

**YOUNG IDEAS FOR THE ALPS!**  
**GaYA Conference on youth participation and governance**  
**November 30TH 2018**

**Centre de Congrès le Manège, Chambéry/FR**  
**Parallel sessions**

**10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

**1 Your mountains: innovative ideas for youth participation in protected areas and their municipalities** **FR IT DE**

PRESENTATION, INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Local Experience*

Strengthening youth participation in protected areas and in protected areas' municipalities is seen as a possible means to reduce the rural youth migration to the urban areas. Furthermore, the involvement of the young generation in protected areas reinforces their engagement with their local area and their inclusion in their region's future development. This session will present several experiences and ideas on how to strengthen youth participation in protected areas and in their municipalities. The example of the establishment of a Youth Council in a protected area will be presented. Operational difficulties will be also discussed.

**Organizer:** ALPARC, Bauges Nature Regional park | **Speakers:** youth and representatives of protected areas from Gesäuse National Park, Prealpi Giulie Nature Park, Bauges Nature Regional park and others

**2 Institutional Innovation in the Alpine Region: Strategies on how to involve young people effectively in policy making**

**IT DE EN**

PRESENTATION - *Theory, Methods and Tools, Local Experience*

This session aims at presenting and contextualizing the Comparative Report "Democratic Innovation and Participatory Democracy in the Alpine Area" elaborated in the first phase of the GaYA project, by researchers from Eurac Research. In recent years, representative democracy has been experiencing a severe crisis in relation to all levels of government. Although it is still recognized as the instrument that allows modern systems to be governed democratically, a new phenomenon is slowly taking hold: participatory democracy. To this extent, participatory democracy shall be intended as the synthesis of practices, devices and procedures that create citizens' means of effective involvement in decision-making processes. The purpose is to enhance the legitimacy of political decisions, improving the quality of public decisions, and, finally, increasing their level of effectiveness. The comparative study developed in the context of GaYA mapped participatory democracy with focus on youth in the Alpine States and Regions from a twofold institutional and empirical perspective. The presentation will reflect this structure of the report: The first part offers a legal overview of existing legal sources – national and regional – that regulate or underpin participatory democracy within the Alps. The second part presents a collection of good practices of democratic innovation concretely tested in alpine Municipalities and Regions.

**Organizer:** Eurac research | **Speakers:** Martina Trettel, Greta Klotz – Eurac research, Institute for Comparative Federalism

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#### **3** Let's create a Youth Centre: What, How, Who and for How Much? **EN** **SL**

PRESENTATION, INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Methods and Tools, Local Experience*

Presenting the story of Youth Center Idrija from Slovenia. Youth Center Idrija is a non-governmental organization, established by three local youth organizations and the main youth node in the municipality. Since its formation in 2013, it has become the largest NGO in municipality and an exemplary youth center on national and broader level. It is known for its creative ideas, youth leadership, re-use of materials and involvement in shaping youth policies. A presentation will be followed by a moderated workshop on how to create a youth center for beginners.

**Organizer:** Municipality of Idrija | **Speakers:** Maša Eržen and Tina Mervic, Youth Center Idrija

#### **4** When towns bet on youth participation **FR** **IT** **EN**

PRESENTATION, INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Methods and Tools, Local Experience*

Certain towns have identified youth participation as a necessary step to strengthen the link between generations and the future of local democratic processes. Once this is decided, the towns face numerous questions and doubts: how can the young people be reached? where are they? what are appropriate methods? Come to this session to learn from Chambéry, Villeurbanne and other towns how they got started and how they are moving along this challenging but promising path.

**Organizer:** Alpine Town of the year | **Speakers:** Jonathan Bocquet, Vice Mayor of Villeurbanne (tbc); Sylvie Koska, Vice Mayor of Chambéry (tbc)

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11:00 - 12:00 a.m.

#### 5 Youth Mobile: fostering youth participation in rural areas DE EN

INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Methods and Tools, Local Experience*

The youth mobile (JugendMobil) is a fully-equipped mobile youth room that visits more than 20 rural villages in Graubünden for a defined period of time. (Usually 3.5 weeks). This intervention provokes the dialogue around youth work, youth participation and spaces for youth. The process is professionally supported and a link between the needs of young people and the possibilities of the politicians and administration is made. Since the project Start in 2015 6 villages in Graubünden started with professional Youth work. Safiental (CH), a GaYA Pilot region, was one of the villages that took part in this project. The youth mobile is a mobile youth room that visits rural villages in Graubünden for a defined period of time. (Usually a few weeks). This intervention provokes the dialogue around youth work, youth participation and spaces for youth. The process is professionally supported and a link between the needs of young people and the possibilities of the politicians and administration is made.

