





# "Diversity and Participation" charter between stakeholders from the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region and the state of Hesse.

# **DiPa-Nouvelle-Hessquitaine**

# **Preamble**

As a structuring element of the FGYO's strategy, the regional networks pursue the following goals:

- They promote encounters, exchanges and the development of new projects between stakeholders from the youth, social and cultural sectors.
- They respond to the needs of the regions by involving new structures that have not previously participated in European youth exchanges.
- The interregional Franco-German network "Diversity and Participation" between stakeholders from the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region and the state of Hesse is a space that contributes to the implementation of the "Diversity and Participation" strategy of the Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO). The aim is to give as many people as possible access to European exchange programmes and at the same time promote the diversity of the target groups involved.
- The DiPa-Nouvelle-Hessquitaine network aims to strengthen Franco-German cooperation between the various players in the associative life, civil society and institutions of these two regions, building on the regional partnership between the State of Hesse and the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region.
- Our common and declared aim is to develop Franco-German or tri-national exchanges between children, young people and youth work professionals from our regions, regardless of their social, geographical or cultural background, while respecting the democratic values that guide us.
- This charter will form the basis of a roadmap for the DiPa-Nouvelle-Hessquitaine network.

Other "Diversity and Participation" networks exist between the Berlin/Brandenburg and Paris/Île-de-France regions, between North Rhine-Westphalia and the Hauts-de-France region and between Hamburg and Marseille/PACA. These different networks are interconnected and each serves as a source of inspiration for the establishment and development of the others.







# The challenges

Three major challenges characterise the roadmap of the DiPa-Nouvelle-Hessquitaine network:

- Promote lasting partnerships between players in the fields of education, integration
  and career counselling and structures for youth development and popular education,
  sport, culture and the arts in Nouvelle-Aquitaine and Hesse.
- Promote, develop and accompany youth encounters between the two regions through exchange programmes that are jointly developed with and for the public.
- Strengthen links with local structures to facilitate access to European mobility and intercultural exchanges for the target groups furthest away from our regions.

# The aims of the network

### Goals for the stakeholders

- Contribution to the strategic developments of the "Diversity and Participation" network in connection with local and regional perspectives and challenges.
- Promoting networking, cooperation, dialogue and the exchange of best practice between stakeholders in both regions.
- Enable network players to acquire intercultural and language skills.
- Promoting interculturality, diversity and coexistence in Europe and worldwide.
- Harmonisation of issues relating to mobility, digital developments and environmental protection in international exchange.

# Goals in the direction of the target groups

- Promoting and strengthening the mobility of young people as a motor for their integration into a social, solidary and peaceful Europe.
- Promoting the participation of young people and their civic engagement in order to accompany/support them in becoming multipliers of civic engagement themselves (in their everyday lives, at work and in associations).
- Promoting employment and integration through intercultural exchange.

Every action of the network (meeting or project) must deal with topics related to diversity and participation and aim to support young people in their engagement.

For example: It can also be a meeting of experts and/or a training course for multipliers who work with the young people concerned.







# **Our values**

CRAJEP NA, the Solidarity Youth of Germany and the FGYO ensure a collegial and participatory coordination of the network's actors and maintain a respectful and solidary relationship between them.

We want to build bridges between cultures, generations and societies.

We combine youth education, culture and sport as a force for the development of each individual and create space and support for international and intercultural friendship.

We actively oppose racism, antisemitism, populism, nationalism, intolerance and any other form of discrimination.

We see international mobility as a suitable means of empowering young people and developing sustainable civic engagement.

### **Our commitments**

We are committed to realising projects that are in line with our values.

We attach great importance to inspiring young people to think critically.

We are committed to promoting self-determination and co-determination and encouraging young people to take responsibility for themselves and others.

We support their commitment and their impulses.

We are committed to the training of partners.

### How the network works

The members of the network are project organisers in the above-mentioned areas. Their voluntary or professional work with young people is intended to contribute to greater social participation and diversity in the regions of Hesse and Nouvelle-Aquitaine.

The members of the network actively promote contact between the two regions and play a constructive role in the planned projects. They act as advisors and contacts for other interested parties.

The network is coordinated and supervised by the two regional associations in Nouvelle-Aquitaine and Hesse in close cooperation with the FGYO. The coordinating structures organise the annual meeting, which strengthens the network.