

20

YEARS

OF

YEPP

TIME MACHINE:

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST AND
PRESENT, TOWARDS THE FUTURE

20^{YEARS} **YEPP**



**CELEBRATE WITH US!
SPECIAL GUESTS AND ACTIVITIES
AWAIT.**

October 6, 2020
16.00 - 17.30 CET via Zoom
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WELCOME!!!

20 YEARS OF YEPP

Setting the scene:
Historical context, key
features, milestones

20 YEARS YEPP



- Growing number of young people and marginalized communities and severe risks of social exclusion
- Risk of increase of xenophobia, racism, and violence
- Limited impact of traditional short-term approaches

**Historical Context:
1980s & 1990s**

Political Events and Changes in the 1980s & 1990s



- 1989 Fall of the Berlin Wall
- 1990 Reunification of Germany
- 1991 Abolition of the Soviet Union and independence of republics
- 1990s Balkan Wars and break-up of Yugoslavia to six independent states

New Era for Europe as a Continent and as European Union



1995 - 2011 Enlargement of the European Union from 15 to 27 member states

Increase in political interest for youth

From 1983 EU Youth Programmes in favour of young people, youth workers and civil society organisations

2019 - 2027 EU Youth Strategy and Youth Goals

Emerging Spirit of the Time

CIVIL SOCIETY AS
DEMOCRACY'S CORNERSTONE

YOUNG PEOPLE AS DRIVERS OF CHANGE

Change is possible!

Active civic engagement

Peaceful revolution of the citizens

Active citizen and agents of change

Emergence of youth activism

Emerging Spirit of the Time

Emerging Challenges

Breakdown of familiar, “old order”

New system and new sets of values and different
directions in life

Struggle with unemployment, insecurity, and uncertainty

Increasing risk of marginalization and exclusion

Emerging Spirit of the Time

New Era for Europe

Open borders - travel to new destinations – off to
new horizons!

New opportunities: mobility for work, for studies, for
research

Cross-border dialogue, exchanges, and working
together

Experiences of similarities, differences and diversity

New partners across Europe and broader experience
and opportunities within the EU Programmes

**Interest in the
Changing Europe,
the Transformation
Process,
and the Role of
Children and Youth
Worldwide and in
Europe**

1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Opening of the German Community Education Centre (CEC) – close cooperation with the European Regional Office of the International Community Education Association (ICEA)

International research projects and innovative youth and community development initiatives by foundations and OECD

Technological Modernization

The Role of Foundations in Helping to Build Civil Society

1989

Establishment of European Foundation Centre (EFC)

- Building a stronger network of philanthropic actors from Europe and beyond
- First activities focusing on the developments in Central, Eastern und South East Europe
- Support for initiatives in the field of youth, education and training
- Comparative Study on “Youth Funding and Youth Policies of Foundations in Europe and the United States” (1999/2000)

Key Features and Milestones of YEPP



The Beginning: Unique and Long-term Cross Sectorial Partnerships with:

10 European and US Foundations

European Foundation Centre

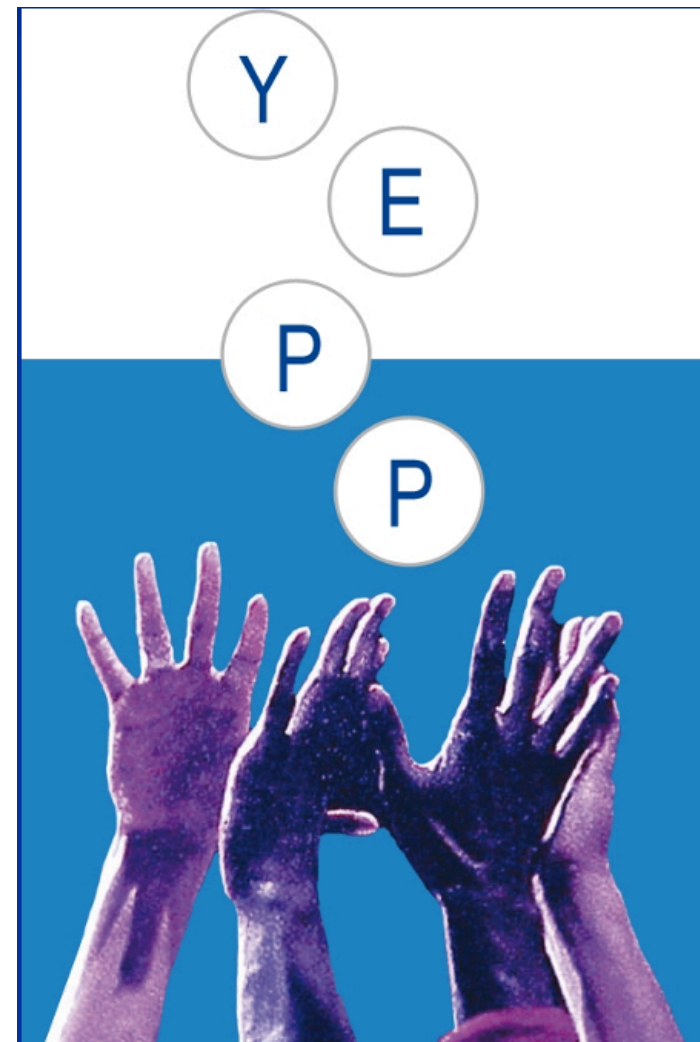
OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development)

