

BCORE21

PROJECT BRIEF by Informal Education-cocukistanbul

Project Callname

Young Citizens on Board

Project Full Title

Enabling Children to Voice Out Their Needs, Wishes and Solution Proposals as Active Participants/Change Makers in the Place They Live

Primary Target

Age group 7-15 children

Impact (Desired Impact)

What fundamental change does the project aim to contribute to?

Help children be an actor in city life as a major component of citizens, develop tools and methods to ensure their sustainable and genuine participation to decision making processes.

Key Impact Indicators

- Indicator 1: Children are not considered as part of the community today but as grown ups of future
- Indicator 2: Local decision makers do not listen to children, do not consider them as citizens with their own needs and are not equipped both mentally and organizationally to involve them in decision making processes
- Indicator 3: Children lack opportunities to voice out their needs, wishes and solution proposals regarding the issues and challenges they face in the place they live
- Indicator 4: Practices for children participation are generally designed with a “from the top to bottom” approach, not “from the bottom to top” which end up with false participation rather than being genuine

+ Outcome (Expected Impact)

What is your project's unique contribution to this change?

- **Research & Design:** Development of a child friendly method and tools enabling direct input/data from a wide range group of children (wide age group, different social-economic back ground, disadvantaged, different cultural background, gender equal) of children without any redirection. Professional data sorting and reflection and reporting. Consulting and leading formation of Children Councils at Municipalities.
- **Capacity Building:** Training teachers and informal education educators and equipping them with methods and tools for them to realise child participation at various levels and topics.
- **Sustainability:** Developing methods and structures for decision makers (local municipalities, city councils, schools) for sustainable and genuine child participation.

+ Outputs (Results)

What concrete results will you produce?

Research & Design

- Full report of findings based on the classified and processed data
- Workshop content and facilitator guide for teachers/educators/young volunteers as open sources
- Guideline for local municipalities/city councils to establish sustainable and operatable children assemblies/organisations

Capacity Building

- Open on-line sources such as theoretical back ground on children participation, good examples
- Open on-line and / or face to face workshops covering methods, materials, guidelines for implementing workshops and building tools and environments that ensure genuine and sustainable child participation
- Open on-line and / or face to face courses and or mentoring schemes

Sustainability

- Replication toolkit
- Policy brief, open on-line guidelines
- Establishment of children councils within municipalities, city councils
- Sharing all results and documents at EU levels

:: Partners

What does your partnership look like and who are the key players?

- **Experts** – Researchers, Instructional designers, City Planners, Pedagogos, Academics, Data scientists
- **Practitioners** – Teachers, Youth Workers, Facilitators
- **Stakeholders** – Municipalities, Provincial Directorate of National Education, City Councils, Networks, Museums, NGOs, Culture /Art and Science Centers Working with Children, Schools, Research Institutions