

AU-EU Youth Voices Lab - Power of the Collective

Co-creating an inclusive and youth-responsive society in Africa and Europe

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The Consortium of AU-EU Youth Voices Lab - Power of the Collective proudly announces the launch of this ground-breaking initiative. This four-year EuropeAid-funded action is part of the AU-EU Youth Lab programme. It aims to create a more inclusive and youth-responsive society across Africa and Europe, bringing together five esteemed organizations known for their youth-led approach and youth-informed work experience: Oxfam, Restless Development, Search for Common Ground, Youthmakers Hub, and ComDev Africa. The action's implementation spans from **March 2024 to February 2028**. It operates at a **continental** level by delivering impactful strategies involving youth and decision-makers from the 5 African regions, covering all **54 countries**, targeting **14 countries in Africa** and **1 in Europe** as **Intervention Countries**, and engaging the African Diaspora as key connectors.

AU-EU Youth Voices Lab - Power of the Collective envisions a society where **decision-making processes** result from enhanced **youth engagement, empowerment, and connection**, and **improved intergenerational partnerships** and action at local, national, continental, and cross-continental levels. Its **Specific Objectives encompass** two interlinked and interrelated thematic **Journeys**. First, the **Youth Journey** empowers young people (ages 15-35) to **advocate their concerns and priorities effectively** at various levels. Second, the **Institutional Journey** supports institutions and organizations toward more **youth-centered** decision-making processes.

A key output is the **AU-EU Youth Voices Lab App**, a mobile app co-created with **10,000 young people** based on consultations on their priorities and needs. The consortium also manages the **Youth Voices Third-Party-Funding Mechanism (YV-TPFM)**, providing microgrants ranging from **€1,000 to €10,000 per collective** to youth-led groups from intervention countries and the youth diaspora to support their actions and strengthen their advocacy and capacity building. Other actions include **youth advocacy training, Youth Power Hackathons**, and supporting **youth representatives** to participate in influential decision-making spaces.

Our Key Objectives:

- **Empower Youth:** Engage **24,000 young people** in information access, action planning, and accountability through youth-led initiatives.
- **Enhance Participation:** Empower **19,200 young people** to participate in civil society with collective self-care.
- **Foster Connections:** Connect **21,930 young people** in intergenerational dialogues and cross-continental partnerships.
- **Support decision-making:** Assist **630 policymakers and decision-makers** in collaborating on youth-responsive policymaking and accountability.

- **Contribute to policy development:** Support the development of 50 youth-responsive policies or improvements.

June 2024 marks a milestone month for **AU-EU Youth Voices Lab - Power of the Collective**, as it officially launched on social media on **June 20**.

Join the community today by following us on social media at bit.ly/m/aeuyouthvoiceslab.

Let's **Engage, Empower, Connect**. Together!

To learn more, visit our website at aeuyouthvoiceslab.eu.

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