Institute for Community Education of the International Academy at the Free University of Berlin (INA)

Hosted by: Network of European Foundations for Innovations (NEF)

The Youth Empowerment Partnership Programme (2001 – 2011)

Towards developing the conceptual framework, the YEPP concept of change, and evaluation concepts -- the common ground



Vision

Mission



Holistic approach addressing
complexity of social exclusion
processes

Dynamic process towards expansion
of individual and collective capacities
and spheres of action

Youth empowerment systematically
integrated in community
empowerment

Empowerment



Youth Empowerment

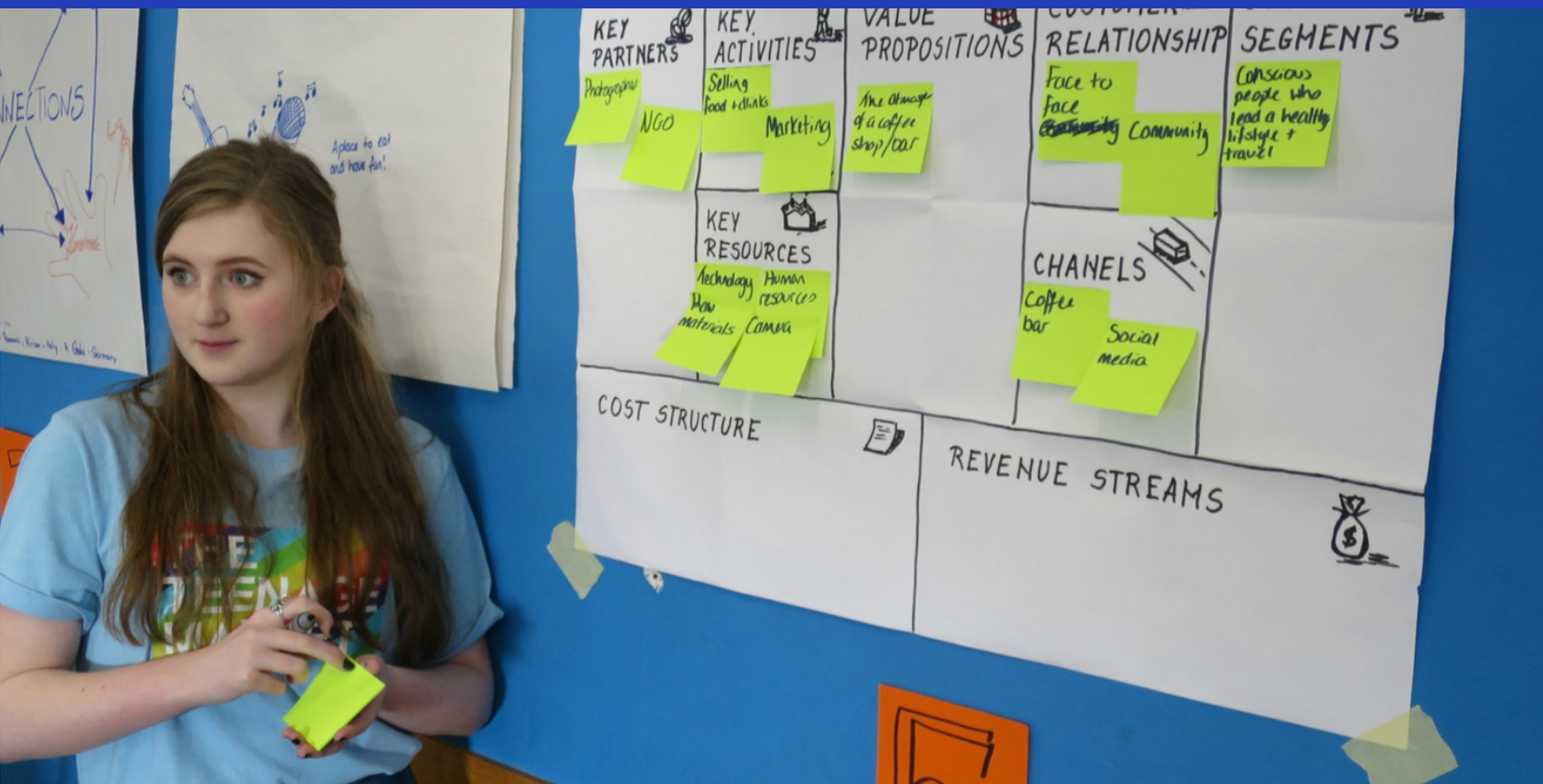
Community Empowerment

Partnership

Advocacy

Learning

**YEPP
Goals**



Common Guiding Principles

Engage young people as drivers of change

Establish local cross-sectoral partnerships
for joint strategic planning

Provide capacity building and non-
formal learning

Integrate local, regional, and international
dimensions

Advocate for policy change

Multi-level Approach



At local level: YEPP local sites engage in cycle of change, participatory strategic planning, and working process

