



THINK TANK

C H A N C E F O R Y O U T H

**We are starting our
first strategic
partnership in the FEIS!**


OUR GOAL

Our goal will be to increase the real impact of youth on reality in the medium and long term perspective.



How will we do it?

The way to do this will be to build youth think tanks in Europe. One of them (SIPE) is already operating in embryonic form, and within three years will reach the regional level and gain a real impact on civic processes. This sounds a bit complicated, so one step at a time....

The background of the slide is a photograph of a lecture hall. In the foreground, the backs of several students' heads are visible as they sit in rows of wooden desks. A person stands in the aisle, leaning over a desk. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent blue circle on the left side and several diagonal blue brushstroke-like lines. The text is white and positioned within the blue circle and to its right.

youth's problems with democracy

Above all, we want more young people to participate in civic processes and could make real decisions about our future. Currently, too many strategic decisions overlook the position of young people, yet they are the ones who will most often be affected by the long-term consequences.

New solutions

In this project, we will approach this problem very systemically and comprehensive. Together with partners from the Czech Republic and Greece, we will build youth organizations of a new type. We will develop a number of new practices and we will propose the best solutions for use in other European countries. We believe that in order for the inclusion of young people in democracy to be effective, we need to give young people both substantive and organizational issues.

new perspective

Our proposal quite changes the perspective of the current dialogue with young people. We will work on solutions, in which the youth decide on the directions of strategy and analysis, inviting experts and decision-makers into these processes.

Is that all?

We do not intend to end up at the level of just another theoretical solution. Our think tanks will work on specific problems from the very beginning of their construction. Young people, supported by experts, will prepare development strategies for their regions and, as part of a network of these organizations, for Europe.



project not only for the youth

We know how important youth workers are in implementing new solutions. Therefore, we will prepare an educational series for them, which will help them create more youth think tanks based on the good practices we have developed.

What about those with fewer opportunities?

The marginalization of some youth is a big problem. Social stratification means that quite a lot of new forms of supporting youth participation in democracy mainly reach the better-off youth. We want to address this problem at the start and from the very beginning of the project develop and test a whole range of inclusion and anti-discrimination methods. In this way, we will achieve a better representation of young people in European democracy.

What will come of it in the end?

The primary result will be new think tank units, managed and created by young people. Their purpose will be to develop long-term strategies and promote youth participation at regional and international levels.

Think tanks will be multiplied through educational tools: a manual of good practices, an online course and study visits. A supporting activity will be the development of innovative solutions for the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities in democratic processes.