

## Working Group (1)

# Youth and Civic Education in the Age of Multimedia (Dis-)Information

### Major topics discussed:

- Access to institutions, Challenges and frustrations, Collaboration formats between civil society and academia, trust in institutions, media polarisation, youth disengagement

Potential actions planned? - formal links between cso and academia, introducing programs in schools and institutions, establishing fact checking platforms, localising information systems, legal regulations against dis-information, Incentivizing student participation in civil society, encourage academic result formats other than just the thesis, Developing workshop ideas for civic engagement, establishing study programs/seminars that encourage short term collaboration between civil society and universities, Leveraging existing links to bridge the gap between civil society and universities in Frankfurt (Oder).

Questions/comments to political responsables: - Involvement of young people in policy formulation and implementation, creation of more access links for young people to the institution and policymakers

# Working Group (2)

## Challenges in Enhancing Dialogue and Local Participation

Major topics discussed:

- Impact evaluation: importance of context-based evaluation
- Networking about variety of funding possibilities
- Importance of ongoing, long-term cooperation
- Emphasizing the importance of inclusive language to overcome barriers in collaboration

Potential actions planned?

- Possible collaboration formats including dissertations, internships, guest lectures, seminars, workshops - academia as multiplier of civil society

Questions/comments on project founding:

- How can funding distribution be more sensitive to civil society realities?
- Need for funds focussing specifically on cooperation between academia and civil society organizations

Questions/comments to political responsables:

- Need for building structures supporting the cooperation between civil society actors and academia

## Working Group (3)

# Strategies for Countering Hate Speech and Right-Wing Extremism

### Major topics discussed:

Disinformation in Media, Hybrid Warfare and effective strategies; root causes of why Extremism and Disinformations spreads; Cooperation between the spheres and Poland/Germany; Propaganda and Extremism in Postmigrant Communities

### Potential actions planned?

Policy Sprint SWPS x Viadrina Students

### Questions/comments to political responsables:

- Can the EU have regulations on Meta/TikTok regarding security matters?
- How to prevent the misuse of democratic tools and staying democratic (AfD Anfrage)?
- How to improve self-efficacy in the democratic field?
- Treat media sphere and social media as critical public infrastructure
- In every city there should be a Job position: one person responsible for NGOs

## Working Group (5)

### Paths to Protect Human, Queer and Minority Rights

Major topics discussed:

- Funding
- Workload & Burnout
- State- and bureaucratic actors vs. minorities?
- Bureaucracy kills creativity
- Obtaining “Gemeinnützigkeit”/Non-Profit/pożytek publiczny

Potential actions planned?: Collaboration between organisations invited

Questions/comments on project founding:

- How to ensure an easily accessible project that will activate people
- Learning from the experiences and strategies of others.
- Connect with NGOs and network

Questions/comments to political responsables:

- Facilitating rules of funding and support

Fun fact or special insight? (Optional): **Empathy and antipolarization vs. “fighting” the other.**