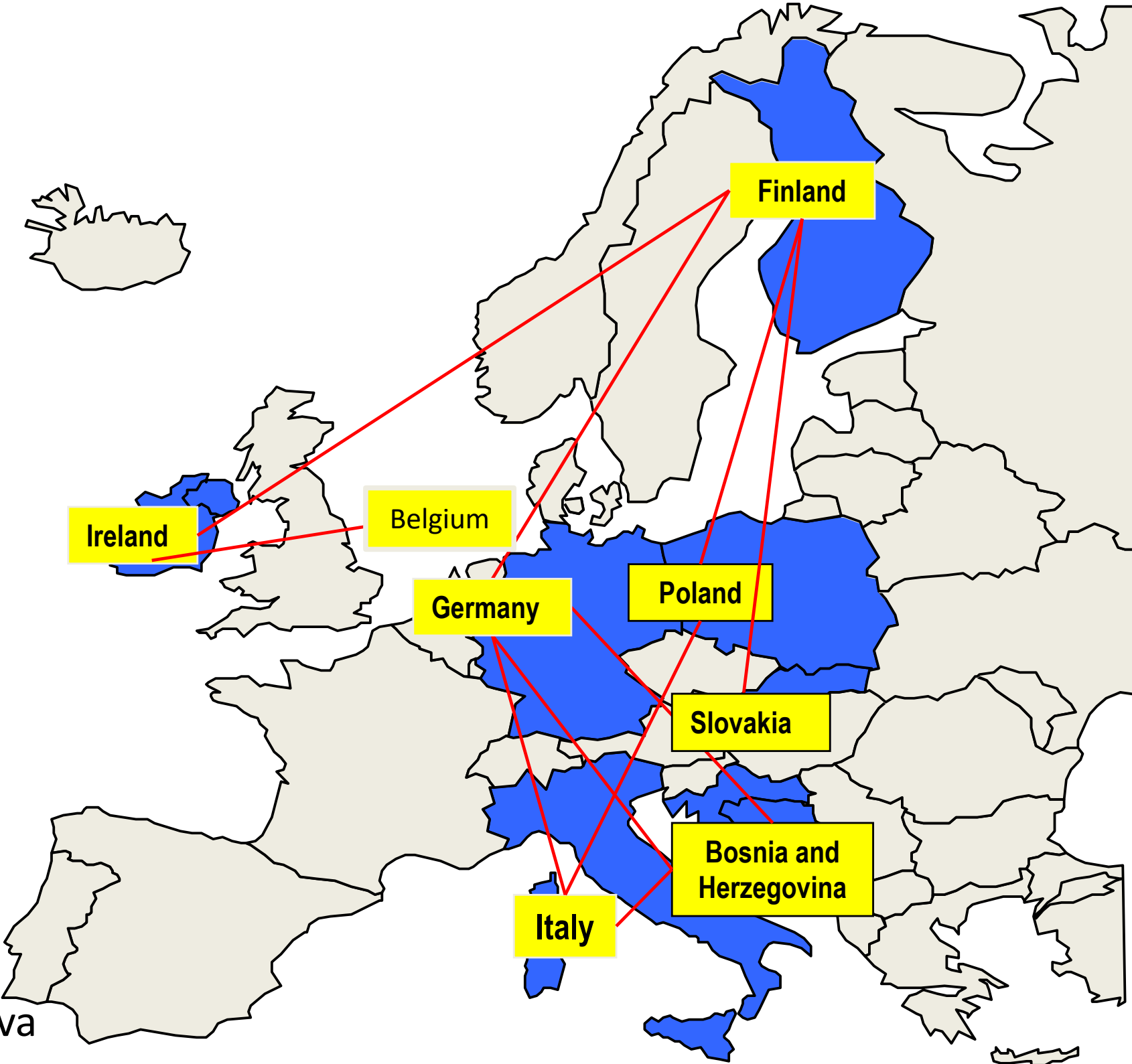
YEPP Local Sites

18 YEPP LOCAL SITES IN 8 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

Ireland
Dublin North
Inner City

Italy
Albenga
Genoa-
Cornigliano
La Spezia
Langhe
Loano
Turin Mirafiori
Turin Porta
Palazzo

Slovakia
Kecerovce-Olšava



Belgium
Antwerp-North

Finland
Kristinestad
Kimito Island
