

**Partner search  
Europe for Citizens**

Strand/measure	<b>Europe for Citizens. Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation Measure 2.2: Network of towns</b>
Deadline applying	1st September 2017

**Organization**

Name	<b>Municipality of Svodín (Slovakia)</b>
Short description	Svodín is a Municipality located in the Nitra Region of south-west Slovakia. Its population is 2.500 inhabitants, with ethnic groups including 76% Hungarians and 23% Slovaks. The main issues of the Municipality of Svodín is dealing with: a constant decrease in young population, insufficient level of social services provided in the Municipality and a high unemployment rate among its citizens.
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**Project**

Field(s)	Engaging the Younger Generation in European Citizenship Explaining EU's achievements and benefits Challenging Euroscepticism Preparing the Young Generation for 2019 European elections Active Democratic Participation of Citizens Discussing Europe's current challenges (Brexit, refugee crises, global position of EU) EU's picture in the Media - develop a critical thinking especially among the youngest
Description	<p>The aim of our project is to create an international platform for analyzing and debating the most urgent issues of the European Union with citizens, in order to reestablish the trust and positive approach towards the EU, with a special focus on the young generation.</p> <p>The central topics of our interest are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Euroscepticism, its causes and its consequences</li> <li>- Brexit and its practical impacts</li> <li>- Refugee crisis, its development and current state</li> <li>- Benefits and Achievements of EU</li> <li>- Future of European Union</li> <li>- Active participation of citizens especially in relation to 2019 European elections</li> <li>- Motivate the young people to take part in 2019 European elections</li> <li>- develop critical thinking towards information presented in Media</li> </ul> <p><b>TARGET GROUPS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First-time voters in 2019</li> <li>- Parents</li> <li>- Teachers</li> <li>- Educational authorities</li> <li>- Decision makers</li> <li>- Institutions and NGOs working with youth</li> </ul> <p><b>OBJECTIVES AND GOALS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Convince the citizens of the beneficial role of EU through specific examples and role models</li> <li>- Reduce the level of Euroscepticism</li> <li>- Raise the European elections turnout for 2019</li> <li>- Promote and implement innovative channels of e-participation</li> <li>- Contextualize the role of EU in global dimension</li> </ul>

**Partners searched**

Countries	European countries
Profile	Towns/municipalities Other levels of local/regional authorities Federations/associations of local authorities Non-profit organisations representing local authorities that work with persons with intellectual disabilities NGOs dedicated to work with youth Educational institutions