



Empowering Youth For
Energy Community Actions



POWER youth

PARTICIPATE TOOL Guidebook



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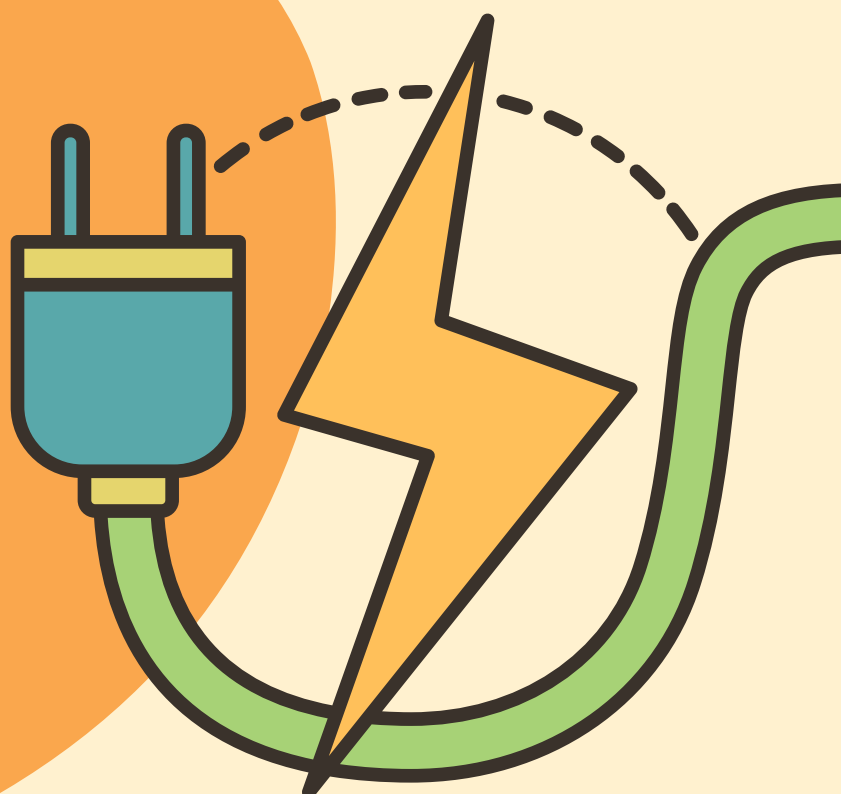
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OVERVIEW

