



**Group 2**  
 Facilitating meaningful participation: bridging youth and policymakers



**Challenges**

lack of opportunities	lack of cooperation	lack of motivation/involvement
lack of information	lack of resources	Limited Civic Education
lack of representation	two way process - need involvement of policy makers	youth not being taken seriously (negative narrative)
lack of ownership		

**Practical solutions**

strengthen rural youth network	tailored communication	creating inclusive spaces for youngsters
Highlight the Benefits for Youth	Grassroot initiatives (close to youth needs, tangible)	education, mentoring, capacity building
knowledge (how to identify the problems)	hackatons, laboratories	network with other type of stakeholders (connect both horizontally & vertically)
creativity (rural youth imagine the future of rural areas that need revitalisation)	space for dialogue between youth and policy makers at different levels of governance	advocacy
start small & scale up	set up a legal framework	digital community

**Lessons and recommendations**

Support youth networks	employing youth	Youth-Focused Funding and Resources
invest in Digital Inclusion and Connectivity	provide youth capacity building and mentorship	policy makers being honest with youth + enable meaningful participation
tailored communication	erasmus +	participatory budgeting