



## Proposals for the improvement of follow up and implementation of SD results - Recommendations

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- *for National Working Groups for Structured Dialogue,*
- *for the European Steering Committee*
- *for other relevant stakeholders*

### **PREAMBLE**

#### RECOGNIZING

- the importance to implement at the European, national and regional level the recommendations within the SD process adopted within the Council Conclusions,
- that often national actors are uninformed regarding the SD process and therefore there is a lack of commitment to embrace the implementation of the recommendations;

#### UNDERLINING

- that the difficulties of the SD actors in implementing the Council Conclusions within the Member States weaken their visibility;
- that the distance between EU and national institutions and organizations, in addition of the long term scheme of the SD, lead to an absence of ownership of the SD process's results;

#### STRESSING THE FACT THAT

- no clear actor has been mandated to monitor the implementation of the SD results at the EU or national levels,
- some Joint Recommendations are left behind with few concrete outcomes without explanations;
- youth organizations and young citizens should benefit at the best extent of the recommendations and should be given the opportunity to express their opinion and to be involved in the implementation of the results;
- national and European authorities would need to communicate in a transparent way why they could not implement all the recommendations, explaining the context of their challenges

#### TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT

- national actors are struggling with the implementation of the SD process regarding its theme which is not always in accordance with the national priorities or realities;

#### REMINDING



- that the European Commission, the ESC and national authorities should support the national implementation of recommendations with the collaboration of the NGO's rather than develop a controlling body;

*The participants of the "Seminar on the implementation of Structured Dialogue" which was held in Slovenia from 13th to the 16th of April 2015, bringing together representatives of 14 National Working Groups, agreed on the following proposals:*

#### INVITE NATIONAL WORKING GROUPS ON STRUCTURED DIALOGUE TO

1. Encourage existing national networks to spread information about joint recommendations and engage themselves in the implementation of recommendations through their members. Explain the idea of the process and how it is relevant to their activities.
2. Set up partnerships among policy makers at national level according to their respective area to implement in the best way possible joint recommendations. Especially establish contacts with members of the national parliament in order to prepare proposals for laws and other actions in line with recommendations if relevant.
3. Provide lobbying material (training, seminars etc.) to NGOs, youth organisations and other relevant actors to demand the national implementation of certain recommendations.
4. Include all relevant actors (including teachers and peer educators) who were involved in implementation of the consultation process to inform the youth they were working with of the results of SD.
5. Everyone who was consulted should be informed about the results and the implementation of Recommendations
6. Encourage media (especially public and non mainstream) to promote civic engagement through all channels. Ways should be explored to make them a structural partner in the SD process.
7. NWG should exchange good practices and help each other.

#### WE INVITE MEMBER STATES TO

7. Foster actively cross sectoral cooperation by involving relevant sectors of the government in the implementation of SD results. Ministries in charge of youth affairs should support them by providing expertise in the youth field.



#### ASK THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO

9. Local and regional projects of SD should be supported in Erasmus+ Key action 3. Sufficient budget needs to be made available to enable this.
10. In order to ensure monitoring processes, quality standards of the SD process should be defined based on good practices. Progress in the implementation of SD should be presented in the European Youth Report and other relevant documents.
11. Promote and encourage the use of online platform in order to monitor results implementation in all EU member states.
12. Provide budget to the European Steering Committee to enable it to follow up the results of each working cycle at European level.
13. Provide funding for ESC to translate the recommendations into all EU languages.
14. EC should give feedback to the ESC and the NWG about the implementation and contribution after each cycle.

#### REQUEST NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL TO

14. Reformulate the final recommendations of the cycle, whenever it's applicable, in a more understandable format to communicate them towards a broader audience using different networks.

#### ASK THE EUROPEAN STEERING COMMITTEE TO:

16. Develop guidelines on methodology of implementation of Recommendations and follow-up.

#### INVITE THE YOUTH FORUM JEUNESSE TO

17. Give information support to NWGs in the establishment of international thematic clusters with other NWGs having the same interests in implementation of cycle conclusions, as well as supporting them in the establishment of implementation projects under the frame of the Erasmus+ Key action 3. This should enable NWG members (Especially ministries and NYC) to develop shared strategies on implementation of the SD recommendations.