Agenda for event “Together for Peace”

Webinar on conflict transformation and youth peacebuilding

Date and time: 10 October, 15:00 – 16:30 CEST

Background

Youth engagement in peace and security efforts is essential for fostering inclusive, sustainable, and peaceful societies. When youth are marginalized and denied opportunities, societies become more vulnerable to conflict and instability. Conversely, when youth are empowered and engaged, they become powerful drivers of peace and progress. Across Europe, the Western Balkans, Africa, and other regions, young peacebuilders are already developing innovative approaches to dialogue, reconciliation, inclusion, and community resilience. Yet persistent stereotypes, generational divides, mistrust, and limited opportunities for meaningful youth participation can reinforce conflict dynamics. Transforming conflict therefore requires more than addressing immediate disputes. It requires understanding and deconstructing the narratives, assumptions, and social structures that sustain division, while creating spaces where different generations and regions can learn from one another.

This webinar will bring together young activists from the EU Youth, Peace and Security (EU YPS) network, peacebuilding practitioners, and intergenerational actors from different contexts to explore how youth-led peacebuilding can contribute to conflict transformation and diplomatic advocacy. A particular focus will be placed on peacebuilding initiatives in Albania, in Democratic Republic of Congo and in the Central African Republic. The discussion will highlight how these initiatives, including the testimony of a young student from Albania, have helped build resilience and transform conflict in local communities.

The webinar will also provide an opportunity to connect experiences across continents through a presentation from PAMOJA KWA AMANI, showcasing cross-continental youth peacebuilding and intergenerational cooperation.

Objectives

The webinar pursues three objectives:

1. Youth-led conflict transformation. To explore how youth-led peacebuilding can contribute to conflict transformation and diplomatic advocacy, with a particular focus on peacebuilding initiatives in Albania.

2. Cross-regional and intergenerational learning. To connect experiences across continents, enabling young activists from the EU YPS network to learn from the initiatives presented by PAMOJA KWA AMANI, peacebuilding initiatives in Albania (Youth Voices Network), Bangui Peace Lab (Central African Republic) and Sauti ya vijana Kwa Amani (DRC).

3. From dialogue to action. To identify, together with participants, concrete opportunities for joint community outreach and advocacy, and for future collaboration.

Participants

The participants are young activists from the EU Youth, Peace and Security (EU YPS) network, who will engage with peacebuilding practitioners and intergenerational actors from different contexts.

Methodological approach

The webinar uses an interactive, participatory format of 90 minutes, alternating short presentations with open discussion. It follows a three-step logic of understanding, exchanging and acting:

Framing (5 min). Welcome remarks and introduction of the objectives.

Learning from practice (40 min). A presentation by PAMOJA KWA AMANI on cross-continental youth peacebuilding and intergenerational cooperation, followed by guest speakers sharing concrete project experiences from Albania, the Central African Republic and the DRC.

Exchange (25 min). An open Q&A in which EU YPS youth activists ask questions, challenge assumptions, share their own experiences and identify areas for cooperation.

From dialogue to action (20 min). Participants jointly identify opportunities for community outreach and advocacy, future collaboration and concrete follow-up actions.

Agenda

The webinar will use an interactive format of presentations and open discussion.

5' 15:00 - 15:05	**Opening and framing**	Welcome remarks and introduction of the objectives	
15' 15:05-15:25	**PAMOJA KWA AMANI presentation "To gether for Peace"**	Presentation on cross-continental youth peacebuilding and intergenerational cooperation.	
25' 15:25 - 15:45	**Guests speakers**	**Peacebuilding initiatives in Albania:** Andi Rabiaj, Director, Youth Voices Network of organisations Testimony from a young student from Albania on how the programme has helped build resilience and conflict transformation **BANGUI PEACE LAB:** SABE Hermas Dieu Parfait, Central African Republic **Sauti ya vijana Kwa Amani:** Youth’s Voice for peace, a project implemented in the DRC	

25' 15:45-16:10	**Open Q&A with participants**	An open space for young participants to ask questions, challenge assumptions, share experiences, and identify areas for cooperation.
20'16:10-16:30	**From dialogue to action**	Participants identify opportunities for joint community outreach & advocacy, future collaboration, and concrete … (text cut off in the original)