



# Become a YEPP Local Site

YEPP Local Sites implement the “YEPP” approach and methodology of Youth and Community Empowerment and join a large and active European network of YEPP Local Sites and organisations working in the field of youth and community empowerment. By joining YEPP Community Network, your community and particularly young people have access to a wide range of benefits and opportunities for development and influence.

## YEPP IRC Support Programme

### The tried & tested “YEPP” approach

We guide your team on how to implement the “YEPP” approach and methodology in your community addressing your specific local issues within the framework of the overarching goals of “YEPP” – youth and community empowerment, partnership, advocacy and learning. Our support programme enables you to access the examples of best practice and networks of practitioners and researchers who can help you make a lasting and meaningful change in your community.

### Intensive training, coaching & site visits

The “YEPP” Concept of Change is explained during frequent trainings, workshops, e-learning tools and webinars which we organise throughout the year. We also visit your Local Site and organise additional trainings in media work, advocacy and entrepreneurship.

### Monitoring and evaluation

We provide training in participatory monitoring and evaluation, which is an integral part of the “YEPP” Concept of Change, and show you how you can use it to its full potential while working with young people.

### Online support

We support your work on advocacy, fundraising and partnership building, as well as international networking through face-to-face exchange and an online learning and exchange platform. You will find there webinars, video tutorials, needs surveys and youth contests.

### Learning material

We have a range of manuals, handbooks and publications on the “YEPP” Concept of Change, including the examples of best practice, as well as lessons learnt from the implementation of the “YEPP” Concept of Change in different communities in Europe in the last fifteen years.

### International networking

More than 70 communities are currently working with the “YEPP” approach and methodology in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland and Slovakia. The YEPP Community Network is open to new members who share the values and the common ground of “YEPP”. We facilitate international networking through capacity-building workshops and conferences and provide opportunities for you to find partners for joint projects, to access European funds and to benefit from our extensive database of best practice and expertise in youth and community empowerment.

### Benefits for YEPP Local Sites

#### Bottom-up community initiatives

Your community becomes mobilised and builds capacities by engaging in change processes

#### Youth empowerment

Young people are empowered, become active members of their communities and can take advantage of better professional opportunities

#### Community development

Partnerships with public authorities and other local stakeholders are developed and/or strengthened

#### Capacity building

Young people and other members of the community gain skills and expertise in active citizenship, advocacy, entrepreneurship, evaluation, fundraising and media work

#### Opportunities for funding & partnership

Your community becomes part of the Europe-wide YEPP Community Network, which provides new contacts as well as grant and partnership opportunities

#### International exchange

Members of your community build their capacity and exchange with peers during transnational seminars, conferences and workshops

#### Influencing policies

Your community can influence local and regional policies and programmes by becoming a change maker



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If you have questions about how to become a YEPP Local Site, please don't hesitate to contact the YEPP IRC Team

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## Structure of a YEPP Local Site

**Local Support Group**  
 stakeholders of the community: Members of municipality, NGOs, schools, private sector, young people

**Municipality**  
 as a key partner, participates in decisions of the Local Support Group and provides resources for local infrastructure and local activities (Operational Plan)

**LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

<b>Local Coordinator</b> works on YEPP at least 1 day/week	<b>Evaluation Facilitator</b> works on YEPP at least 1 day/week
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**Key Funder(s) / Local foundation**  
 pays for training and coaching programme of YEPP IRC and sometimes Local Infrastructure (Local Coordinator and Evaluation Facilitator) and local activities

**YEPP IRC**  
 trains and coaches on YEPP Concept of Change, visits the Local Sites regularly, provides capacity building for Local Support Group and Local Infrastructure, coordinates and organises international activities

## The YEPP Community Network and "YEPP" Approach and Methodology

At its core, the YEPP Community Network is set up by YEPP Local Sites composed of more than 70 communities with fewer opportunities in seven different countries in Europe. Having the "YEPP" approach and methodology of youth and community empowerment as the cornerstone of their work, these communities strive for achieving life-changing, positive and lasting results for young people and the entire community by tackling youth-related issues with young people - not for them. The "YEPP" approach & methodology has been developed, implemented & evaluated over more than fifteen years.

The "YEPP" Cycle of Change, which is an essential part of this approach, is driven by an ongoing process of analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. A Local Support group led by a Local Coordinator and Evaluation Facilitator is the driving force in this process.

YEPP Local Sites receive support from YEPP IRC through need-based trainings in the "YEPP" approach and methodology, as well as supervision and coaching, handbooks, international capacity building opportunities and international exchange of experience. They benefit from an efficient and well-tested method that has proven successful in bringing about positive social change.

