



Empowering Rural Youth: Establishing and Strengthening the Rural Youth Parliament in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Connecting Rural Youth for a Stronger Democracy

Young people in rural areas are the heartbeat of their communities, yet they often face the steepest barriers to making their voices heard in policy-making.

EMPOWER+ is here to change that. By establishing and strengthening **Rural Youth Parliaments** across Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe, we are creating a bridge between local energy and national decision-making. Our goal is simple but ambitious: to ensure that geographic distance never translates into political silence.

Project in numbers

8

Partner
Organisations

From Europe and Sub-Saharan
Africa

7

Countries
Involved

Romania, Italy, Greece, Nigeria,
Botswana, Mauritius,
Madagascar

100+

Young
People

Participating in international
mobility activities

4

International Youth
Participation Activities

Organised across Europe and
Africa

3

Rural Youth
Parliaments

To be established in partner
countries

10

Capacity-Building
Workshops

For youth leaders and youth
workers

Current Focus: Mapping the Landscape

The project is now in an intensive research phase. Our teams are on the ground in each partner country, **identifying existing local resources** and **interviewing key stakeholders**.

We aren't just looking for what works—we are looking for the gaps where young people feel unheard. This groundwork is essential as we begin designing the digital platform and the training frameworks that will support the next generation of rural parliamentarians.

Highlights from Cluj-Napoca

The EMPOWER+ project officially started with a successful Kick-off Meeting held in Romania and hosted by the project coordinator, GAL Napoca Porolissum.

Kick-off Meeting in Romania



Partners from Europe and Africa came together to align on the project's vision, objectives, and upcoming activities aimed at empowering rural youth and strengthening youth participation.

Meet the Consortium

The strength of EMPOWER+ lies in its diverse international partnership. We are a network of organizations committed to youth empowerment and rural development:



Join the Movement

The conversation continues on our social media channels. Follow us for real-time updates, local success stories, and opportunities to get involved.



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