The international activity “Youth organisations defending the role of the civil society” took place from the 21st to the 26th October, 2018 in Berlin, Germany (including travel dates). In total, 21 participants from 16 countries took part in the activity. The aim of the activity to provide understanding, motivation and tools for youth organisations and young people to contribute to the development and strengthening of the civil society, thus reinforcing the political processes towards a stable participatory democracy.

The aim of the activity was fulfilled by completing the following objectives:

- Understanding the role and importance of the civil society in the context of social and political evolution and their capacity within it.
- Understanding the ways in which they can promote the role of the civil society, bolster visibility and mobilize civil support.
- Identifying civil society partners on the ground based on mutual goals and principles, plan and realize shared actions, build relationships and start joint initiatives.

During the activity participants learnt, discussed and reflected about the concepts of civil society, youth participation and democracy. They discovered different European realities and how specific contexts creates barriers to for civil society as well as for active youth engagement in decision making processes. The activity was about to enhance capacities of young participants to act and advocate for strengthening of the civil society and its space. At the end of the activity, participants designed their action plans (activity, campaigns, training) for future in order to contribute to a strong and effective civil society from youth perspective. They also planned to transfer the knowledge and experience gained during the activity as well as motivate and empower more and more young people from their organisations and communities.