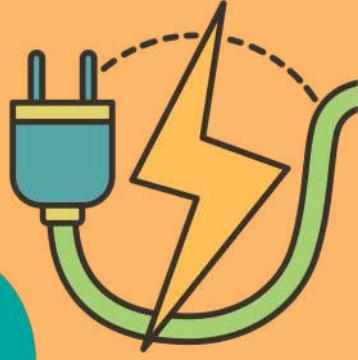




Empowering Youth For
Energy Community Actions



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PARTICIPATE TOOL

Guidebook



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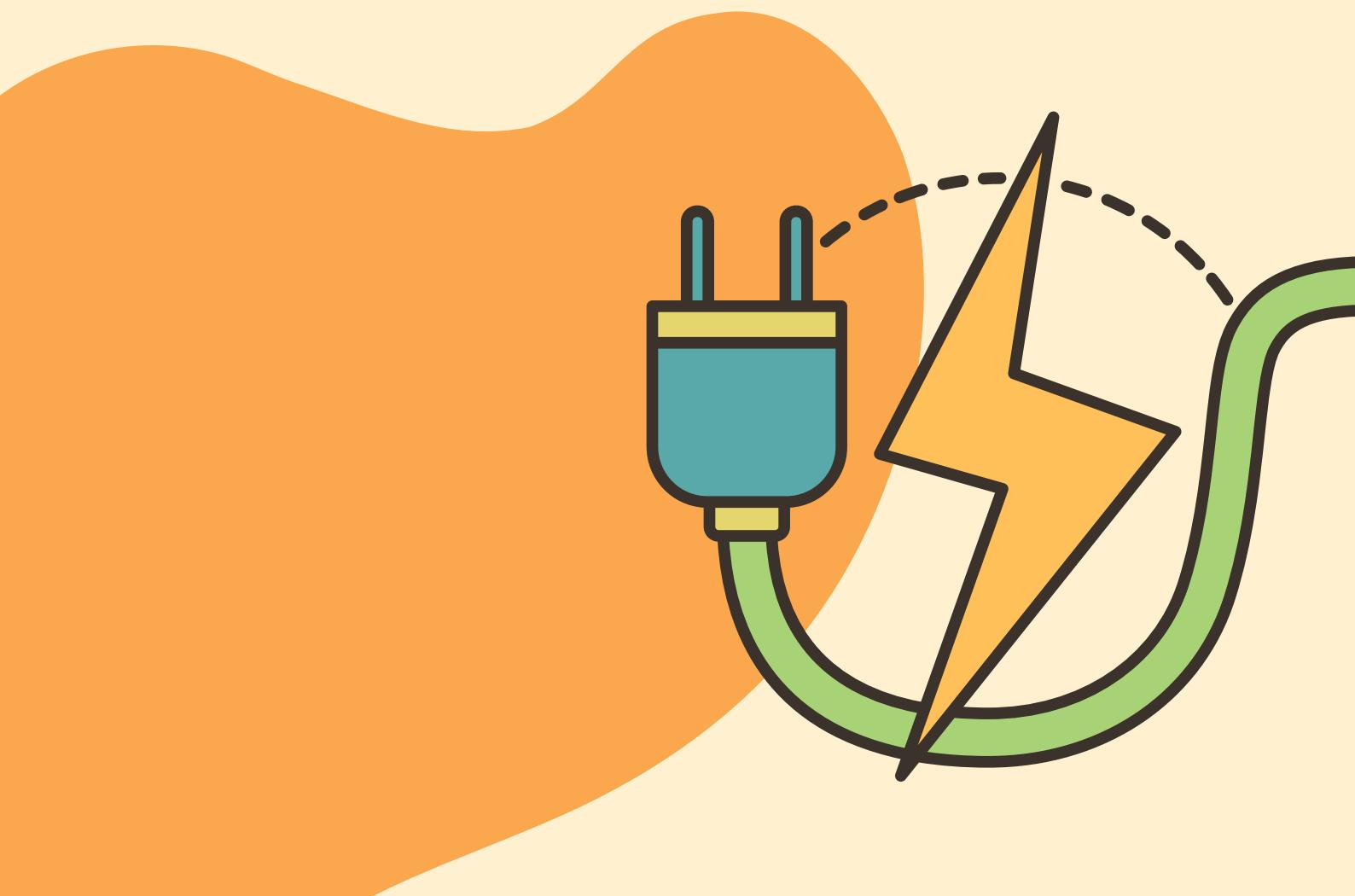
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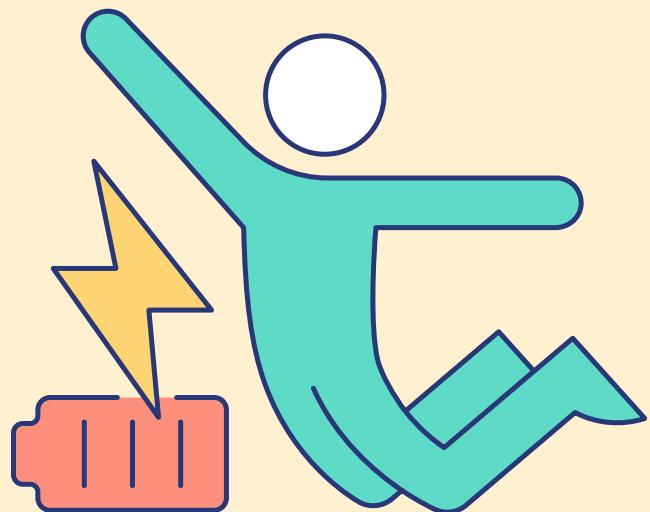
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OVERVIEW

a platform designed to enable young people to participate actively in energy communities



allows young people to **discuss, submit and vote on proposals**, similar to a citizen-driven legislative process, fostering active participation in initiating and shaping energy initiatives



