



Young People: Active Citizens in a Digital World

Thursday 30.09.2021

15.00-17.00 Time CET /
16.00:18.00 Time Greece & Cyprus

Pre-registration is required



[KMOP – Social Action and Innovation Centre](#) invites you on the online event “**Youth: Active Citizens in a Digital World**”, which is taking place on Thursday the 30th of September 2021 at 15.00-17.00, Time CET (16.00-18.00, Time Greece & Cyprus).

By bringing together a group of experts from the field of politics, media as well as representatives from civil society organizations specialized in the field of youth, we aim at looking at how young people can become active citizens in the digital world, how internet and social media contribute to this, and what challenges and opportunities are associated with the digital transition during the covid19 pandemic.

The online discussion will be moderated by Panagiotis Kakolyris, Director General of Socialdoo, strategic communication agency.

To attend the event, register here for free: <https://bit.ly/3hRePDZ>

Certificate of attendance will be given to the participants.

The event is open to the public and will be hosted, mainly, in Greek with interpretation in English.

The event is aimed at:

- ✓ Media & Political Science students
- ✓ Journalists
- ✓ Educators and school professionals
- ✓ Civil Society Organizations
- ✓ General Public

The event is organized within the framework of the Erasmus+ Project, [Youth Myth Busters](#), which aims at promoting and strengthening the civic and political participation of the youth people in Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Hungary and Czech Republic. The project is being led by KMOP- Social Action and Innovation Centre, while it is being

implemented in Cyprus by [CARDET](#), in Italy by [ISES](#), in Hungary by [CROMO Foundation](#) and in Czech Republic by [Youth Included](#).

Agenda (15.00-17.00 Time CET)

15.00 - 15.05	Welcome - Panagiotis Kakolyris , Director General of Socialdoo, strategic communication agency
15.05 - 15.15	Welcoming Speech – Kostas Dervos , - Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation
15.15 - 15.30	From Digital Revolution to Digital Surveillance – Marina Rigou , Assistant Professor of Journalism, Politics and New Media at the Department of Communication and Media Studies - University of Athens, Journalist
16:30 - 16:45	Young people: Active citizens in the public sphere - Opportunity or utopia. – Maria Spyraiki , Member of the European Parliament with of New Democracy Party- European People's Party (EPP)
16:45 - 17:00	Social Media as an incubator of stupidity – Kostas Giannakidis , Journalist
17:00 - 17:15	Can young people counter toxicity in social media? - Stratis Trilikis , iMedD Programs Director, Journalist
17:15 - 17:30	Digital transition during the Covid19 pandemic: An opportunity to social inclusion or a threat to social exclusion? - Nikos Androulakis , Member of European Parliament with Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

17:30 - 17:50	Tools to promote the civic and democratic participation of youth, Youth Myth Busters Project Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Giorgos Koulouris – Digital Media Manager, KMOP, Greece ➤ Theocharis Michail – Project Manager, CARDET, Cyprus ➤ Alexandra Zhereb – Project Coordinator, Youth Included, Czech Republic ➤ Dafne Sgarra – Project Manager, ISES, Italy ➤ Zsafia Tornoczi – Project Manager, CROMO Foundation, Hungary
17:50 - 18:00	Questions

Few words about Youth Myth Busters

The Erasmus+ project Youth Myth Busters aims at promoting and strengthening the civic and political participation of the youth people in Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Hungary and Czech Republic.

Register in the e-learning platform of the Youth Myth Busters project and learn how you can counter fake news, propaganda, hate speech online and how you can become an active citizen by clicking here: <https://elearning.youthmythbusters.eu/>

[i] For more information, you can contact us at ✉ youthmytbusters@kmop.eu or at ☎ +30210-3637547

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Maria Spyraiki is awarded MEP of the year 2019 for Industry, Research, and Innovation. She is now serving her second mandate in the European Parliament with of Nea Demokratia party - European People's Party (EPP), as a member of the Committees Industry, Research, and Energy (ITRE), Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and Committee of Beating the Cancer (BECA). She is also co-chair of the Intergroup on Climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development and Vice-Chair at Delegation for EU relations with the People's Republic of China.

