

Recommendations for increasing civic and political engagement and participation of youth

Youth MythBusters project has come to its end and thanks to its implementation in the participating countries key findings have come to light and important results have been achieved.

Having analysed and evaluated the outcomes of the Youth Myth Buster project, the international partnership has adopted some “Recommendations for increasing civic and political engagement and participation of youth” at national and European level in order to recommend best practices, methodologies and activities to promote civic and political engagement of young vulnerable people (including NEETs).

The recommendations are meant for all the key actors involved in the communication world at different levels: authors and recipients of news, decision makers, educators and youth workers on how to improve digital literacy of young people and support society in fighting fake news and propaganda in media.

With these recommendations, partners urge the relevant stakeholders not to rush into taking binding measures regarding “fake news” or “online disinformation” but rather, take action to promote and empower vulnerable young people to increase their media literacy and to then become more active citizens.

Considering the present times, the COVID pandemic has spurred an upsurge in disinformation and fake news. The pandemic had given greater scope to hostile actors eager to use several instruments for manipulatory goals and to influence opinion. Thus, talking about fake news, how to identify and counter them and how to protect ourselves as users, from them is more imperative than ever.

The “Recommendations for increasing civic and political engagement and participation of youth” paper is available for download on the project website <https://www.youthmythbusters.eu>



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