engage in participatory budgeting processes for energy projects



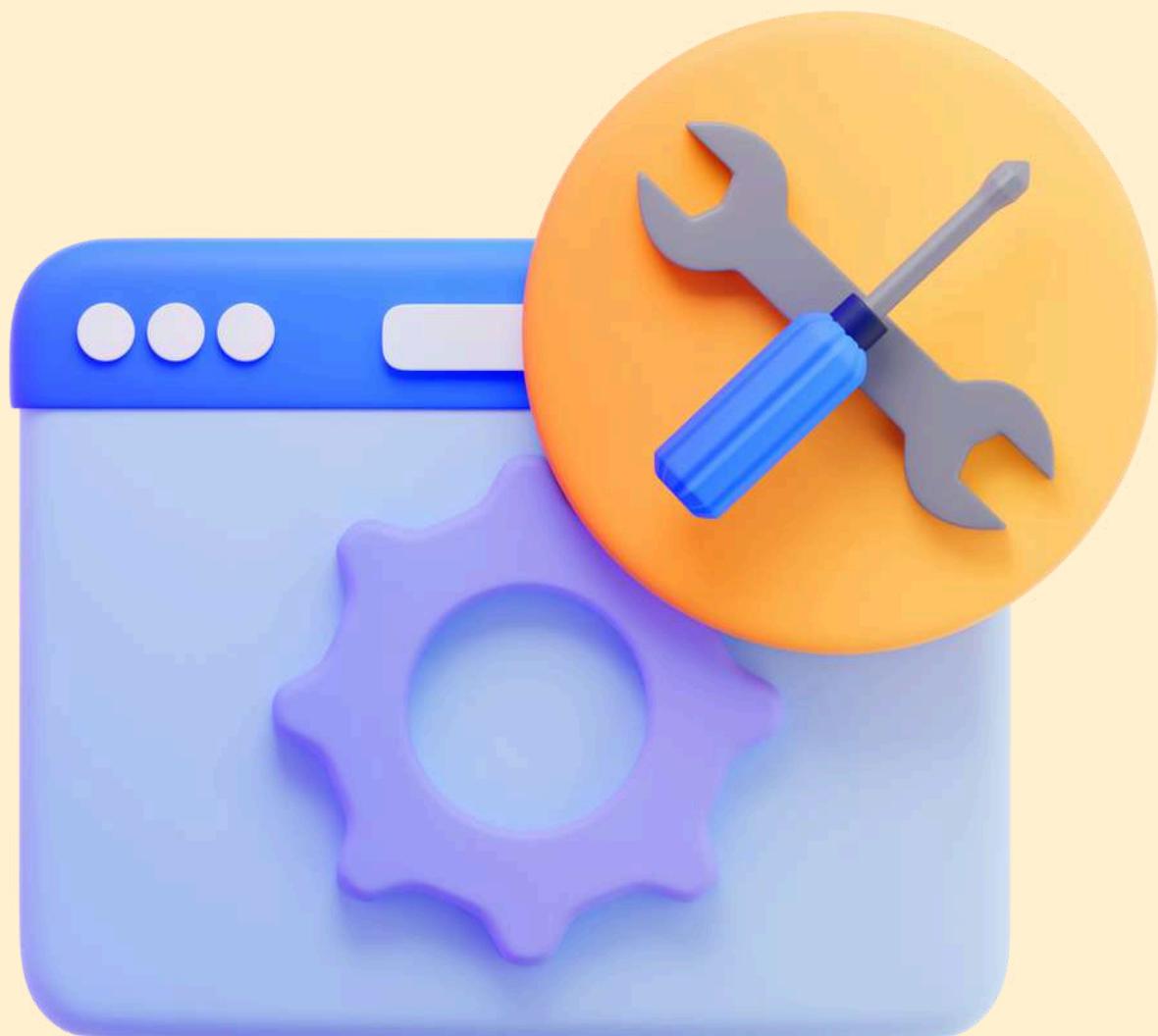
Allow young people to **voice their opinion** on energy topics/actions set by the community actors

emphasizes transparency, allowing citizens to track the decision-making process and understand how their input is used



Homepage

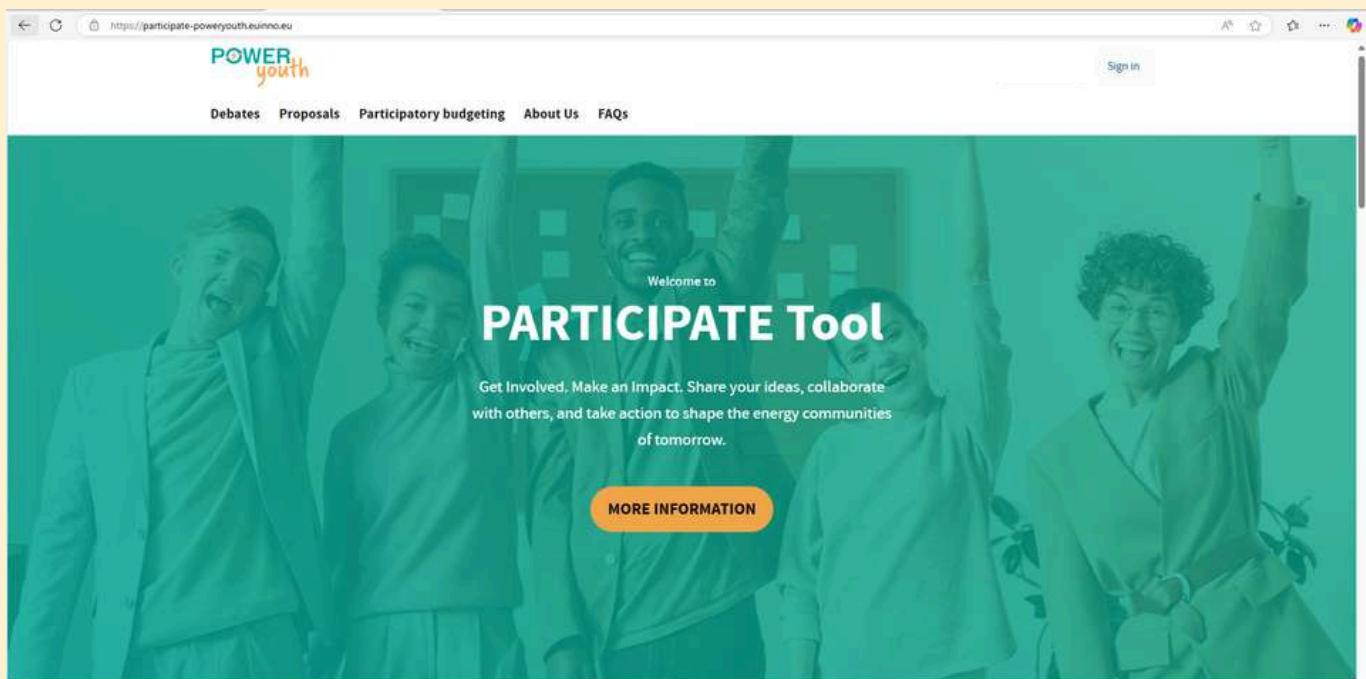
Navigation to the homepage of the
PARTICIPATE tool!



