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About E-gov4youth

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- TThe E-gov4 project, co-funded by the European Union, spans 30 months from March 2024 to August 2026. It will be implemented by six organizations based in Italy, Greece, Norway, Estonia, Bulgaria, and Cyprus.
- EGOV4YOUTH tackles the challenges of expediting the digitalization of public services and boosting civic engagement among young people. The project focuses on equipping youth with E-GOV skills and tools to promote local development, fostering cooperation between young individuals and public bodies in decision-making processes.
- EGOV4YOUTH provides an E-GOV training program for young not in education, employment or training (NEETs), highlighting E-GOV technologies, digital civic engagement, open data and transparency, security and ethics, and resources for local growth. Furthermore, the initiative encourages collaboration between young individuals and public entities in creating E-GOV resources to enhance youth participation in decision-making.
- It also establishes enduring partnerships among public bodies, youth organizations, research institutions, and the private sector.

Project outputs

- **Skills Gaps Research Report:** An in-depth study to identify skills gaps in the context of E-GOV;
- **Training Programme:** aimed at youngsters not in education, employment or training (NEETs) aged 18- 29 years old.
- **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC):** which will be based on the 6 modules of the already tested and validated course. The MOOC will make the training free of charge, accessible by anyone and at any time.
- **Dialogue Platform**: useful for decision making between young people and PA, co-developed by young people and institutions
- **E-GOV Permanent Network Mechanism:** which will be exploited for bottom-up co-design of youth-driven local development policies

Target groups:

- Young people 24-29 years old out of education, training and the labor market (NEET)
- Youth organizations
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- During the meeting, it was agreed to establish and operate through a Steering Committee and determined the possible date/time of our monthly meetings. They also presented the Management Handbook and Quality and Assurance plan, explaining the Monitoring and Evaluation Methods.
- Tal Tech, in charge of Working Package 2: Knowledge Acquisition, presented the methodology and work plan for the Task 2.3 Analysis of international best practices in the area of E-GOV initiatives for youth. All partners contributed to compiling a total of 20 best practices during May 2024.
- YYOUTH (Norway) presented the first draft and work plan of the Communication and Dissemination plan, which has been continuously updated. YYOUTH opened social media accounts, and Exeolab launched the E-gov4 Youth webpage in May 2024.

Next Steps

- **WP2 Knowledge Acquisition.** With the objective of producing a *Transnational Research Report on best practices*, Tal Tech will lead the creation and conduct of surveys and interviews targeting youth and local public institutions over the next few months. Tal Tech will coordinate these tasks, and the questionnaires will be developed by YYOUTH and EILD.
- **INTERNATIONAL DISSEMINATION WEBINAR FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE RESEARCH REPORT.** TALTECH will coordinate the 'International Webinar to Promote Research Results, which will take place in september 2024. **Audience**: The event will be mainly aimed at researchers, Public Autorithies (PA) and Youth NGOs, you will receive the invite soon!

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