

**Call for participants for the Summer School:  
Empowering students Participation in Campaigning**

**Mollina, Spain - 17th to 24th of September 2023**

**Deadline for Applications: 4th of August**  
[Application form](#)

**> About the EPiC Project**

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.

**What are our objectives?**

- 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 the Summer School: Empowering students' participation in campaigning.**

As part of the EPiC project we are going to host our 2nd capacity building activity, the **Summer School: Empowering Students' participation in campaigning**. The Summer School aims to be a discussion, development and capacity building event that will take place in the framework of the [University on Youth and Development \(UYD\)](#) in Mollina, Málaga, Spain. 25 school student activists from OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate organisations from all over Europe will participate in the event.

## > Aims and objectives

In particular, the objectives of the Summer School are the following:

- Build MOs capacities in terms of advocacy and communication skills, especially in the field of designing and implementing successful campaigns.
- Discuss the outcomes of the local and national activities, elaborate them further, and gather demand from students unions to fit in the Manifesto that will be developed at the Summer School
- Exchange good practices and develop ideas to kick off the work around the campaign on the International Students' Day (17th of November).

Besides, the Summer School in Molina will be a good opportunity to disseminate the EPiC project and its outcomes to organisations and educational stakeholders worldwide as well as to institutions such as the North-South Center of the Council of Europe and the Spanish Government and build connections, get feedback and potential applicability of the outcomes of the project in other regions, as OBESSU is also working on global citizenship and solidarity, as the NSC and the CoE, as well as to get inspiration from other campaigns and activists.

## > Profile of the applicants

We are looking for 25 participants **nominated** by OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations.

The selected participants will be expected to:

- Bring the ideas gathered during the local /national events (if applicable)
- To have some experience in advocacy process and access to rights for students
- To be motivated and willing to contribute to the final Manifesto to be used for campaigning and advocacy during the EP 2024 Elections
- To have a medium level of English, since this is the language that will be used in the Summer School

## > Timeline and activities

The 25 participants will be selected by the **10th of August**.

The programme of the Summer School will take place from the **17th to 24th of September**, with 17th and 24th being travel days.

The event lasts 6 days and it is part of a bigger event organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, and it includes the participation of 6 other organisations with different backgrounds. The programme foresees joint sessions and evening activities. The setting of the event allows for cooperation, exchange of practices and dialogue with different educational stakeholders, and it is therefore an incredible opportunity.

### > Selection Criteria

- Nomination Letter
- Motivation to attend and contribute to the event
- Experience in advocacy and campaigning processes
- Willingness to disseminate the outcomes of the Summer School within the Membership of the home organisation

### > Practical information

**The event requires a participation fee of 50 EUR.**

The fee will cover food, accommodation and training. The travel will be also reimbursed by OBESSU after the event.

### > How to apply

In order to apply, you have to fill the online application form: <https://forms.gle/ZcaikPQ5FCnGTbfL6>

**Deadline for applications: 4th August 23.59 CEST.**

If you have any questions, queries or would like some more information, please contact Carmen at [carmen@obessu.org](mailto:carmen@obessu.org).

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