Best practices on methods to work with youth in the context of civic participation/engagement in elections processes –online meeting open to Active Citizens Fund Project Promoters and any interested NGO/CSO

17th May, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 WET (Lisbon)

11:00 – 13:00 CET (Bratislava, Budapest, Oslo, Riga, Warsaw, Ljubljana, Praha, Valetta, Zagreb) 12:00 – 14:00 EET (Athens, Bucharest, Nicosia, Sofia, Tallinn, Vilnius)

Access will be possible based on prior registration <u>HERE</u> The Zoom link will be sent only to those registered.

Questions/issues that will be discussed:

- What are the most common barriers and challenges for young people that discourage them from taking part in elections?
- How to engage young voters to use their civil rights and to take part in the elections? What about those who are too young to vote? How to prepare them for being a 'conscious voter'?
- What are the potential initiatives on elections that youths can find interesting to take part in (monitoring, pro-frequency campaigns, youth issues in the candidates' debates etc.)?

CET: 10:55 – 11:00	Welcome & Prepare (get hooked to Zoom and grab your coffee)
CET: 11:00 - 11:10	Brief introduction to the topic
CET: 11:10 - 12:30	 Youths & elections – experience, reflections and lessons learnt will be shared by: Cezara Grama (Romania) – from the Expert Forum with experience of election monitoring, training and supporting teachers to engage their students and communities on issues of active citizenship and democracy (EFOR's School for Democracy Program) with the special focus on the topic of voting and electoral education. Vilja Arató (Hungary) – developer of an online game aiming the mobilization of first voters and volunteer counting commissioner, cooperates with the Power of Humanity Foundation based in Pécs. NOTE: there will be a short Q&A session after each presentation and longer discussion afterwards.

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