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



engage in participatory budgeting processes for energy projects

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



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

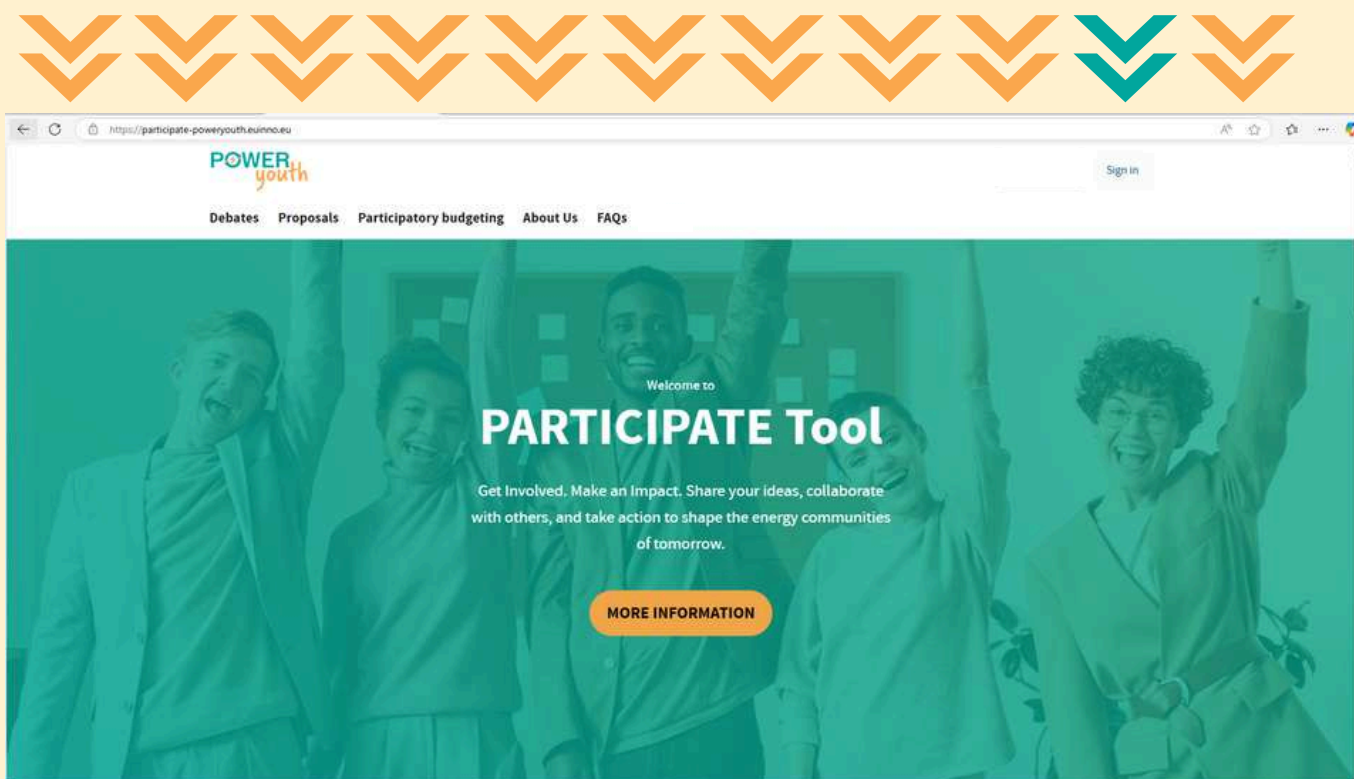
Navigation to the homepage of the
PARTICIPATE tool!








HOMEPAGE

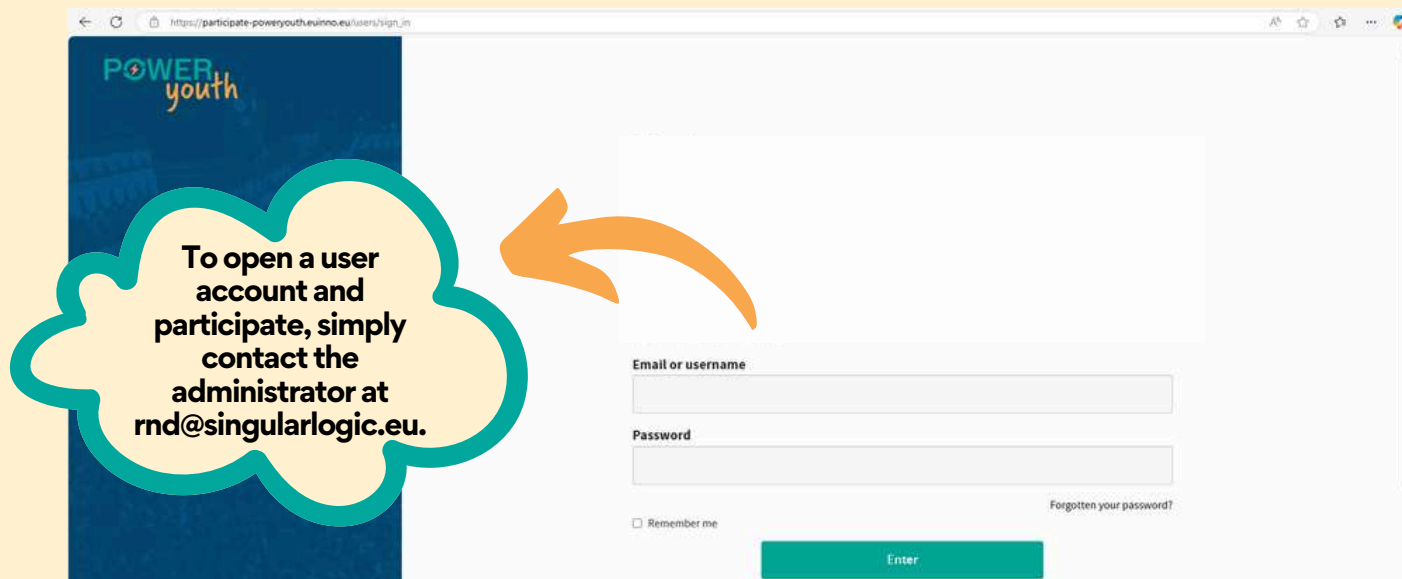
Visit our PARTICIPATE tool through the link: participate-poweryouth.euinno.eu

