



# **CERV - 2022 - CHILD - Child citizens project**

JóKer - Youth and Youth  
Participation Programme  
2023-2025



## Background:

- February 2022 - The European Commission launches the CERV 2022-CHILD call for proposals under its Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme.
- 2022 November - Adoption of the Child Friendly Concept <https://gyerekbarat.Jozsefvaros.Hu/>.
- 10 out of 156 applications received funding across the EU.

# The aim of the project

- creating new child participation and democratic mechanisms and building on existing ones
- developing mechanisms at municipal level
- strengthening the involvement of youth and children in local affairs, youth and
- supporting children's active participation and self-organisation
- developing local capacity to better empower children
- disseminate the results of the project to other districts, cities and neighbouring countries,
- capacity building and sensitisation on children's participation for practitioners, parents and children for children's rights;
- developing unique higher education curricula in the field of child participation and children's rights.

## Consortium Partners

- Eurochild: [www.eurochild.org/](http://www.eurochild.org/)
- CSAGYI (Family, Children, Youth and Charity Association): [www.csagyi.hu/](http://www.csagyi.hu/)
- Partners Hungary Foundation: [www.partnershungary.hu](http://www.partnershungary.hu)
- John Wesley Theological College: [www.wesley.hu](http://www.wesley.hu)

# Our collaborating partners

- JSZSZGYK (Józsefváros Social Service Family and Child Welfare Centre)
- Glove Factory Community House
- JÓK (Józsefváros Kindergartens)
- Terre des hommes
- Shelter Foundation
- Deák Diák Singing and Music Primary School and Secondary School
- Józsefváros Unified Methodological Institute and Primary School
- Losonci Square Primary School
- Józsefváros Museum
- Józsefváros Newspaper
- Rév8
- Hintalovon Foundation
- SOS Children's Villages



## **The activities carried out in the project:**

- Training of experts, workshops, workshops, introduction of two pilot curricula
- Children and Youth Forums
- Round Table on Children and Youth Participation
- Child Participation Budget - City Builders
- "We need a team!"

## Main results in figures

- Training: 163 parents and professionals
- Children and Youth Participation Round Table: more than 60 experts
- Children's participation budget: 934 children and young people (372 children in 2 member kindergartens, 259 children and young people in Kesztyűgyár Community House, 302 young people in FiDo, total 26 million HUF
- Children's forum: 2 times - more than 160 children
- Youth Forum: 10 young people
- "We need a team!": 28 ideas, 11 winners, around 700 children/young people reached

# Challenges/Difficulties

- Difficulties in introducing new methods: methods that have been tried and tested abroad cannot always be adapted to local conditions, especially because of differences in legal awareness.
- Overburdening professionals: adding to the already overburdened professional workload is a major challenge.
- Reaching children and young people: reaching and involving children and young people can be difficult.
- Maintaining credibility: it is important that professionals remain credible for children and young people.
- Embedding child participation mechanisms: embedding and consolidating child participation mechanisms in institutions is a long process.
- Difficulties in the child protection system: the difficulties in the child protection system pose additional challenges.



# Lessons learned

1. Long-term process: step-by-step progress and long-term planning are essential for the successful implementation of a project.
2. Ongoing exchange of experience: it is important to continuously exchange experience and cooperate with professionals and organisations working in this field to ensure that the results of the project are sustainable and effective.
3. Community involvement: the key to the success of the project is the active involvement and participation of the community, which will help to achieve the objectives and long-term sustainability.
4. Innovation and flexibility: innovation and flexibility are important throughout the project to adapt to changing circumstances and new challenges.

## Future plans

1. Maintaining a child participation budget: securing and maintaining funding for child participation programmes to ensure long-term success.
2. Maintain Children and Youth Forums: to keep Children and Youth Forums running and supported so that young people can actively participate in decision-making.
3. Maintaining a team: to provide a continuous opportunity for children/young people in the district to invent and implement community-building and leisure activities together.
4. Exploring and exploiting opportunities: exploring and exploiting new opportunities for children's participation so that programmes can evolve and adapt to changing needs.



- Thank you for your attention!