During this mandate she has been the rapporteur on the Motion for Resolution on Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability. She was also the rapporteur of the opinion on "Maximizing the energy efficiency of buildings" on behalf of ENVI Committee and the shadow rapporteur on behalf of EPP on "Energy Storage" report and on the Public Loan Facility in the Just Transition Mechanism at ITRE Committee.

Maria Spyraiki's first degree is in Chemistry at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She has an MSc in Energy Law, Business, Regulation and Policy from International Hellenic University, Greece. She has worked for 22 years as a journalist, until 2014, when she was elected MEP.

Moreover, she has attended three summer schools at the College of Europe, Bruges, and (Energy Union Summer School, Negotiations in practice and Intensive Seminar of the EU). Also, she has graduated from two e-learning programs from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens on Crisis Management and the Financial Crisis of 2010.



Nikos Androulakis is Member of European Parliament with Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, since 2014. Vice president of SEDE (Subcommittee on Security and Defence). Member of ENVI (Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety) & DACP (Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly). Also he is a substitute member of AFET (Committee on Foreign Affairs) & INTA (Committee on International Trade). As Rapporteur, he negotiated the trilogue on the reinforcement of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism.



Kostas Dervos has graduated from the School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE) with a bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering Educator. He holds a master's degree in Advanced Industrial Systems from the Kingston University of London.

From 2009, he has worked at technical offices and at the same time as a teacher in secondary education. Since 2014, he has worked as a laboratory associate in tertiary technological institutes in the field of informatics and programming languages. Since 2016, he has worked as an electrical engineer in the electricity sector.

In October 2016, he was elected President of the Youth Organisation of Nea Demokratia (ONNED) and his term lasted until October 2019. In 2019, he stood as a candidate for Member of European Parliament with Nea Demokratia and received 61,731 votes. In 2019, by decision of the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation.



Kostas Giannakidis has been working as a journalist since 1989. He was responsible for the entry of the first Greek newspaper ("Macedonia") on the internet in 1995 and for the creation of flash.gr in 2000. He was also a member of the founding team and editorial director of protagon.gr. He has worked in several print media, television and radio stations. Today, he writes articles for Nea and protagon.gr and broadcasts daily on Best 92.6.



Stratis Trilikis is a journalist who has served as director and editor-in-chief in various radio and TV stations as well as a war correspondent for print media for more than 20 years.

He was also the editor-in-chief of the morning news program of the National Television and SKAI TV for 15 years. He holds a degree in Sociology from Panteio University with specialization on the Sociology of Mass Media.



Panagiotis Kakolyris is General Director of Socialdoo, strategic communication agency.

He is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International & European Political Economy & Governance (University of the Peloponnese – Department of Political Science and International Relations) and head of the online Political and Elections Observatory electionsnet.org.

He is an elected Steering Committee Member of the European Network of Political Foundations, based in Brussels, Chair of the Future of Europe Working Group.

He also works as a lecturer at the European Communication Institute and the Hellenic American Union (Digital Communication & Reputation Management) and research associate at the University Neapolis Pafos.

Previously, he has worked as a journalist, news analyst and editor in chief, for many Greek and international media like, The European newspaper, Flash 96 radio, Alpha TV, protagon.gr etc. He has also been Head of Press Office for the Greek Ministries of Migration, Transport, Environment, and Culture.

Panagiotis Kakolyris has studied journalism and digital media in Greece and the United Kingdom (MA in International Broadcast Journalism, University of Central England, Birmingham).

His latest book is “Reflections and distortions - The Electoral Impact of Social Media in Europe”. In 2020, he presented an innovative approach of communication theory and practice: Intelligent Relations. This new idea describes the process, the evolution, the challenges and opportunities that arise with the digital transformation of communications during the 4th Industrial Revolution.