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:

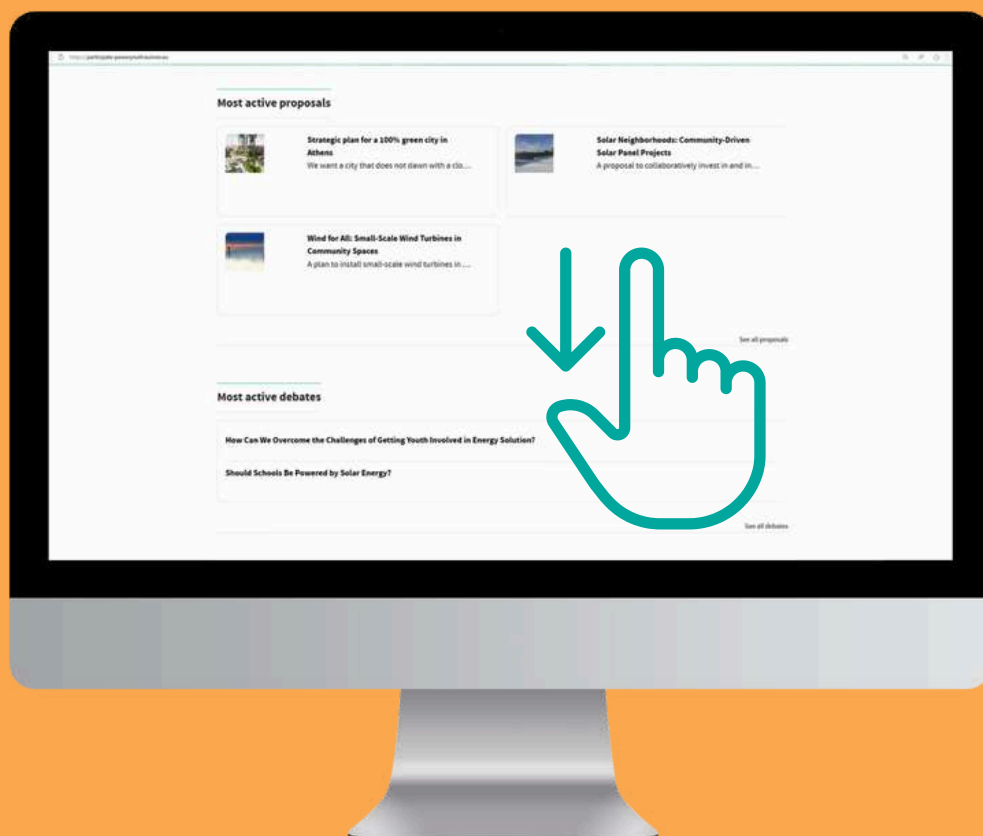
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HOMEPAGE