HOMEPAGE

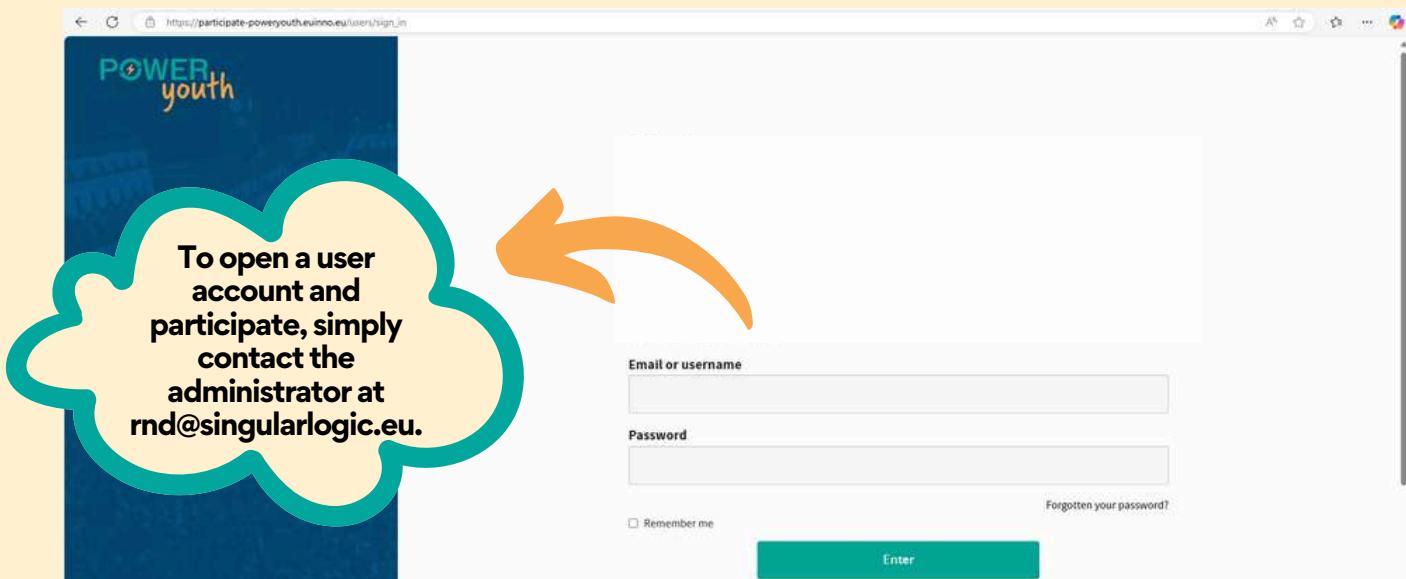
Visit our PARTICIPATE tool through the link: participate-poweryouth.euinno.eu

To create a user account and participate, please contact the administrator at rnd@singularlogic.eu. Once you receive your login credentials, you can access the sign-in page to log in.



The upper part of the page you can find five tabs:

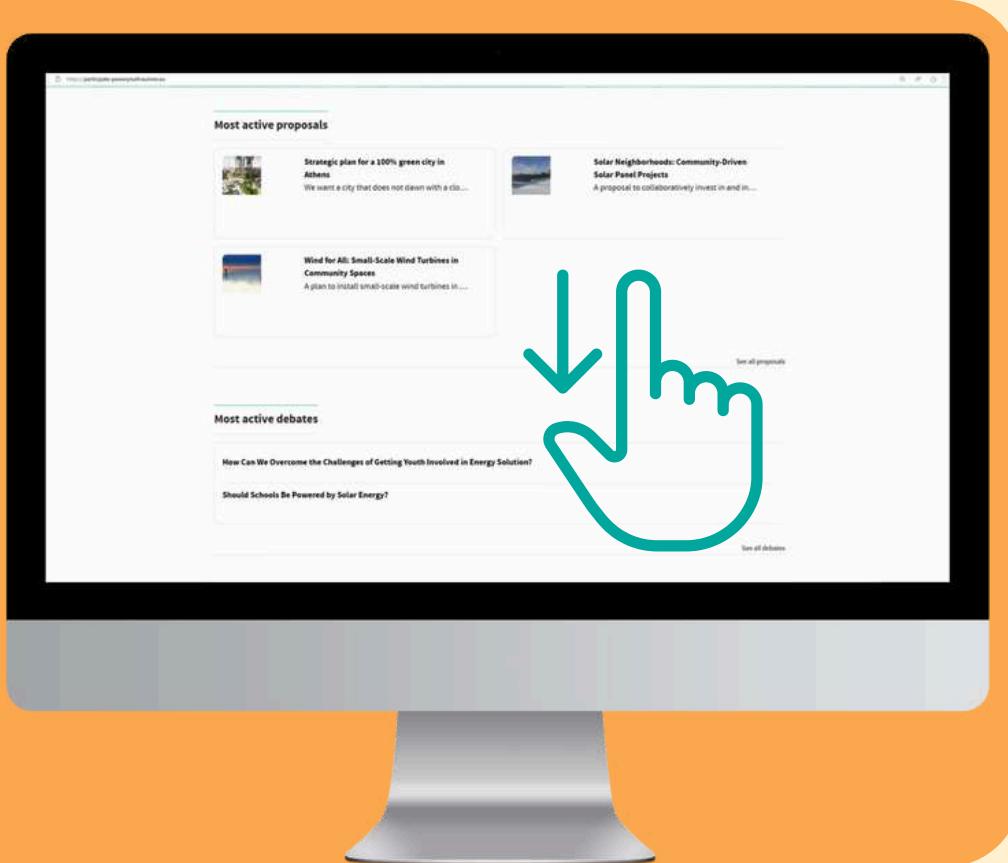
-  DEBATES
-  PROPOSAL
-  PARTICIPATORY BUDGET
-  ABOUT US
-  FAQS



HOMEPAGE

As you scroll down the homepage, you'll come across a dynamic showcase of the most active proposals and ongoing debates.

For a deeper understanding of how **Proposals** are created, reviewed, and voted on, refer to **Chapter 3**. To explore the structure, purpose, and rules guiding **Debates**, see **Chapter 4**.




A Complete Toolkit for Change

The PARTICIPATE Tool is just the beginning. Explore these powerful tools developed under the POWERYOUTH project to drive real change:

FINANCE Tool
Unlock innovative business models and financing options for your energy projects. This one-stop shop provides all the resources and guidance needed to create and implement financing schemes designed for youth-led initiatives.

