



*Connect Yourself!*

## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**October 27th - 30th**  
**Bozen/Bolzano – South Tyrol (Italy)**

This meeting will bring together young people from autochthonous regions of Europe to explore common needs of their communities. Creating an exchange is fundamental moving towards a Europe of the people and not of the states. It is a unique opportunity to share knowledge and experience with other youth from regions with similar characteristics and to find common solutions to similar problems. The main goal is to develop a Manifesto on the visions and guidelines of the future of young autochthonous people in Europe.

### **General Info**

South Tyrol is a particular county, with special rules that bring it in an autonomy status. Our privileged status, and the substantial peacefully cohabitation between different minority groups, seems like a model for other regions with similar peculiarities.

The young people of South Tyrol, who has not lived the county's past of struggles and contrasts, are not aware of how lucky they are how more difficult the coexistence could be. The situation of other multilingual and multicultural realities is often unknown. A confrontation between multilingual realities within a European framework is very important to get to know and to understand the other and the best way to learn how to live in diversity in a peaceful manner.

## Goals of the meeting

- Promoting a dialogue through plenaries, roundtable sessions and debates
- Encouraging empowerment of the youth
- Sharing knowledge & examples of "best practices"
- Creating a network among young people from minority regions to promote common initiatives
- Developing a shared sense of responsibility towards their community
- Producing a final document with the main visions & guidelines for the future

## Methodology

- All the participants will be included extensively into the process of up-raising and up-building of the Meeting and are invited to present examples of "best practices" of innovative and development in your region
- We would like to inspire the debate among participants thanks to specific discussion techniques in structured workshops
- Bring together young people from minority regions with decision makers in the context of participatory democracy

## Profile of participants

Young people from autochthonous minority regions between 16 and 25 years old that are aware of social-civil issues, open-minded and inspired to share their knowledge with others

## Working language

The working language will be English. No translation will be provided!

## Costs

We´ll cover the costs for accommodation, food and all the materials for the activities. The participants will only cover the travel costs. We do not want money to be an obstacle for anyone to participate to our activities; on the other hand we want committed and motivated participants, who value the opportunity. Therefore, we employ the principle pay what you can, and a little bit more. So do contact us if money is an issue, but you do want to come.

## Further Information about the organizer

LiberaMente is a think-tank of and for young people that aims to provide an exchange of ideas, insights and experiences. This project supports participation of young people in the democratic life of their local community and consists in a series of workshops on topics and issues relevant to society including different experts of the scientific, journalistic, economic, entertainment and

public field.

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