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 OS Tool Austria pilot

PowerYouth OS Tool Poland pilot

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

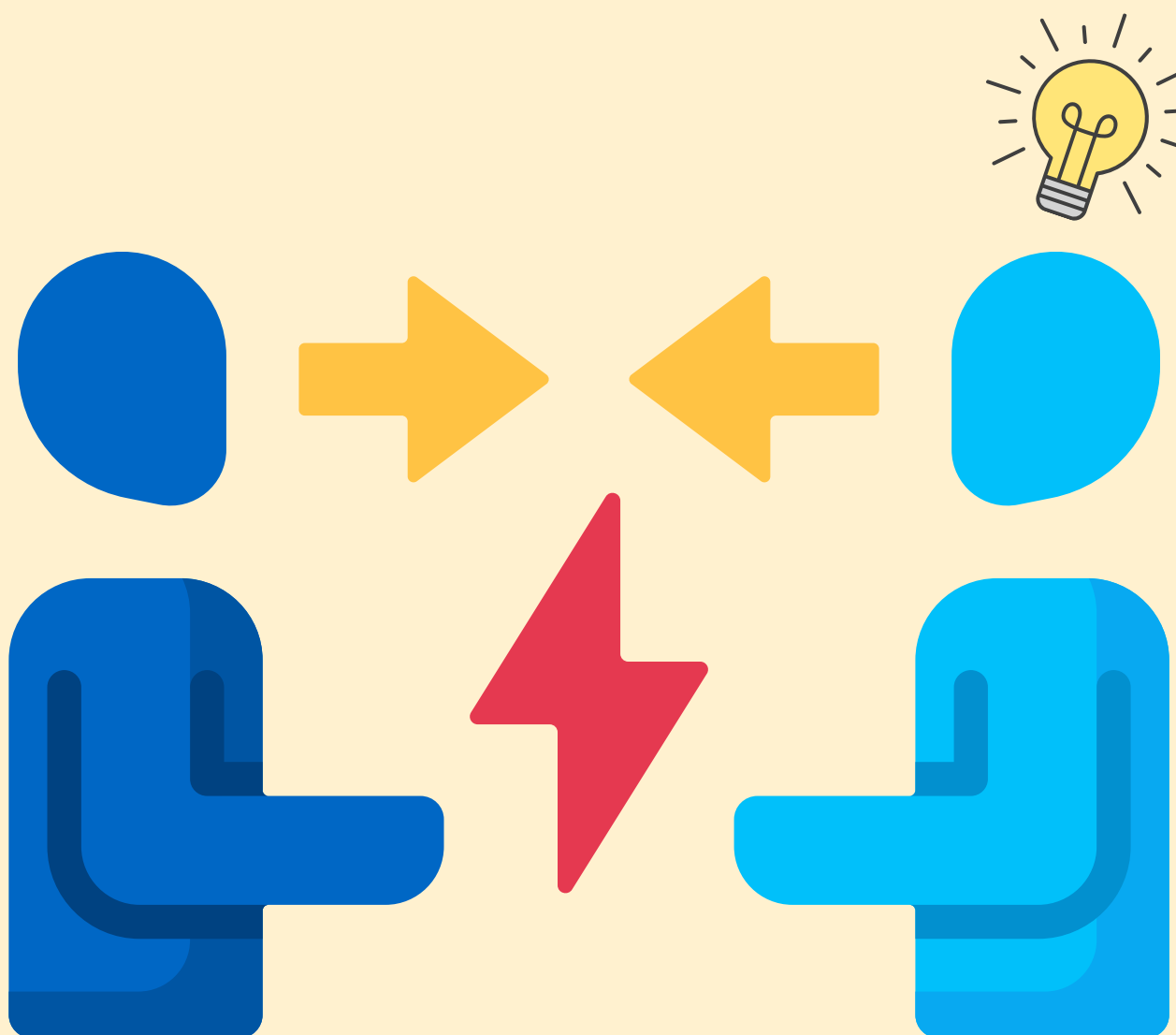
More About Us



On the homepage, you can also access two additional tools developed as part of the PowerYouth project.

