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Youth Participation Mobility in Greece - Empowering Blue Economy Ambassadors

We are excited to share the outcomes of one of the most pivotal moments in the Blue4Youth journey: the Youth Participation Mobility held in Greece.

This powerful event brought together young people from across Europe to participate in an immersive and collaborative Debatable Hackathon with Policymakers, designed to foster youth leadership in climate action and the sustainable blue economy.

Overview of the Youth Participation Mobility

Held over five transformative days, the Youth Participation Mobility in Greece offered participants a deep dive into policymaking, environmental governance, and democratic dialogue. The core theme of this mobility - "Youth as Blue Economy and Climate Change Ambassadors" - framed the experience as both an educational opportunity and a platform for direct engagement with EU decision-making.

Young participants explored critical questions such as:



- What is the European Green Deal, and how does it influence our oceans and coasts?
- Is Europe truly a global leader in environmental sustainability?
- How can youth shape policy and inspire blue innovation at the grassroots level?

Event Highlights

Debatable Hackathon with Politicians

Youth participants were grouped into international teams and challenged to design actionable solutions to real-world climate and blue economy issues. They presented their ideas to a panel of policymakers, local authorities, educators, and environmental experts transforming the traditional debate into a two-way exchange of insight and innovation.

Policy Simulation & Decision-Making Labs

Interactive simulations of EU policy-making procedures provided participants with first-hand experience in how environmental laws are shaped, challenged, and passed. This experiential learning was enhanced by coaching on negotiation, argumentation, and policy drafting.

Sustainability Challenge Workshops

Through a mix of lectures and creative challenges, youth examined sustainable innovation, circular economy models, and green entrepreneurship ideas including how to integrate ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) criteria into youth-led ventures.

Cross-Border Dialogue & Collaboration

Participants from partner countries exchanged their experiences in climate advocacy, environmental volunteering, and community initiatives. These peer-to-peer learning moments fostered lasting relationships and transnational solidarity around shared environmental values.

What's Next

This Youth Mobility has left a lasting impact. It empowered young people not only to raise their voices but also to shape policy with credibility and creativity. Their ideas and reflections will directly contribute to the Blue4Youth Youth Toolkit and Manifesto, serving as a roadmap for youth-led sustainability action across Europe.

This is just the beginning. The momentum generated in Greece will continue through local follow-up events, policy roundtables, and training sessions hosted by all project partners. Together, we are building a more just, inclusive, and sustainable future by sea, by youth, and by action.

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