

EU4Youth: Policy lab on youth policy during wartime takes place in Kyiv

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On 23-24 November, a policy lab was held in Kyiv gathering 34 representatives of government bodies, youth councils, CSOs and young people from across Ukraine. It aimed to identify and address the pressing challenges of youth policy during wartime and to develop solutions for enhancing youth participation in local decision-making processes.

The workshop opened with an expert session with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, Kyiv City Administration, All-Ukrainian Youth Centre, Ukrainian Youth Foundation and the Ukrainian Youth Councils Association. They provided an overview of the multifaceted challenges facing youth as a result of the war and discussed how local government and civil society could collaborate effectively to address these challenges and achieve tangible

results in youth policy.

Participants engaged in group work to identify specific problems affecting youth policy at the local level under wartime conditions and to develop actionable solutions. Each group developed recommendations, roadmaps and specific action plans focused on three key topics:

- improving civic education among youth;
- ensuring qualified youth human resources to support post-war recovery processes;
- addressing integrity issues within civil society organisations working with youth.

Following this, the participants will have the opportunity to refine their ideas further and meet later on again to finalise their recommendations and ensure that the proposed solutions were both practical and impactful.

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