Debates

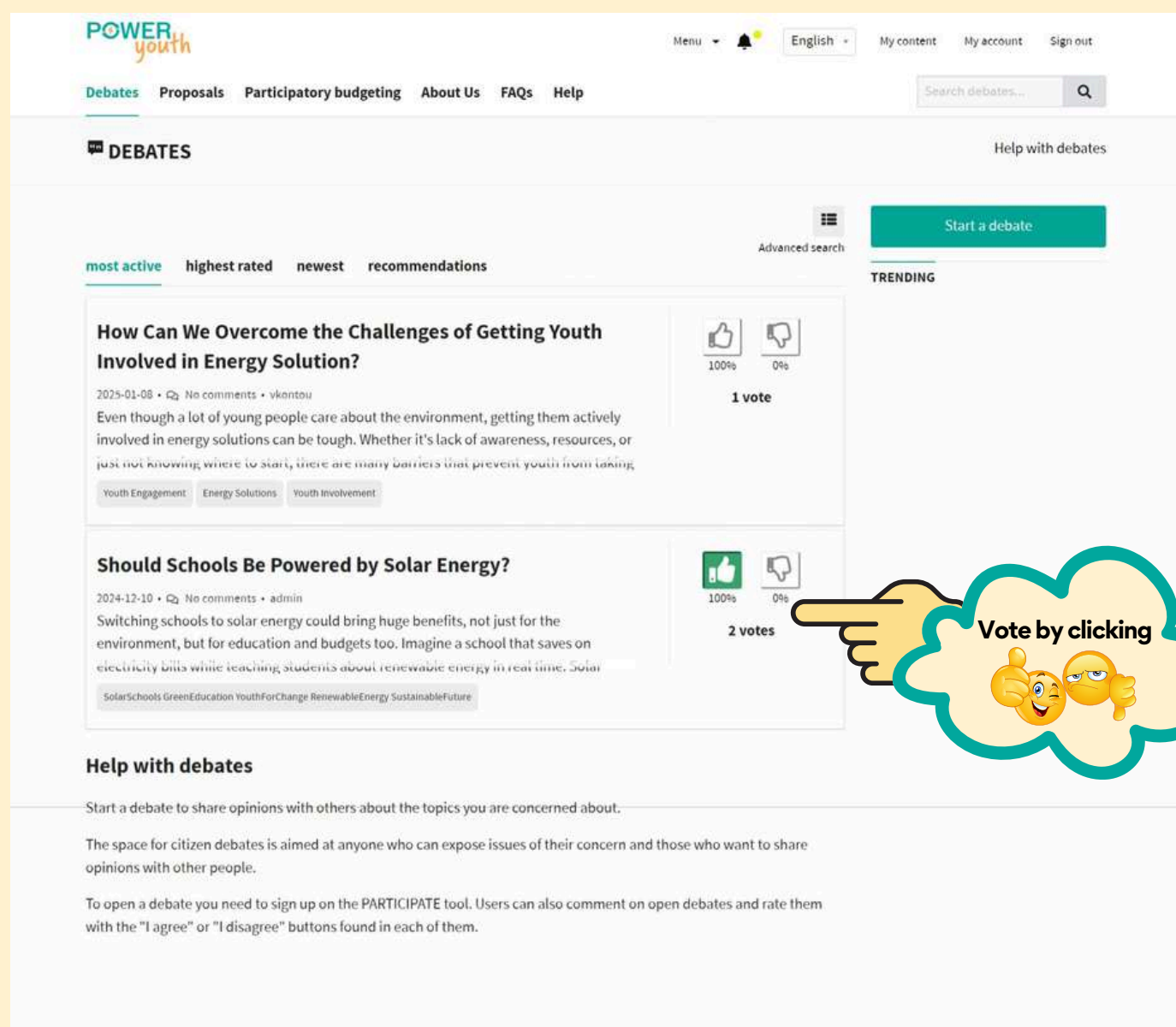
What's on your mind when it comes to energy? Start a debate and share your thoughts on the issues that matter most to you!



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.



The screenshot displays the 'POWER youth' website's 'DEBATES' section. The header includes the logo, navigation links (Menu, English, My content, My account, Sign out), and a search bar. The main content area features a 'Start a debate' button and a list of debates. Two debates are visible:

- How Can We Overcome the Challenges of Getting Youth Involved in Energy Solution?** (2025-01-08, No comments, vkantou). It has 1 vote (100% for, 0% against).
- Should Schools Be Powered by Solar Energy?** (2024-12-10, No comments, admin). It has 2 votes (100% for, 0% against).



A callout bubble with a hand icon points to the voting buttons, stating 'Vote by clicking'. Below the debates, there is a 'Help with debates' section explaining the purpose of the platform and how to participate.

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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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

Format
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OPTIONAL FIELDS

Topics
Tag this debate.