Marina Rigou is an Assistant Professor of Journalism, Politics and New Media at the Department of Communication and Media Studies - University of Athens. She holds a PhD Degree (marked Excellent) from the University of Athens where she has also accomplished her studies on Physics and later on Communication and Mass Media Studies, the field in which she acquired her postgraduate degree too. She has been member of the Laboratory Teaching Staff at the Department of Communication, Media and Culture at Panteion University since 2004 till 2017. She is the author of a book titled *From Digital Revolution to Digital Surveillance. New Media, Publicity and Politics* (Sideris Publishing House, 2014).

Many articles and research papers of hers dealing with issues concerning communication, media and politics, have been published in scientific journals and books.

She has been also a journalist for more than 30 years and has worked for many organizations such as Greece's Public Broadcaster, Flash Radio, flash.gr, Action 24 TV, USA Today, The Christian Science Monitor, Global Post, Independent and many others.

Her news program “Time and Space Trip” having the Lisbon Treaty as its topic was the winner in a national contest for the European Journalism Award (2008).



Giorgos Koulouris has 5 years working experience in the field of communication, consulting and project management. He currently works at KMOP as Digital Media Manager & Project Manager in European funded projects, under the Human & Fundamental Rights. His projects are focused on promoting civic and political engagement of youth, countering fake news and hate speech online, as well as fighting racism and violence in sports.

Also, he is an active blogger in Greece and abroad for a wide range of topics such as human rights, politics, youth, social exclusion. He has collaborated with the London School of Economics, Euronews.com, Huffingtonpost.gr, Protagon.gr, SocialEurope.eu, Medium.com, Mignatiou.com, Helpis.gr, Athensvoice.gr.

He has participated in international events as speaker, emphasizing on the fight against populism in Europe.

He holds a M.A in Sustainable Development from Panteion University of Political & Social Sciences, a Bachelor in International & European Studies from the University of Piraeus, an online diploma in Storytelling for Social Change from the University of Michigan and a Diploma in Digital Marketing from the Hellenic American Union.



Zsafia Tornoczi is an expert in international cooperation and training. She has degrees in intercultural education and cultural anthropology and has worked in the civil society since 2004. She is a trainer, facilitator and consultant, working for both business and civil society organisations. Her main fields of interest are intercultural education, antidiscrimination, community organising and international project management. In addition she is an expert in social impact measurement and social innovation and works for the SozialMarie – Prize for Social Innovation. She works for Cromo Foundation since 2008 and has contributed to plenty multilateral projects.



Dafne Sgarra is passionate about social inclusion and deeply interested in European affairs and funding programmes for no-profit associations and public sector.

After a Minor in European Studies at Maastricht University and a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations in Turin, she graduated in a Master's Degree in European Public Economics and Finance - Double Degree between Italy and Switzerland.

In 2019 she interned at the Executive Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises (EASME) of the European Commission, where she was supporting the Evaluation&Monitoring sector and collaborating with the Learning&Development team. After her experience in Brussels, she worked as Junior Consultant at EU CORE Consulting in Turin and she joined ISES in December 2020.



Alexandra Zhereb is a project coordinator at Youth Included. Youth Included is a non-profit organization, managed by a team of academics, youth workers and experts in the field of youth work, intercultural cooperation and diversity promotion.

Among the main aims of “Youth Included” are contribution to the positive social changes in the society by promoting intercultural dialogue, facilitating understanding among people and establishment of harmonic co-existence.

Alexandra graduated doctoral program at Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague.

Her main professional interests are social science, research and youth work.



Theocharis Michail studied History and Ethnology at the Democritus University Thrace, with a master’s on Globalisation and Development from the University of Manchester. The last 9 years he’s been working a researcher and project manager of European projects at the educational organization CARDET. He has ran more than 10 projects on non-formal education, policy, content development for elearning platforms and awareness with main focus on sustainability, global justice, global education, labor market, innovation, social businesses and digital/entrepreneurial and critical literacies. CARDET is a large educational and awareness organization with 45 staff specialized in creating social change through the

application of information and communication technologies.



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