

Call for local and national activities - EPiC

About EPiC:

EPiC - Empowering students Participation in Campaigning is a project that OBESSU is currently carrying out. Throughout this project OBESSU will work until June 2024 on empowering young people to engage within the decision making processes on their local, national and European level, and to practice their right to vote.

Moreover, voting at 16 is one of the core advocacy points for OBESSU, both from the perspective of increasing the number of European countries that allow young people to vote at 16 and recognising the importance of youth participation within the shaping of the future of Europe, and from the perspective of the changes that are recommended to take place within the educational systems in order to address this importance and inform young people to actively engage within the democratic processes relevant to them.

The project aims at:

- Informing and educating young people about participation, democracy, and the importance of youth participation in electoral processes.
- Increasing the engagement of school students and school students unions in the outreach towards young people.
- Addressing the need to engage first time voters and young people that would otherwise not vote.
- Building the capacity to design and implement successful political campaigns.
- Developing a manifesto that school students unions and students can use for campaigning towards the European Parliament elections.

About local and national activities:

The aims of the local and national activities organised by the member organisations is to follow up and multiply the knowledge acquired during the Training Course for International Officers within your organisation. In line with the objectives of the project, and the ideas that came up during the Training, your activities should Build the capacity of students in regard to democratic processes and elections, learn about the right to vote in your country and in Europe, facilitate political conversations and positions, discuss organisational priorities in regards to democracy and participation.

Understand the broader perspective of European politics and how national vs. international decisions affect each other and how policies get processed in the European Parliament.

Your activity can be a day activity or a series of activities, such a group of workshops spread in a certain period of time.



When?

Your activity should take place between the **15th of April until the 31st of July 2023**.

The activity needs to be reported by the 15th of September 2023 at the latest, so you will have enough time between the end of the activity and the reporting deadline.

The deadline to apply is the 6th of April 2023, 3 weeks from now.

What do we offer you?

OBESSU provides funding (**up to 2000 EUR per initiative**) for initiatives implemented by general and vocational secondary school students and young activists on local, regional and national levels.

The grant can cover expenses such as travel of participants from other parts of the country, materials, communication costs and costs for events like food, rent of the room, external trainers if needed. Expenses must be directly related to and necessary for the implementation of the submitted initiative proposal.

Who?

General eligibility criteria

- ✓ The application has to be submitted by an OBESSU Member, Candidate or Affiliate Organisation.
- ✓ The initiative has to have either local, regional or national impact.
- ✓ Your organisation needs to be a legal entity.
- X No need to be a member of the European Union.
- ✓ The activity should aim at involving at least 30 students

How can you apply?

In order to apply for the funded activity, please fill this [application form](#). You will also need to submit a budget proposal, for which you will find the [Budget template](#) here. Note that you will need to download it and fill it offline.

As an option, and to stand out and promote your project, you can also send a cool video or a digital presentation of your proposal, that will be used externally* to show how fantastic your organisation is.

*upon your consent and if your project is selected.

We will host an online info session EPiC Hot Chocolate on the 22nd of March at 5:30pm CET.

You can come to ask your questions, share the ideas with other organisations and get inspired.



Link for the call [here](#). Note that we will send reminders.

What help can we offer you?

1. We can provide support during the design of the budget and the proposal. Please reach out to us.
2. Info session: Hot Chocolate EPiC on the **22nd of April at 5:30pm**. Join us to solve your doubts and see what the others are doing
3. The support of the Pool of Trainers to design and, if possible, to facilitate your activity in person.
4. A support team: once your activity is approved you will not be alone. A team of support will be available to advice you and support you/

Contact email: leonora@obessu.org. Feel free to reach out for more clarifications about the project and the activities.

The results will be communicated by the **11th of April 2023**. We might need to reach out to you in case clarifications on the project or on the budget are needed.

All the logistic and more bureaucratic information will come after the selection process is over.