Västaboland

Poland
Warsaw-Bielany
Zgorzelec

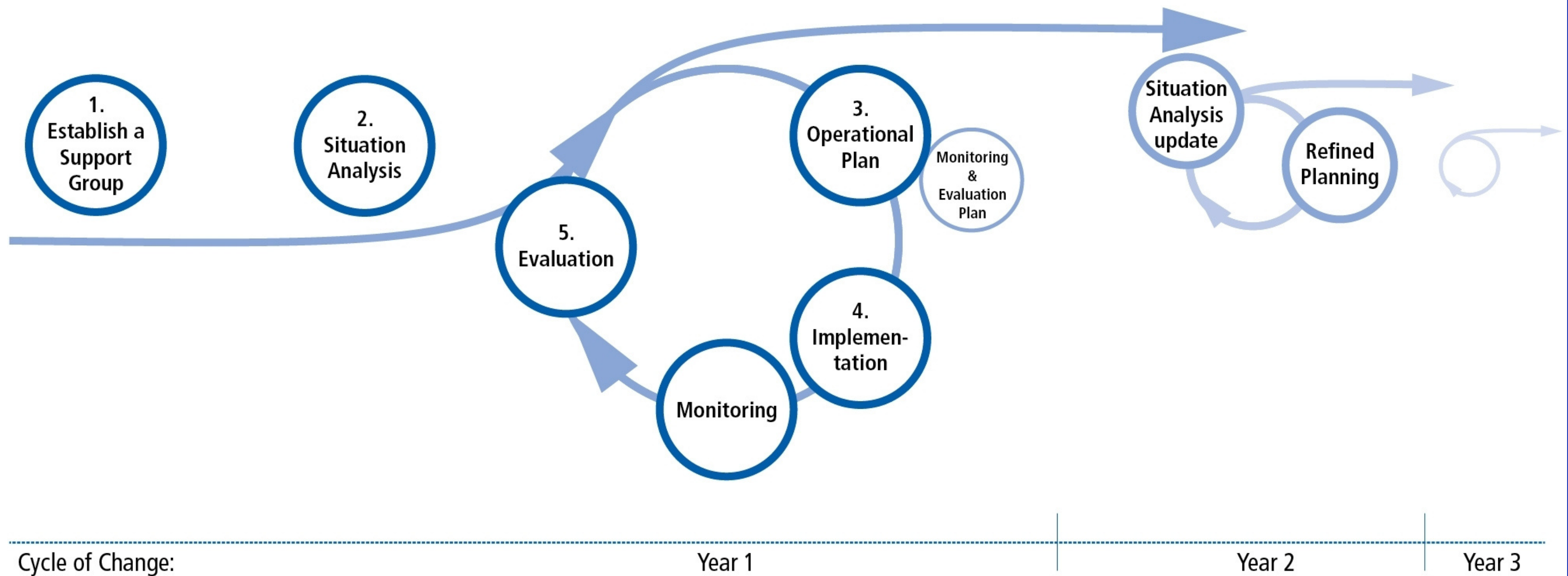
Germany
Görlitz

Bosnia & Herzegovina
Tuzla-Simin Han
Gornja Tuzla

Map of YEPP Community 2011

AT LOCAL LEVEL: YEPP CYCLE OF CHANGE

YEPP'S CYCLE OF CHANGE



The YEPP Community Network

INTEGRATION OF WORK AT LOCAL AND AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