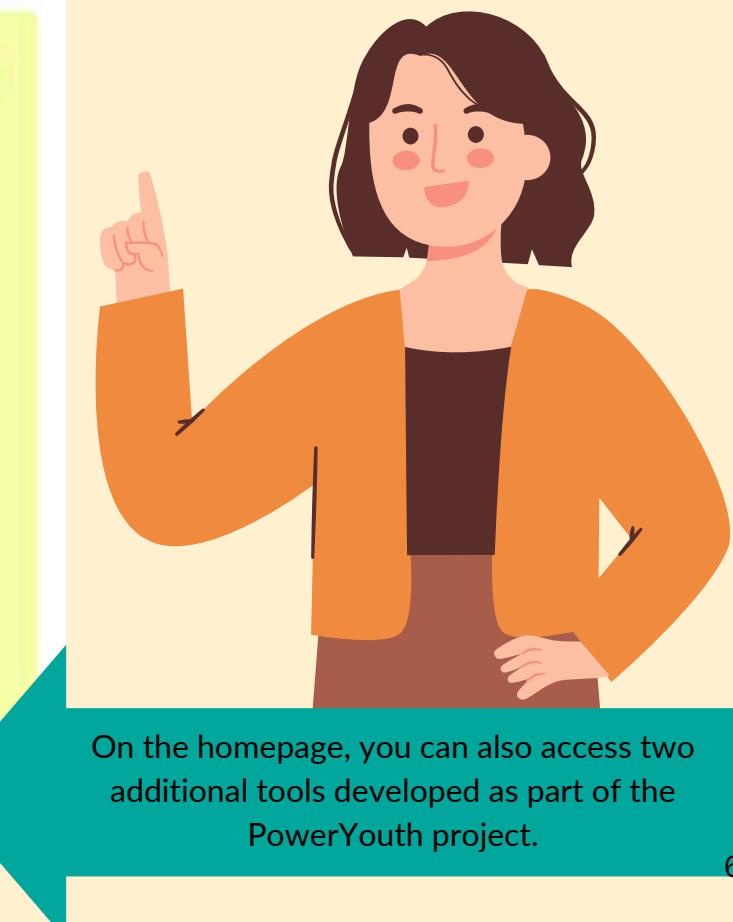
[FINANCE Tool](#)

DECISION Tool
Shape the future of your community by defining energy projects using real data on solar PV potential. Whether it's for homes, schools, or entire campuses, this tool empowers you to advocate for collective actions with data-driven reasoning.

[PowerYouth DS Tool Austria pilot](#)
[PowerYouth DS Tool Poland pilot \(in progress\)](#)

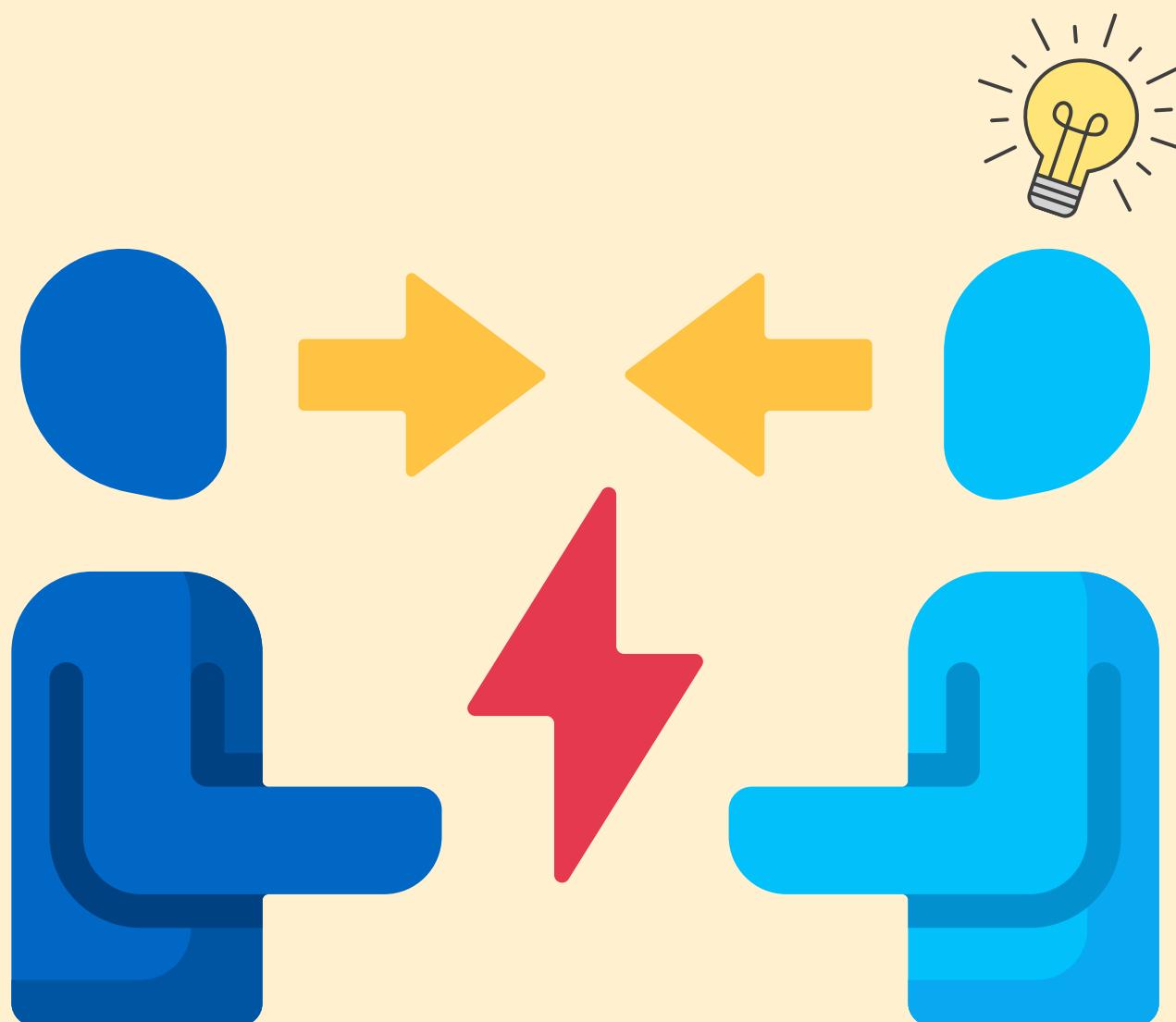
Together, this POWERYOUTH toolkit gives you the power to tackle energy challenges and build a sustainable, brighter future for your community.

[More About Us](#)



