



D3.1.Web-report of Policy Makers and Shapers national events

Deliverable 3.1 [YPA – ECE]

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Instructions:

Step 1: Upload the web report on your national landing page website. The web report should include;

- Information about the policy makers and shapers national events
- Photos (to be reused in communication activities Task 5.1)
- Quotes from participants (that will later be turned into a **graphic recording** for the e-learning module (A.2.2.2).)

Step 2: upload the content for the web report on your national specific folder on the cloud under the name “D3.1 Web-report of Policy Makers and Shapers national events”.

The objective of the “Policy Makers and Shapers national events” is to empower young leaders in North Macedonia to actively engage with policymakers and stakeholders on sustainability and youth-related policies, by providing platforms for direct dialogue, advocacy, and knowledge-sharing, to inspire policy action at local, regional, and national levels.

We have organised 3 events and have engaged young people 16-29 years old, decision makers at local and national level, youth workers and other youth and environmental NGOs in a constructive dialog about youth and environmental policies at national and European level.

During the youth dialogues, the activities have been designed to provide young participants with space to express their opinions, reflect on youth goals at both EU and national levels, compare them, and propose suggestions for their improvement and more effective practical implementation. Participants were also encouraged to share real-life experiences and examples related to the respect or neglect of youth rights in the context of these goals.



Activity 1 - Bitola

The event in Bitola took place on 06.11.2025 with active participation of 18 young people, representatives of the NGOs, youth workers, teachers, representatives of the sports clubs, and representatives of the Municipality.

During the youth dialog in Bitola, we initially introduced them to the EU and National Youth Strategy and Goals combining textual and video materials and after each brief presentation, we have provided them with space to reflect in groups and afterwards to express their opinion on each of the youth goals and how much it is implemented and respected in reality.

Activity 2 - Kochani

The event in Kochani took place on 11.11.2025 with active participation of 15 young people, teachers, representatives of NGOs, and representatives of the Municipality.

During the youth dialog in Kochani, we had a more interactive approach and worked in groups in combination with open discussion. This approach was decided because the majority of the participants have been law high school students and we could have an effective and in-depth discussion. Also these students have already had the chance to participate in youth debates in the European Parliamentary in Strasbourg.

The young people have been introduced with the project, its goals and activities, the youth strategies and goals at EU and national level, in order to create an initial introduction to the following discussions. For ice-breaking, we have invited them to share short stories about encountering or influencing sustainability policies or youth engagement at local level that has had impact on youth policies or better results for the young people.

Actually, the youth center itself has been initiated and established by the young people from Kochani in response to the Kochani fire tragedy from March 2025. The youth center is managed by Support Kochani, a youth-led initiative that in 24h has established an active management body that has provided financial, through online and bank transfer donations, mental and resocialization support to the fire victims. In addition to this, many other youth initiatives have been implemented in the form of cultural events, concerts and fund raising activities to provide support to socialise and heal from the tragedy.

The participants have been divided into small groups (2 persons in each) and each group has been assigned with a youth goal from the Macedonian national strategy and the relevant EU youth goals. They needed to discuss the assigned Macedonian youth goal and how it is connected with the relevant EU youth goals, how much is accomplished and implemented in practice. Also they have been asked to work on their suggestions how this youth goal could be better implemented in reality and to create and write down quotes.

In the last session, we informed them about the New European Bauhaus Initiative that has sparked an interesting discussion and suggestions by the young people how it can be implemented locally with examples of real places that can be transformed.



The law professor has also added that in the past there have been some initiatives for places to be transferred because the process has been stuck because of bureaucratic, legal and ownership issues.

Activity 3 - Skopje

The event in Skopje took place on 11.12.2025 with active participation of 41 young people, teachers, representatives of NGOs, international volunteers and interested citizens, that have been informed on Facebook.

The venue of the event was MladiHub, a youth dedicated space supported by the President of the Republic of North Macedonia and the National Youth Council.

We had interesting experiences sharing about youth activism, youth dialog and youth policies by the National Youth Council. The president of the NYC has explained the steps and process of active involvement of the young people in the decision making processes at local and national level and has presented the current situation and process of implementation of the Law on Youth Participation and Youth Policies and the National Youth Strategy, followed by interactive discussion with the young participants.

We had a representative of the citizen movement KomshiLOOK, a youth-led initiative based on the New European Bauhaus. He has explained how an idea from a small youth group has grown into nationally spread events that won prizes in Brussels and Paris for youth activism. The presentation has created great interest among the young participants and will to participate in the future events.

We also had representatives of the NGO Bright Minds Macedonia, that supports education and promotion of gifted students, and the Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering (FINKI) that have presented their work and how they contribute for youth activism and better youth policies implementation.

Photos from the events:

Bitola

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<https://www.eko-zivot.org.mk/ypa-nationalyouthdialogs/>

Kochani

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<https://www.eko-zivot.org.mk/mladinski-dijalozi-kocani/>

Skopje

<https://www.facebook.com/ekozivotkavadarci/posts/pfbid02wJeKSVvEfWe2uJSYyg3Joxo9w5KwpHWYVb12tKHNRt5R9c1xjTpeNpMPU33iVZDTI>
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<https://www.eko-zivot.org.mk/mladinski-dijalozi-skopje/>

Quotes from the youth participants

- There are many prejudices about young people who are considered irresponsible and insecure, and employers do not give young people a chance. Everyone is looking for trained personnel, and they do not give us a greater chance to learn through practice.
- We need to see the municipalities budget annually more for youth initiatives and needs, based on the Youth Goals, and not just mention them in paper-only strategies.
- We need practical learning spaces that reflect and improve real community needs.
- We need safe spaces where we can speak openly, not only when there is a crisis or disaster like the one in Kochani.
- We need the institutions closer to the youth, to work together into making the things work in practice.
- Sustainability and the practical implementation of the New European Bauhaus should not be a trend, it should become reality and trigger for positive changes and healthier lifestyles.