International level

YEPP local sites, YEPP networks and organizations, project partners

National level

YEPP Italia

Regional/local level

Tuzla Community Foundation



Activities of the Network: An International Platform



International YEPP Community
Conferences and Youth Meetings (5)

Capacity-building workshops and training
courses

European Youth Exchanges (YEPP
Empower Media Network)

Bilateral site visits and twinning
arrangements

10 Years of YEPP Celebration: 2001 - 2011



Final YEPP Community Conference and Youth Meeting in Görlitz/Zgorzelec (Germany/Poland)

Evaluation results published in “Youth and Community Empowerment in Europe – International Perspectives” by Peter Evans and Angelika Krüger

Evaluation report “Partnerships As A Key Concept of YEPP: Achievements and Lessons Learnt” by Sanin Hasibovic

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT IN EUROPE

International perspectives



PETER EVANS and ANGELIKA KRÜGER

YEPP POST 2011

Representatives of all YEPP stakeholder groups decided

Majority wanted to continue

Decision to establish YEPP International Resource Centre

Now: YEPP EUROPE at the Institute for Community Education of the International Academy Berlin in January 2012



YEPP EUROPE

Working for youth and community empowerment in disadvantaged areas of Europe

Promoting participation of young people and local stakeholders in decision-making processes

Coordinating, developing and supporting the YEPP Community Network, learning and exchange

Developing capacity-building programmes for youth and youth workers

Working with municipalities on designing more youth-supportive policies



KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Vertical expansion through theme-based approach, e.g.
Media literacy and Fake News, Inclusion, Entrepreneurship,
Climate Action

New target groups, e.g. young people with disabilities,
migrants and refugees, children

Blended learning programmes and online services, e.g.
webinars, challenges, coaching sessions

Aligning the work with Sustainable Development Goals and
European Youth Goals



YEPP COMMUNITY NETWORK in 2020



-  YEPP Local Site Kečerovce Oišava
-  YEPP Dublin North East Inner City
-  Hellenic Youth Participation
-  Institute for Creative Education
Asociation of Artists Croatia
-  YEPP Local Site GörlitzZgorzelec
-  Comunità Impegno Servizio Volontariato (CISV)
Jonathan Coop.
-  YEPP Local Sites in:
Albenga
Loano
Genova Cornigliano
Torino Falchera
Torino Porta Palazzo
Pinerolo
Monviso
Langhe
Valle Tanaro
Valle Stura
CN6OF
Valle Grana
Bivongi
-  Izgaismo Ideju
-  Supernatural
Centar za Socijalne Inovacije Centrifuga



-  Youth Bank International
The UBELE Initiative
-  Out of the Box International
-  Bit Schulungszentrum
-  LOGO Jugendmanagement
-  Migrafrica
Gaia
-  Shift Foundation
-  YEPP Kristinestad
-  DYPALL
-  YEPP Gornja Tuzla
YEPP Tuzla-Simin Han
-  YEPP Kiseljak
-  Casal de Joves El Kaliu
-  Go Europe
-  Fundatia Comunitaria Bacau
Odorheiu Secuiesc Community Foundation
- Mission Locale de Bernay