Debates

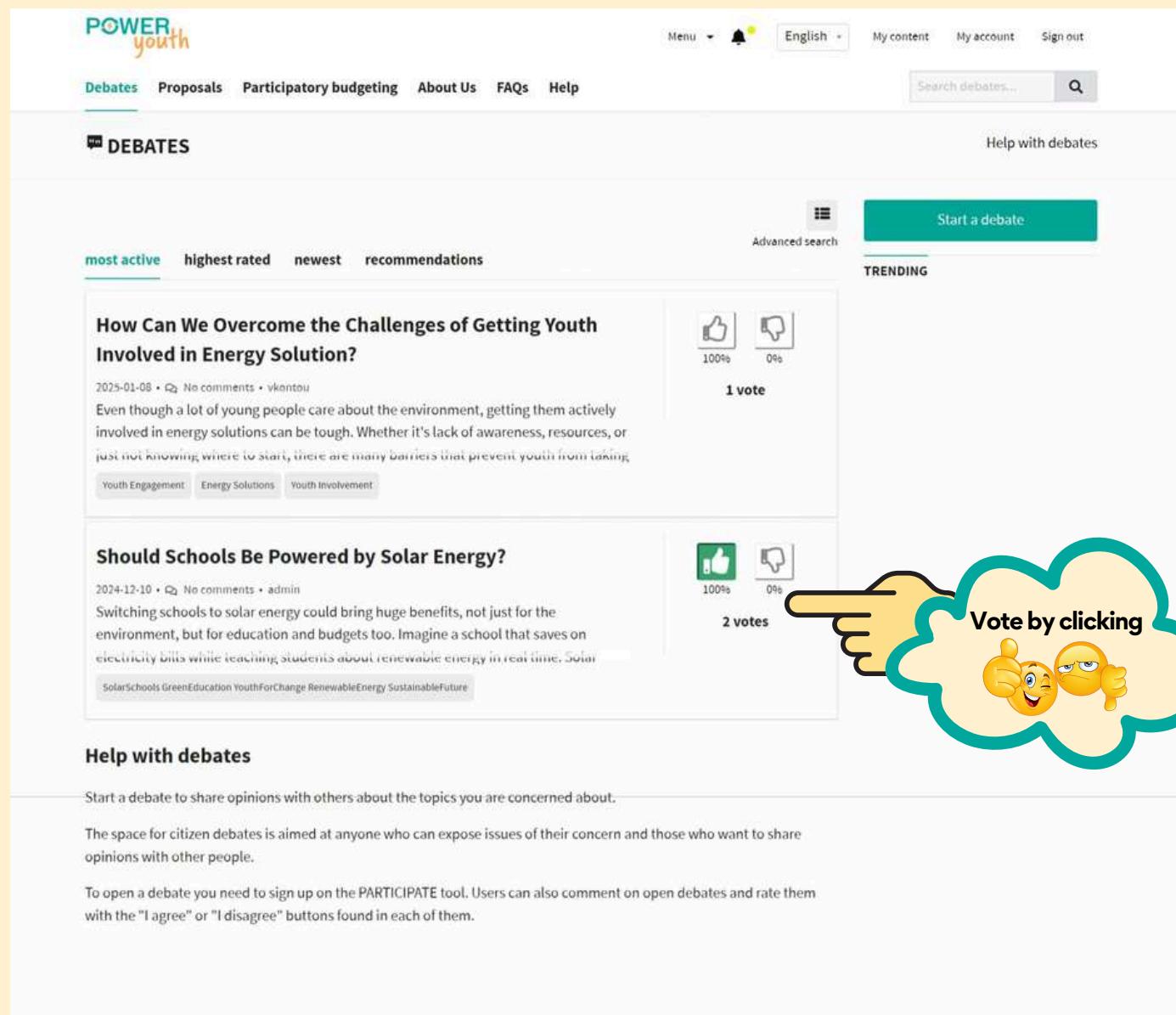
What's on your mind when it comes to energy? Start a debate and share your thoughts on the issues that matter most to you!



WELCOME TO THE DEBATES SECTION

The debates module provides users with a platform to highlight the issues that matter most to them, while also offering an opportunity to **connect** with others to discuss or **collaborate** on these energy related topics. It serves as both a space for listening and a gathering point for users.

Users can **vote** for or against debates, ensuring that the most highly rated ones are consistently featured on the main debates page.



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DEBATES

most active **highest rated** **newest** **recommendations**

How Can We Overcome the Challenges of Getting Youth Involved in Energy Solution?

2025-01-08 • 0 comments • vkontou

Even though a lot of young people care about the environment, getting them actively involved in energy solutions can be tough. Whether it's lack of awareness, resources, or just not knowing where to start, there are many barriers that prevent youth from taking

Youth Engagement Energy Solutions Youth Involvement

Should Schools Be Powered by Solar Energy?

2024-12-10 • 0 comments • admin

Switching schools to solar energy could bring huge benefits, not just for the environment, but for education and budgets too. Imagine a school that saves on electricity bills while teaching students about renewable energy in real time. Solar

SolarSchools GreenEducation YouthForChange RenewableEnergy SustainableFuture

Help with debates

Start a debate to share opinions with others about the topics you are concerned about.

The space for citizen debates is aimed at anyone who can expose issues of their concern and those who want to share opinions with other people.

To open a debate you need to sign up on the **PARTICIPATE** tool. Users can also comment on open debates and rate them with the "I agree" or "I disagree" buttons found in each of them.

To begin a debate, click the **“Start a Debate”** button located in the upper-right corner of the Debate page.

After clicking, you'll be redirected to a new page where you can set up your debate (see next page for details).

START A DEBATE

Before starting to write a debate, it's helpful to first **read the provided recommendations**.

To create a debate, two fields are required:

-  Debate Title
-  Initial Debate Text

There's also an optional field for Topics, where you can add tags to indicate the subject matter of your debate.

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◀ Debates

Start a debate

How do debates work?



Recommendations for creating a debate

- ✓ Do not use capital letters for the debate title or for whole sentences. On the internet, this is considered shouting. And nobody likes being shouted at.
- ✓ Any debate or comment suggesting illegal action will be deleted, as well as those intending to sabotage the debate spaces. Anything else is allowed.
- ✓ Ruthless criticism is very welcome. This is a space for reflection. But we recommend that you stick to elegance and intelligence. The world is a better place with these virtues in it.
- ✓ Enjoy this space and the voices that fill it. It belongs to you too.

REQUIRED FIELDS

Debate title

Initial debate text

Topics

Tag this debate.

Enter the tags you would like to use, separated by commas (,)

