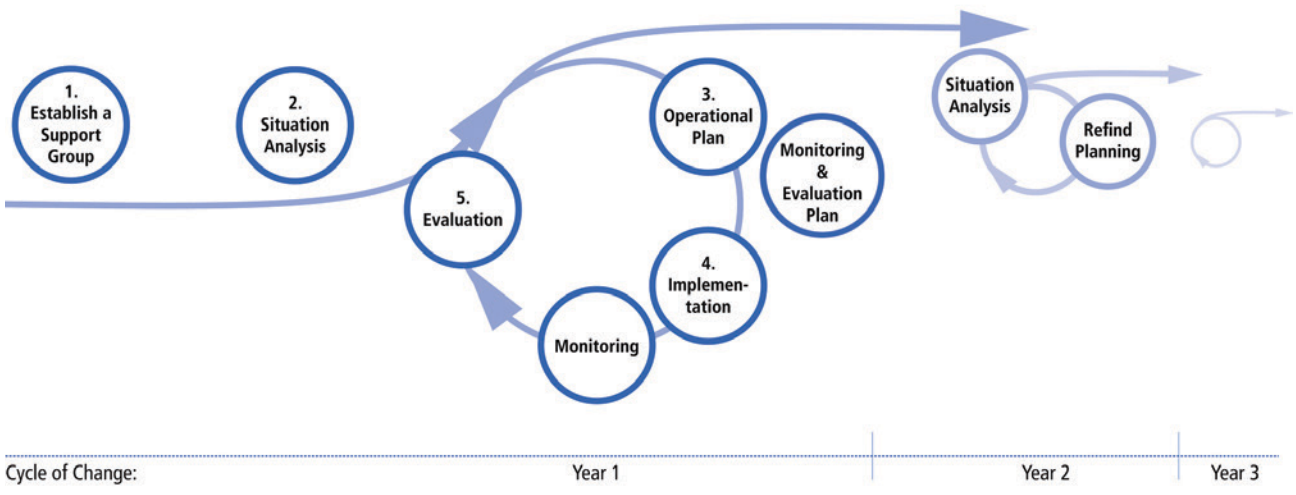
At the local level – within YEPP Local Sites (communities which implement the “YEPP” approach and methodology) - a Local Support Group is set up with local stakeholders from different sectors and organisations, among them young people who have expressed an interest in the development of their community. The work of the Local Support Group is supported by a professional team comprised of a Local Coordinator and an Evaluation Facilitator.

Each Local Support Group develops an Operational Plan based on an analysis of the local situation and context. The Operational Plan describes the local strategy for achieving the mission and overall goals. The plan also lays out locally agreed upon objectives, strategies, and actions. At the same time, the Group develops a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan outlining the indicators and methods of the monitoring and evaluation process.

The YEPP Cycle of Change is driven by an ongoing process of analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. At regular intervals, with the support of a professional Evaluation Facilitator, the Local Support Group assesses to what extent the local objectives and overall YEPP goals have been achieved.

As a result of this assessment, the existing problems are worked on and the Operational Plan is revised, taking into account the lessons learned so far before the next cycle of refined planning starts. These lessons are also shared with other YEPP Local Sites within the YEPP Community Network.

At the transnational level members of YEPP Local Sites benefit from ongoing opportunities for transnational exchange and learning such as conferences, workshops and trainings on specific topics such as youth and community empowerment, entrepreneurship, advocacy or media work. Furthermore the transnational level strengthens the dissemination of the “YEPP” approach and methodology.



Cycle of Change: Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3