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## PAR - Final report



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# Empowering Youth Voices: PAR Final report

We are excited to present the culmination of an extraordinary journey – the final report of our Participatory Action Research (PAR) “*Youth perspectives on violence incidence, attitudes towards marginalized groups, and solutions for positive change.*” This report showcases the power of youth engagement in an innovative research approach and brings valuable data to multiple stakeholders across different countries.

PAR “Youth perspectives on violence incidence, attitudes towards marginalized groups, and solutions for positive change” was implemented simultaneously by Association Studio B from Croatia, YEU from Cyprus, Association Light from Serbia and Erasmiau from Spain, from April to July 2025 within “The power of Participation” activity. The research team was made from 5 young people in Croatia, Serbia and Spain and 6 young people in Cyprus, as well as 2 youth workers in each country, that created and conducted the research, did an analysis and created a national report. Within the research a total of 237 young people from all countries, aged 13 to 30, were surveyed, which surpassed our expected number of youngsters reached.





# Dive into the findings and discover:

**Youth Perspectives on Violence:** Alarmingly, our research across Croatia, Cyprus, Serbia, and Spain revealed that 48% to 60% of young people experienced some form of violence, with types ranging from physical and psychological to online harassment and discrimination. Schools and online spaces emerged as common environments where violence occurs, highlighting critical areas for intervention. A significant 90% of respondents also believe that support for victims is insufficient, and a concerning number believe victims are sometimes to blame, underscoring the urgent need for better education and trust in institutions.

**Attitudes Towards Marginalized Groups:** The report sheds light on youth perceptions of marginalized groups, with migrants, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and women frequently identified. While empathy exists, there's also a noted indifference towards some groups, especially in rural areas, emphasizing the need for developing emotional intelligence and intercultural dialogue.

**Youth-Led Solutions for Positive Change:** This research wasn't just about problems; it was about solutions as well! Young people proposed concrete, feasible ideas for reducing violence and enhancing social inclusion. These include educational workshops on respect and prevention, creative projects (art, cinema, forum theatre), volunteering, safe dialogue spaces, and awareness campaigns. Encouragingly, 94% of respondents believe they can initiate positive change in society





# Be Part of the Change!

This report is a vital resource for anyone committed to fostering democratic values, social change, and empowering young people. It's a call to action for stakeholders to come together, act in synergy, and invest in policies and initiatives that genuinely reflect the needs and aspirations of youth.

Beyond this report, we've also developed a pedagogical and methodological guidebook, "Empowering Praxis," to equip youth practitioners with the knowledge and tools to confidently implement the PAR methodology themselves. The guidebook will soon be available on the projects' website: <https://inclusivepathwaystopeace.eu/>.

**Download the full report** from our website to gain a deeper understanding of these critical issues and explore the rich data and recommendations that can inform your work and inspire new initiatives. Join us in building inclusive pathways to peace, powered by the incredible insights and dedication of young people.

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