



Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government (EETAA)

Youth-led deliberative democracy at a city level

Open, democratic, resilient and sustainable local societies



- The established by law consultant to the Greek Government and the Local Authorities with the mandate to enhance local self-government capacity for sustainable planning and policy making.
- Over its 39-year operation:
 - promoted major local governance reforms;
 - issued guidelines for districts' and municipalities' organizational change, digital transition and finances;
 - provided technical assistance for urban strategic planning;
 - supported transformation of local care, social justice, welfare and inclusion models.

■ **From 2020 till now:**

- Building upon youth-led development & participatory governance principles / methodology;
- Focusing on youth civic engagement;
- Emphasizing local / institutional dialogue;
- Capitalizing on Municipal Youth Councils operating at a country level as enablers of social change;



3 Projects funded by the European Union promoting youth as local governance's equal shareholders through Joint Working Groups, regular structured consultation, p2p mentoring, role modeling, local civic projects and transferability workshops with the active involvement of the 1/3 of the Greek municipalities (\pm 100).



Inclusive City Youth Councils

Breaking silos, promoting youth-led intercommunal dialogue against xenophobia at a local level

Aim

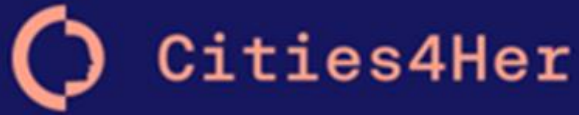
Promote inclusive Municipal Youth Councils as bulwarks against racism and xenophobia at a city level

Main outcomes

- Created critical mass of 85 majority / minority youth and municipal staff in 3 municipalities through capacity building on good / participatory governance, advocacy & leadership;
- 6month operation of pilot Joint Working Groups through regular consultation / use of strategic local planning tools for the development of standard operating procedures for youth-led enhanced inter-communal dialogue;
- Shared knowledge and experiences through transferability workshops with representatives of the European Commission of the Regions, European Local Leaders, 25 Greek Municipalities and CSO representatives.

Years of implementation: 2021 - 2023





An inter-municipal youth-led forum for substantive gender equality in local decision-making

Aim

Enhance practical application of the European Charter for Equality of Women & Men in Local life at a nationwide level

Main outcomes

- Built 32 youth gender equality advocates (members of Municipal Youth Councils) through intersectional capacity building on gender performativity and institutional gender mainstreaming;
- Related youth with 20 institutional allies (members of the Equality and Youth Committees of the Central Union of Greek Municipalities);
- Engaged 94 municipalities, the 13 Greek Regions and 2 isolated islands facing poor access to services in a youth-led forum advocating for and mapping gender mainstreaming in local policy making through structured social dialogue.

Years of implementation: 2023 - 2025





A youth-led civic coaching driver for enhanced child-owned local governance

Aim

Create safe space for inspired and empowered student and vulnerable girls and boys to perform, explore and foster their civic identity as local government's shareholders

Main outcomes

- Built 41 youth civic coaches in 6 target municipalities following a Participatory Action Research exercise and transformative learning capacity building;
- Related civic coaches with students of 2nd grade and primary schools and minors at risk of poverty and social exclusion through p2p mentoring, role-modeling and playing following public-action-learning principles (use society as a classroom);
- Challenged Greek municipalities from a child-rights perspective promoting youth-led structured dialogue with local authorities on child-friendly local government

Years of implementation: 2023 - 2025