 Tick the Privacy Policy & Terms and Conditions

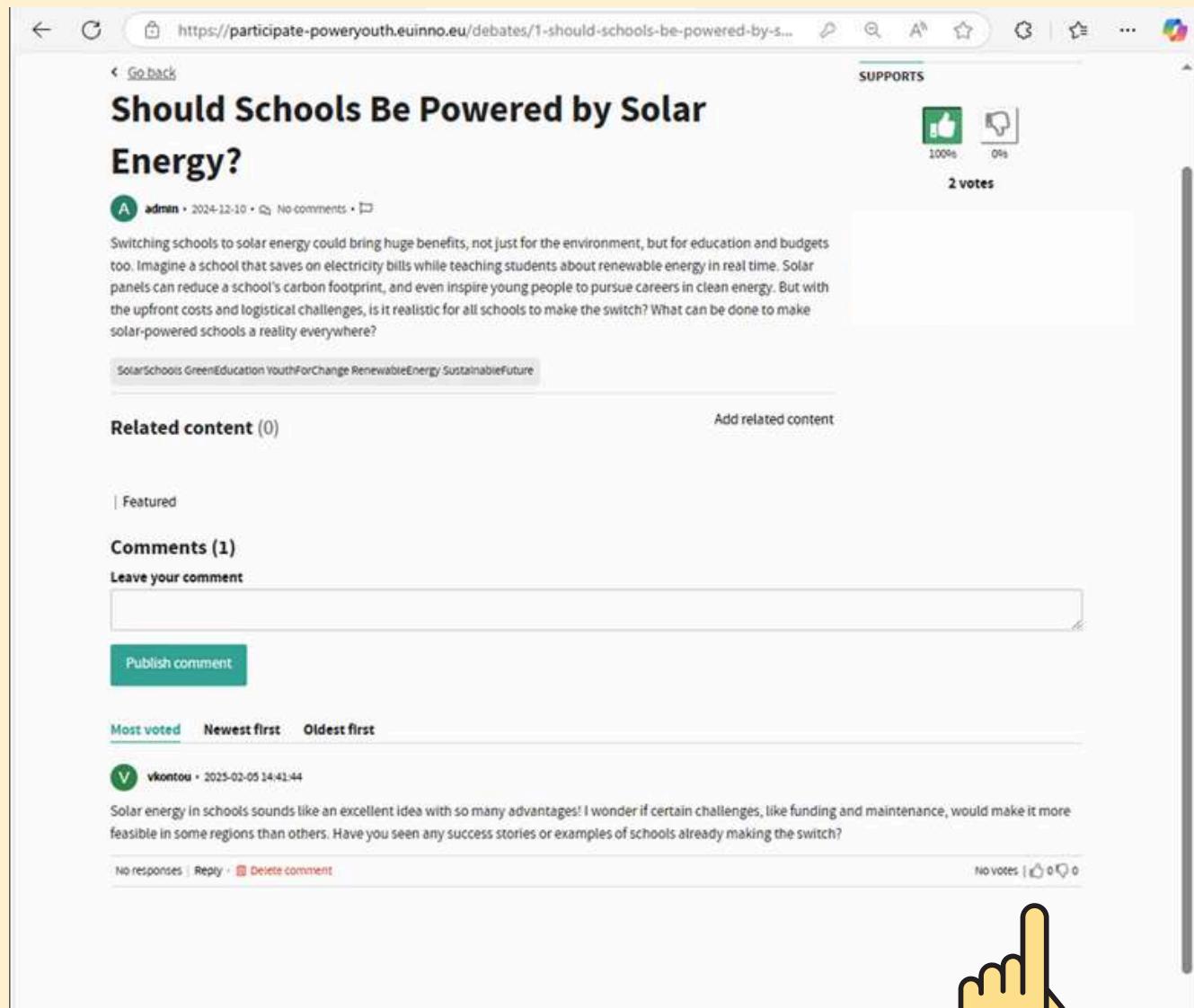
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Start a debate

VOTE FOR OR AGAINST

Each discussion includes a **comments section** where users can engage in debate. Comments can be upvoted or downvoted, helping highlight valuable contributions.

When a debate receives strong positive feedback, it's a great opportunity to launch a related proposal.



Should Schools Be Powered by Solar Energy?

SUPPORTS

100% 0%
2 votes

Switching schools to solar energy could bring huge benefits, not just for the environment, but for education and budgets too. Imagine a school that saves on electricity bills while teaching students about renewable energy in real time. Solar panels can reduce a school's carbon footprint, and even inspire young people to pursue careers in clean energy. But with the upfront costs and logistical challenges, is it realistic for all schools to make the switch? What can be done to make solar-powered schools a reality everywhere?

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Related content (0) Add related content

| Featured

Comments (1)

Leave your comment

Most voted **Newest first** **Oldest first**

V **vkontou** • 2025-02-05 14:41:44

Solar energy in schools sounds like an excellent idea with so many advantages! I wonder if certain challenges, like funding and maintenance, would make it more feasible in some regions than others. Have you seen any success stories or examples of schools already making the switch?

No responses | Reply • Delete comment

No votes | 0 0 0



Proposals

“Have an idea for a youth energy initiative? Now’s your chance to make it happen!”



WELCOME TO THE PROPOSALS SECTION

The Proposals section allows the users to **submit a proposal**. The list of proposals updates regularly, featuring new submissions as well as those generating the most interest. Proposals can include **tags, images, documentation, videos, map locations, and other relevant information**.

On the right side of the page the users can also find the categories filter. These categories are:

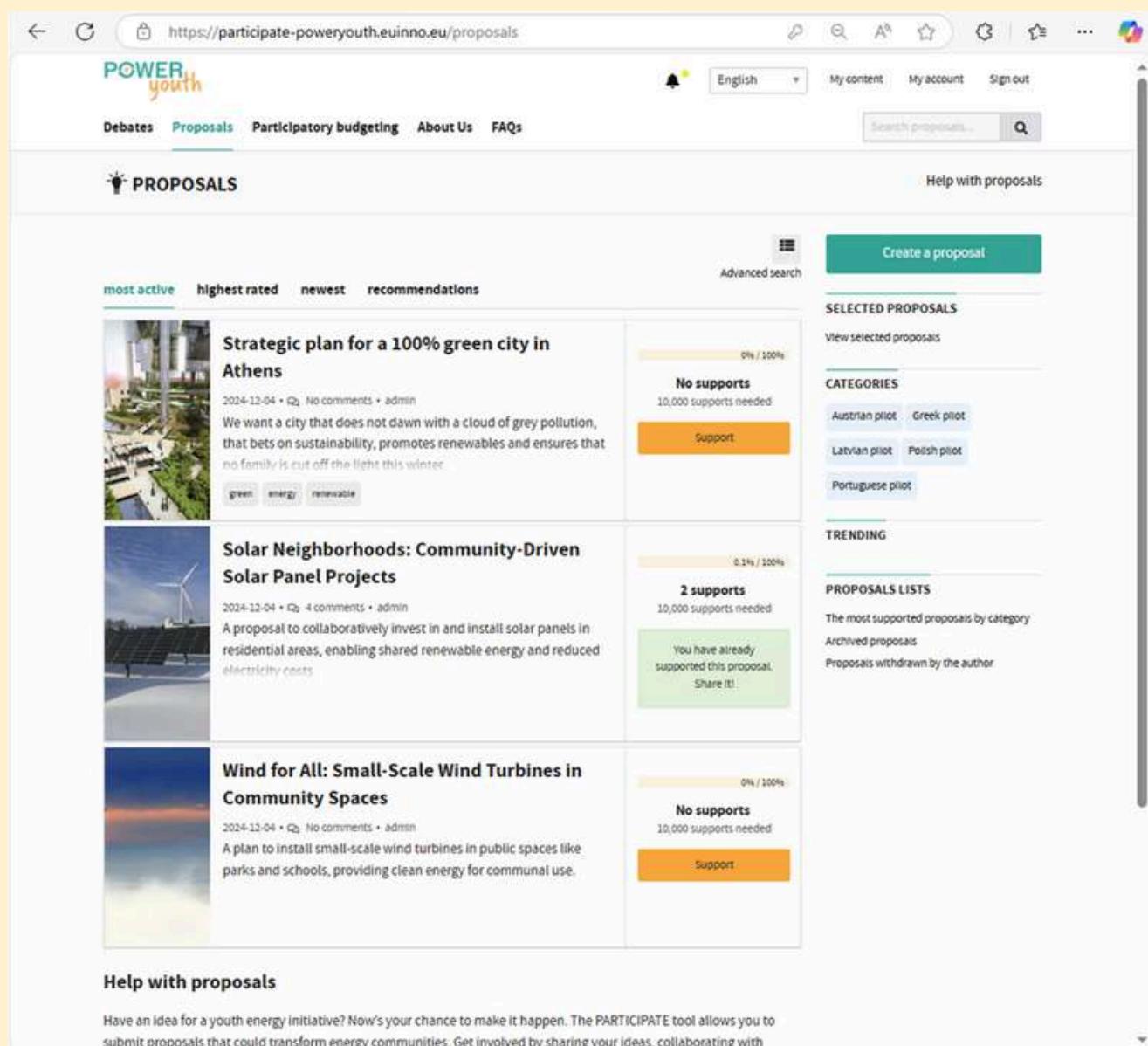
Austrian Pilot

Greek Pilot

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Polish Pilot

Portuguese Pilot



The screenshot shows the 'PROPOSALS' section of the website. At the top, there are five buttons for 'Austrian Pilot', 'Greek Pilot', 'Latvian Pilot', 'Polish Pilot', and 'Portuguese Pilot'. Below these, the main content area displays three proposals:

- Strategic plan for a 100% green city in Athens**: Published on 2024-12-04 by admin. It aims for a city that is not polluted and promotes renewables. It has 0% support needed (10,000 supports) and a 'Support' button.
- Solar Neighborhoods: Community-Driven Solar Panel Projects**: Published on 2024-12-04 by admin. It proposes to invest in solar panels in residential areas. It has 0.1% support (10,000 supports) and a green box stating 'You have already supported this proposal. Share it!'
- Wind for All: Small-Scale Wind Turbines in Community Spaces**: Published on 2024-12-04 by admin. It plans to install small-scale wind turbines in public spaces. It has 0% support needed (10,000 supports) and a 'Support' button.

On the right side, there are sections for 'Create a proposal', 'SELECTED PROPOSALS' (with a 'View selected proposals' button), 'CATEGORIES' (listing 'Austrian pilot', 'Greek pilot', 'Latvian pilot', 'Polish pilot', and 'Portuguese pilot'), 'TRENDING', and 'PROPOSALS LISTS' (with links to 'The most supported proposals by category', 'Archived proposals', and 'Proposals withdrawn by the author').

Help with proposals

Have an idea for a youth energy initiative? Now's your chance to make it happen. The PARTICIPATE tool allows you to submit proposals that could transform energy communities. Get involved by sharing your ideas, collaborating with

START A PROPOSAL

Proposals can include **tags**, **images**, **documentation**, **videos**, **location maps**, and other relevant details, assigned to one of the 5 pilot categories. There is also a **comment section** where users can discuss the proposals and vote on the most insightful comments. When a proposal is submitted, a dedicated **Community space** is automatically created for it. This space serves as a collaborative hub for targeted discussions, feedback, and collaboration related to the proposal. To stay informed, simply click the 'Follow the Proposal' button to receive the most recent updates.

https://participate-poweryouth.euinno.eu/proposals/new

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← Proposals

Create new proposal

How do citizen proposals work?



Recommendations for creating a proposal

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REQUIRED FIELDS

Proposal title

Proposal summary
(maximum 200 characters)

Proposal text

OPTIONAL FIELDS

External video URL
You may add a link to YouTube or Vimeo

Add Image

Descriptive Image
You can upload one image of following content types: jpg, up to 1 MB.

Documents
You can upload up to a maximum of 3 documents of following content types: pdf, up to 2 MB per file

Add new document

Tags
Tag this proposal. You can choose from proposed categories or add your own

Categories

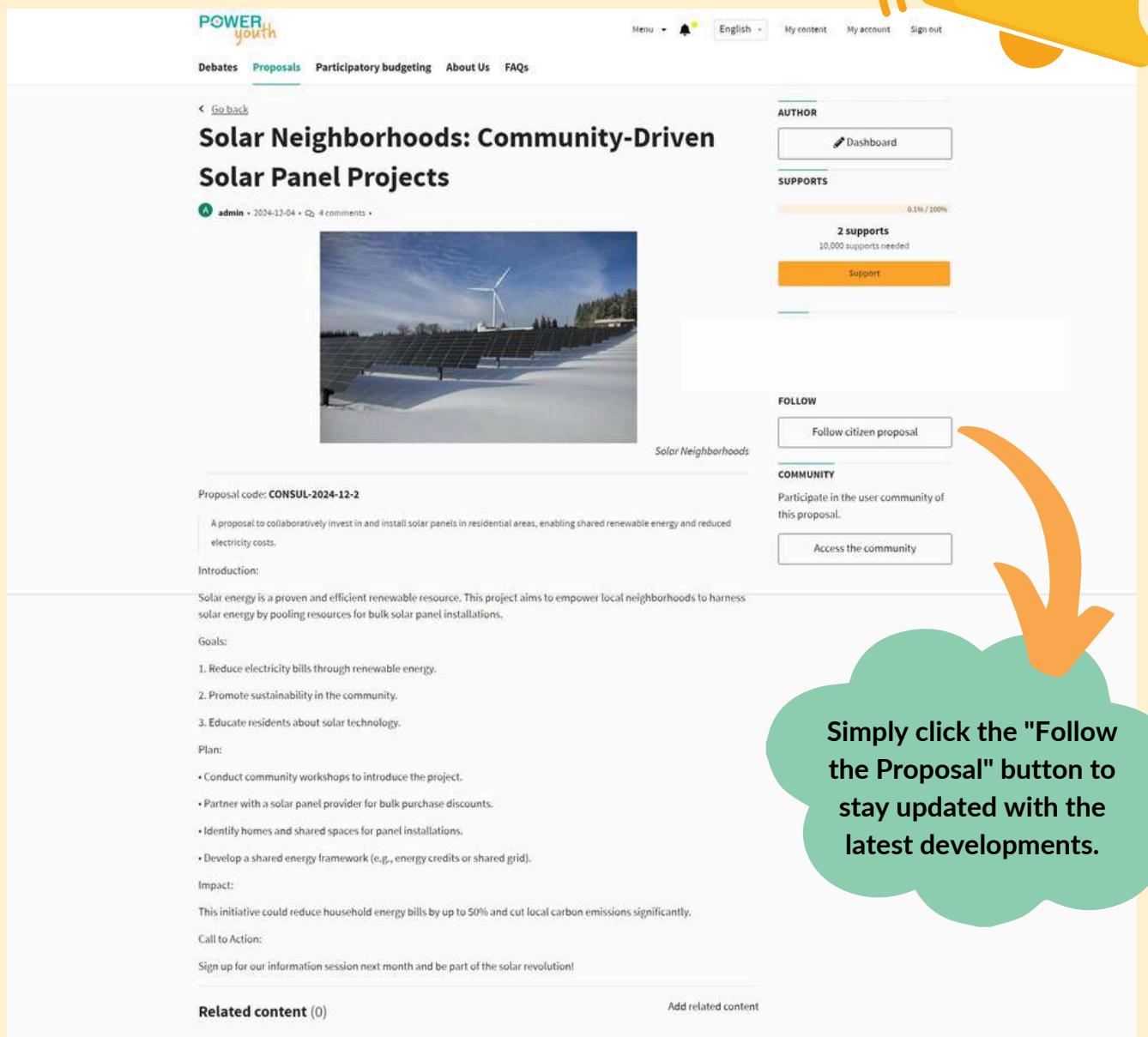
Austrian pilot, Greek pilot, Latvian pilot, Polish pilot, Portuguese pilot

Enter the tags you would like to use, separated by commas.