Horizontal expansion to

19 countries

20 YEPP Local Sites

22 project partners incl. 5 Networks

Over 100 communities

2020: Associate partners

SUSTAINABILITY & FUNDING



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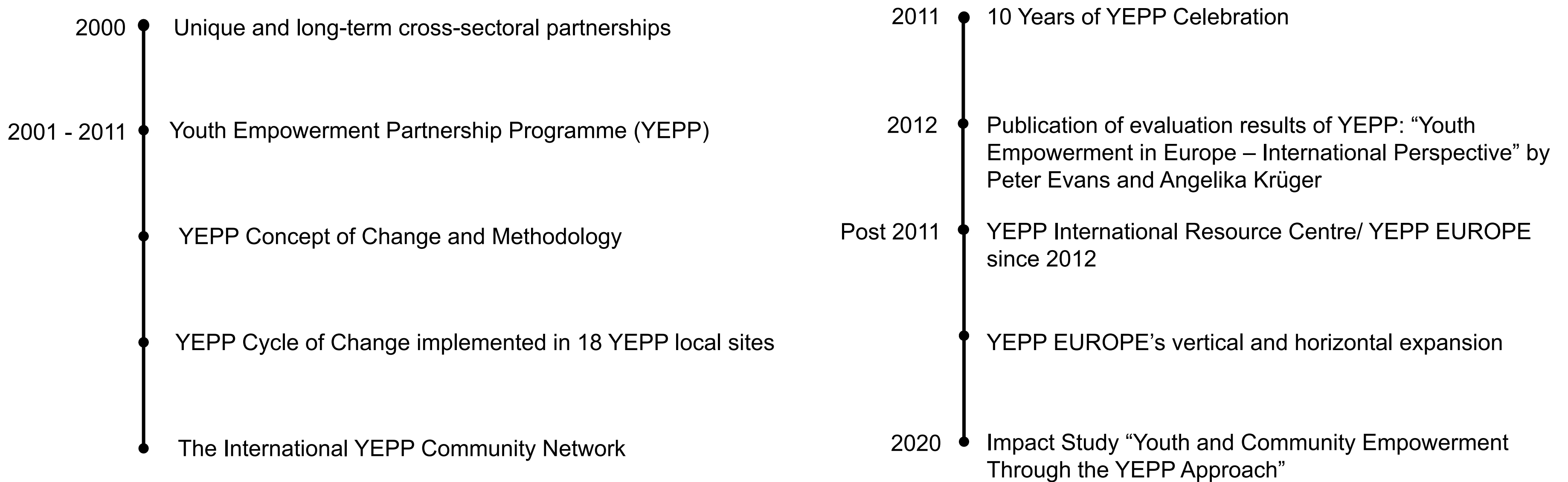
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MILESTONES



20 Years of Youth and Community Empowerment

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What is the impact of the YEPP approach on young people and their communities?

YEPP EUROPE
20 YEARS OF YOUTH
AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT
ACROSS EUROPE

CONCEPT, DEVELOPMENT, IMPACT.



Empowerment is...

"Young people gaining greater control over their individual and collective lives and destinies and having the ability to contribute effectively to the advancement of society"

Krüger, 2012

Study Context



Quantitative and qualitative
Online surveys and in-depth interviews

14 countries

Young people and community stakeholders

YEPP Goals

Youth empowerment, community empowerment,
partnership, advocacy, learning

YEPP Empowerment Matrix

Personal/social, economic, political, cultural,
education/training, legal, health/environment



Main Results

Dimensions	Subthemes
Personal - social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of personal traits and skills • Improvement of interpersonal relationships • Positive change in perception of community
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employability skills • Business and entrepreneurship skills • Socially oriented career
Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involvement in local governments • Organising community associations
Cultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in intercultural knowledge • Inclusion and awareness of diversity



Goal	Result
Youth empowerment	Mid - level
Community empowerment	Mid - level
Partnership	High
Advocacy	Mid-level
Learning	High

Main Results

Community Empowerment



Youth Empowerment

Today I still work with young people. I try to give them this energy which I collect through all the years that I also got from people who worked with me when I was younger. Now it is my task to give them everything I know, so tomorrow somebody else can have a story like mine.

Young Person, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

This experience of diversity, the experience of getting to know other cultures, that was very important... That's a great experience for yourself, if you are from a disadvantaged or discriminated group. Then of course there is diversity, that although they had different circumstances and life situations, some of their problems were the same.

YEPP Consultant, on his work in a YEPP local site in Slovakia

NETWORK VOICES

20 YEARS: Why do you think YEPP has been around for so long?

USP ("unique selling point"): What makes YEPP unique or special in comparison to other programmes/organisations/networks?

THE METHODOLOGY: What is particularly interesting or positive in the YEPP approach and methodology

YOUTH & COMMUNITY APPROACH: How did YEPP change your community and the young people in it?

EMPOWERMENT: How have young people and communities been empowered through YEPP?



Your Vision of the Next 20 Years

5 key things you would like to see in YEPP

In breakout rooms – small group work

Presentation of the group visions

Writing results in the chat





YEPP EUROPE Vision of the Future



Unique positioning



Increasing outreach & impact



Innovating for a better world



Vision, commitment, partnerships



Sustainability

