



## E+ Expert Seminar on Participation

**Type of event:** 3-day in-person seminar with interactive sessions, methodology exchange, and collaborative design activities

**Target group:** Practitioners, trainers, and policy stakeholders in the Erasmus+ field

### Short description of the seminar:

The E+ Expert Seminar brings together professionals from across Europe to exchange effective participatory methodologies, explore current policy trends, and co-create innovative approaches to engaging young people. Through presentations, hands-on testing of methods, field visits, and reflective discussions, participants strengthen their professional practice, expand their network, and gain inspiration for future projects. The programme emphasises active contribution, peer learning, and building a shared foundation for impactful Erasmus+ initiatives.

### Framework (structure)

#### Before the seminar (online)

- **Participant intro board (Padlet or Miro):** Share your name, organisation, focus area, and one visual that represents your work.
- **Policy trends pre-read:** Short reading pack/video on the EU Youth Strategy 2019–2027, European Youth Work Agenda, and citizen science practices.
- **Expectations form (Google Form):** Collect participant goals, topics of interest, and possible contributions.

#### Day 1 (in-person)

1. **Welcome & getting to know each other** – introductions, speed networking, and agenda setting.
2. **Establishing our foundations / Citizen science** – overview of policy trends, strategies, and inspiring practices (e.g., Narišimo obalo project).
3. **Presenting & testing methodologies** – first round of participatory methods.
4. **Reflection & wrap-up** – quick debrief on key insights from the day.





### Day 2 (in-person)

- Morning warm-up – energisers shared by participants.
- Presenting & testing methodologies – second round (six methods in total).
- Visit to a local good practice – field trip.
- Reflection & wrap-up – daily conclusions and feedback.

### Day 3 (in-person)

- Morning warm-up – energisers.
- Presenting & testing methodologies – third round.
- Future innovations / Engaging youth – LEGO® Serious Play workshop to co-create a vision for better youth engagement.
- Final reflection, conclusion & evaluation – group discussion and closing.

### After the seminar (online)

- Shared methodology library (Google Drive or Notion): Upload tested methods, templates, and resources from all participants.
- Peer support group (Slack, WhatsApp, or Discord): For continued exchange, method adaptation, and collaboration on projects.
- Follow-up webinar (1–2 months later): Share updates on how tested methods have been implemented in local contexts.

