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Abstract

The objective of this Output is to contribute to the achievement of the specific aims of ISO1 “Better cooperation governance” by investigating cross-border obstacles to a better and more meaningful youth engagement in strategic decision-making. To better address these obstacles, with a view to their reduction and possible solution, the Output focuses on increasing the capacities of public institutions and stakeholders to improve multi-level governance policy-making.

Multi-stakeholder and multi-level governance models, based on inclusive, participatory and coordinated cooperation among different actors are particularly effective in addressing territorial cooperation challenges and strategic decision-making in macroregional contexts (EUSAIR), especially with reference to youth engagement. The DEMY-Coop project is intended to improve communication among the different levels of government involved in macroregions and youth organisations to boost these processes.



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Summary description

The DEMY-Coop project, its activities, deliverables, outputs and results take steps from the experiences of similar stakeholders in the microregional context, and tries to capitalise them in the Programme area. The developed solution thereby bears a high potential to lead to real change in the way local public authorities and stakeholders of the Programme area participate in territorial cooperation processes and in particular to the Adriatic Ionian macroregional strategy.

The solution builds several layers of action:

- Cross-border cooperation among DEMY-Coop partners, enhancing trust and knowledge exchange in a field of action that is related to the partner's priorities and mission;
- Direct involvement of local public authorities as territorial cooperation implementers aimed at the pinpointing relevant obstacles to the implementation of cross-border processes also through the identification administrative, legal or cultural barriers in procedures;
- Implementation of a people-to-people approach, namely directly involving young people, and in particular youth organisations, in finding the solution and identifying identify policy sectors in which their engagement can be most fruitful.

With this Output every governing body can access to a solution for developing effective youth empowerment, activation and engagement in local and macroregional decision-making.

NUTS regions where the Output was developed/implemented

The following NUTS regions have developed and implemented the tools: ITF22 (Campobasso), ITH35 (Venice), ITH36 (Padua), HR034 (Šibensko-kninska Županija).

Type of output

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote youth engagement in strategic decision-making the Italy-Croatia Cross-Border Cooperation area.



Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is agreed upon by **EuRelations GEIE**, **Fondazione Europelago** and **Udruga Emedea** (hereafter referred to as the "Parties"), who, under the implementation of the Interreg Italy Croatia DEMY-Coop project, share the goal of fostering youth engagement in strategic decision-making processes in the Interreg Italy-Croatia Cooperation area.

DEMY-Coop, acronym for Decision-Making Youth for cross-border COOPeration, is jointly designed and implemented with a view to contributing to the achievement of the goals of the 2021-2027 Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme, priority 5 “Integrated governance for stronger cooperation”, by investigating cross-border obstacles to a better and more meaningful youth engagement in strategic decision-making.

The purpose of this MOU is to provide the framework for cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties in areas of common interest, goals and objectives.



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We undersigned, Davide GIRIBALDI, President of EuRelations GEIE, Giampaolo PECCOLO, President of Fondazione Europelago, Mira LEPUR, President of Udruga Emedea,

- Mindful of our strong commitment to cooperate on the basis of our common European heritage and values, and to uphold an open and continuous exchange aimed at expanding our outreach across the region to collect the views, interests and needs of youth and form a collective voice;
- Noting that we are like-minded and share a mutual vision as concerns empowering youth and their role in society, on the one hand, and, stimulating public authorities in proactively involve youth in the decision-making processes at local, regional, national level, on the other;
- Agree that the youth engagement in strategic decision-making can foster innovation, ensure diversity and inclusion of youth perspectives, as well as socially and economically sustainable development of our respective communities (Molise, Veneto and Sibenik-Knin), countries (Italy and Croatia) and our shared cooperation area (Italy-Croatia Cross-Border area).
- Recognise the positive impact that involving young people in decision-making at various levels (local, regional, and national) has on empowering youth and their personal growth, in raising their confidence, and their sense of responsibility, equipping them with the knowledge, tools and skills that are necessary to better engage in policy-making and leadership.
- Insist that youth should be provided with wider space and resources to establish dialogue and collaborate with public officials, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders, especially via inclusive participatory initiatives, constant consultation and structured cooperation.
- Recognising all the above as areas of mutual concern, we agree to strengthen our dialogue and key strategic cooperation through collaboration in the areas set out in this MoU, activating all relevant actors and seeking EU, national and regional financial support to make it sustainable.



MoU signatories

Read, agreed and signed on 19, December 2025

For and on behalf of EuRelations GEIE

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For and on behalf of Fondazione Europelago

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For and on behalf of Udruga Emedea

<p>Name/Surname: Mira LEPUR Position: President</p>	<p>Signature</p> <p>Predsjednica Udruga Emedea, Mira Lepur, mag ek. intel i upravljanja u gospodarstvu i razvojem</p> 
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