COMMENT

Assign your proposal to one of the five categories

PROPOSALS



The screenshot shows a proposal page for a solar panel project. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Debates, Proposals, Participatory budgeting, About Us, and FAQs. The main title is "Solar Neighborhoods: Community-Driven Solar Panel Projects". Below the title, it says "admin • 2024-12-04 • 4 comments". There's a large image of a solar panel array in a snowy field with wind turbines in the background. The proposal code is CONSL-2024-12-2. The description states: "A proposal to collaboratively invest in and install solar panels in residential areas, enabling shared renewable energy and reduced electricity costs." The introduction section notes that solar energy is a proven and efficient renewable resource. The goals are: 1. Reduce electricity bills through renewable energy. 2. Promote sustainability in the community. 3. Educate residents about solar technology. The plan includes: 1. Conduct community workshops to introduce the project. 2. Partner with a solar panel provider for bulk purchase discounts. 3. Identify homes and shared spaces for panel installations. 4. Develop a shared energy framework (e.g., energy credits or shared grid). The impact section mentions that the initiative could reduce household energy bills by up to 50% and cut local carbon emissions significantly. A call to action encourages signing up for an information session. On the right side of the page, there are sections for the author (Dashboard), supporters (2 supports out of 10,000 needed), and a follow button. A large orange arrow points from a callout bubble to the "Follow citizen proposal" button.

Simply click the "Follow the Proposal" button to stay updated with the latest developments.

Participatory Budgeting

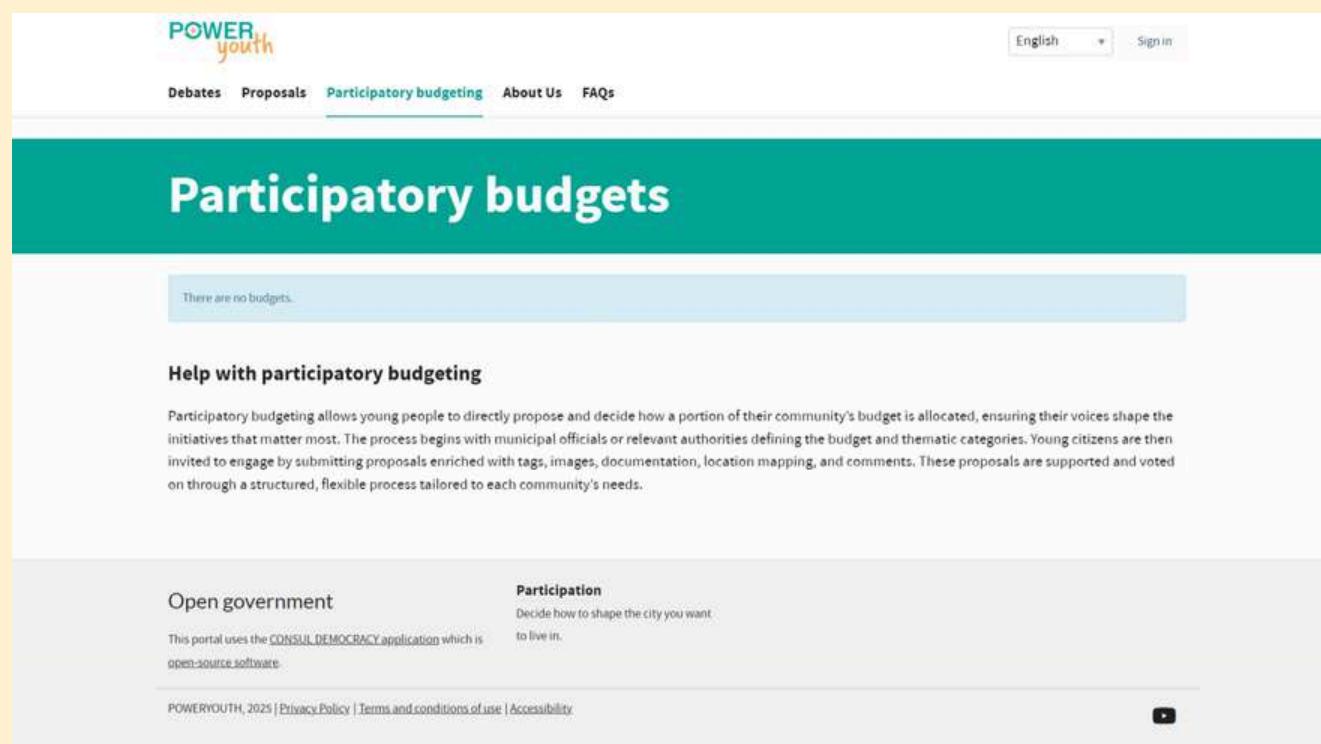
Ever wondered how you could have a say in how your community's budget is spent? With participatory budgeting, young people can propose and decide how a part of the budget is allocated!



WELCOME TO THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGET SECTION

Participatory budgeting empowers citizens to directly **propose and decide how to allocate part of their community's budget**, ensuring they have a direct and meaningful role in shaping the initiatives that matter most to them.

The process begins with municipal officials or relevant authorities defining the budget, and thematic categories, young citizens are then invited to engage through proposal submissions



There are no budgets.

Help with participatory budgeting

Participatory budgeting allows young people to directly propose and decide how a portion of their community's budget is allocated, ensuring their voices shape the initiatives that matter most. The process begins with municipal officials or relevant authorities defining the budget and thematic categories. Young citizens are then invited to engage by submitting proposals enriched with tags, images, documentation, location mapping, and comments. These proposals are supported and voted on through a structured, flexible process tailored to each community's needs.

Open government
This portal uses the [CONSUL DEMOCRACY](#) application which is open-source software.

Participation
Decide how to shape the city you want to live in.

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Engage in community-driven budgeting processes for energy projects, allowing users to contribute to decision-making about resource allocation of their community.

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