



### **YOUTH MYTHBUSTERS – PRESS RELEASE**

Lowering youth unemployment, and engaging in the society as many of Europe's young people as possible is at the heart of the EU policy agenda. At the same time, the economic crisis has led to high levels of youth unemployment, increasing the disengagement among young people.

Within this context, the new European initiative Youth MythBusters, by stimulating young bloggers and media students to assume the role of the Leader and to empower their peers at risk of social exclusion, aims at promoting the civic and political engagement of the latter and to fight fake news, manipulation and propaganda.

Specifically, Youth MythBusters consists of a capacity building programme for young influencers aiming at preparing them for assuming the role of youth leader in order to stimulate civic and political participation among their peers. An e-learning platform will be developed aiming to provide digital modules to young leaders to enhance media literacy of peers but also modules for the youth at risk of social exclusion regarding their civic engagement. Furthermore, a toolkit will be the guide of the peer-to-peer myth busting actions for the identification of fake news, propaganda, manipulation, while national and European recommendations papers for practitioners and policy makers will be drafted on how to increase the civic and political engagement of youth at risk of social exclusion.

The project kicked off its activities in September 2019 and will run for 25 months in 5 different countries: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary and Italy.

Our next activity is the selection of youth people (bloggers, media students) who wants to participate in the training process.

If you want to learn more about our activities please visit our website:  
<https://www.youthmythbusters.eu/the-project/innovation/>

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