Tick the Privacy Policy & Terms and Conditions

☐ I agree to the Privacy Policy and the Terms and conditions of use

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.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://participate-poweryouth.eu/inno.eu/debates/1-should-schools-be-powered-by-s...>. The page title is "Should Schools Be Powered by Solar Energy?". Below the title, there is a "SUPPORTS" section with two buttons: a green thumbs-up icon labeled "100%" and a grey thumbs-down icon labeled "0%". Below these buttons, it says "2 votes". To the right of the main content, there is a "SUPPORTS" section with two buttons: a green thumbs-up icon labeled "100%" and a grey thumbs-down icon labeled "0%". Below these buttons, it says "2 votes".

The main content area has a "Go back" link and a "Comments (1)" section. The comment is by "vkontou" and says: "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?". Below the comment, there are links for "No responses", "Reply", and "Delete comment".

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Related content" section with a link to "Add related content".



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

Latvian Pilot

Polish Pilot

Portuguese Pilot

The screenshot displays the 'PARTICIPATE PowerYouth' website interface. The top navigation bar includes the logo, a language dropdown set to 'English', and links for 'My content', 'My account', and 'Sign out'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Debates', 'Proposals' (highlighted), 'Participatory budgeting', 'About Us', and 'FAQs'. A search bar is also present.

The main content area is titled 'PROPOSALS' with a 'Help with proposals' link. It features a filter bar with options: 'most active', 'highest rated', 'newest', and 'recommendations'. A 'Create a proposal' button is visible in the top right of the main area.

Three proposal cards are shown:

- Strategic plan for a 100% green city in Athens**: 10,000 supports needed, 0% progress. Tags: green, energy, renewable.
- Solar Neighborhoods: Community-Driven Solar Panel Projects**: 10,000 supports needed, 0.1% progress. A message states: 'You have already supported this proposal. Share it!'.
- Wind for All: Small-Scale Wind Turbines in Community Spaces**: 10,000 supports needed, 0% progress.

On the right sidebar, there are sections for 'SELECTED PROPOSALS', 'CATEGORIES' (listing Austrian, Greek, Latvian, Polish, and Portuguese pilots), 'TRENDING', and 'PROPOSALS LISTS' (with sub-sections for 'The most supported proposals by category', 'Archived proposals', and 'Proposals withdrawn by the author').

At the bottom, a 'Help with proposals' section provides introductory text about the PARTICIPATE tool.

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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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

Descriptive image
You can upload one image of following content types: jpg, up to 2 MB

Add image

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

Add new document

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

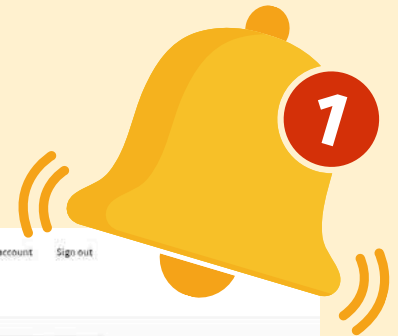
Categories
Austrian pilot | Greek pilot | Latvian pilot | Polish pilot | Portuguese pilot

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

Assign your proposal to one of the five categories

COMMENT

PROPOSALS



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Solar Neighborhoods: Community-Driven Solar Panel Projects

admin • 2024-12-04 • 4 comments

Solar Neighborhoods

Proposal code: **CONSUL-2024-12-2**

A proposal to collaboratively invest in and install solar panels in residential areas, enabling shared renewable energy and reduced electricity costs.

Introduction:

Solar energy is a proven and efficient renewable resource. This project aims to empower local neighborhoods to harness solar energy by pooling resources for bulk solar panel installations.

Goals:

1. Reduce electricity bills through renewable energy.
2. Promote sustainability in the community.
3. Educate residents about solar technology.

Plan:

- Conduct community workshops to introduce the project.
- Partner with a solar panel provider for bulk purchase discounts.
- Identify homes and shared spaces for panel installations.
- Develop a shared energy framework (e.g., energy credits or shared grid).

Impact:

This initiative could reduce household energy bills by up to 50% and cut local carbon emissions significantly.

Call to Action:

Sign up for our information session next month and be part of the solar revolution!

AUTHOR

Dashboard

SUPPORTS

0.1% / 100%

2 supports
10,000 supports needed

Support

FOLLOW

Follow citizen proposal

COMMUNITY

Participate in the user community of this proposal.

Access the community

Related content (0)

Add related content

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

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Participatory budgets

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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