**Organizer:** CIPRA | **Speaker:** Jugend GR, Safiental

#### 6 Designing a youth participation process. How to make it work in practice EN SL

PRESENTATION - *Methods and Tools*

Inspired by the GaYA Youth Participation Toolbox, this session will allow to discuss obstacles of youth participation and alternative solutions. It will give an overview of participatory methods and “magic rules” that lead to long lasting participatory processes.

**Organizer:** Municipality of Idrija | **Speaker:** Matevž Straus, Municipality of Idrija

#### 7 Challenges & solutions: develop ideas with representatives of youth parliaments and councils FR DE EN

INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Methods and Tools, Local Experience*

Youth parliaments and councils are one of the first options which come to one's mind when speaking about youth participation. You've been thinking about setting up a youth parliament or council? Or the council or parliament in your town does not work well? You are just curious to know more about this option? Come to this session and discuss with representatives of youth parliaments and councils across the Alps about the challenges they face in their towns and regions. Develop ideas and solutions together which could help make youth councils and parliaments more attractive and effective as participation opportunities.

**Organizer:** Alpine Town of the Year, CIPRA | **Speakers:** Representatives of different places, national and international youth councils and parliaments in the Alps or from organizations involved in the development of such groups.

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#### 8 Leaving the space open for collective intelligence: The Open Space method FR DE

INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Methods and Tools*

This interactive session offers the opportunity to learn about the Open Space method "in action". The Open Space is a popular and particularly powerful tool for identifying the ideas and needs of a group by promoting interpersonal exchanges in a friendly climate. It is often compared to a "giant coffee break" because it favors the expression of all participants. It will allow you to discover the ingredients for and experience collective intelligence. The Open Space method has also been successfully tested in GaYA with young people in the Bauges Regional Nature park.

**Organizer:** ALPARC, Bauges Regional Nature park | **Speakers:** Génopé

#### 9 Show & tell: your participation story from the idea to the implementation to be defined

PRESENTATION, INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Local Experience*

What happens with the voice & ideas of young people? Participants of the conference will present up to 7 Pecha Kuchas\* - a quick and dynamic way of presenting projects. They will tell their stories of youth participation all across the Alps, from the idea to the implementation. From the local to the international level. From the challenges to the solutions and success!

\*Pecha Kuchas are commented slide shows of 20 pictures and 6'40 minutes per presentation.

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2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

#### 10 Adding the E to youth participation EN FR

INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Methods and Tools*

Young people are more active users of social media and more difficult to engage in face-to-face participatory processes. When you seriously want to include young people in making real decisions which will affect their lives, digital tools can help you move forward. They can be a valuable supplement to face-to-face methods because they provide greater independence and transparency. They also are easier to scale-up. This session will present the OPIN platform for youth e-participation, including local experiences. The OPIN platform is available in 10 languages and can be used free of charge. It was developed in the EUth European project (EU Horizon 2020).

**Organizer:** ALPARC | **Speakers:** Liquid democracy, EUth project, e-participation pilot activities from GaYA (to be confirmed);

#### 11 Small steps towards youth participation and youth involvement EN FR DE

PRESENTATION, INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Methods and Tools, Local Experience*

In several past youth projects, CIPRA International, Alpine Town of the Year and Alliance in the Alps have dealt with youth participation in municipalities on a small, hand-on scale. Such small steps have proven to be very effective to encourage

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municipalities and youth to get involved together. This session will allow to share these experiences in order to encourage others to get youth participation going in their municipality or region.

**Organizer:** CIPRA | **Speakers:** Youth and youth workers/representatives of the municipalities of Schaan and Chambéry

#### 12 Young people and European Projects: two approaches CASypot & GaYA EN

INTERACTIVE SESSION

The two projects present themselves through the help of a facilitator that help to understand the different approaches and focuses on communication. How much are the two projects efficient in involving young people? Which are the instrument they use to involve them? How do they communicate with young people? Are they able to maintain the communication with them for a long time?

**Organizer:** GAL GENOVESE / EURAC | **Speakers:** Annalisa Cevasco, Greta Klotz, Zofia Makowska

#### 13 Calling for participation in education – the YOUrALPS experience EN

PRESENTATION, INTERACTIVE SESSION - *Local Experience*

Participation is one of the 3 thematic pillars constituting the Alpine school model, developed in the European project YOUrALPS. However, “teaching” participatory action is quite a challenge. On the one hand youth needs to be sensitized about taking responsibility while on the other they need to have the opportunity to engage in concrete activities.

**Organizer:** ALPARC | **Speakers:** YOUrALPS partners (Youth representatives – Lycée Reinach, Gymnasium Berchtesgaden, National Park Berchtesgaden), BC Naklo; Eventually others – collaboration with Matevž Straus

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