

Call for a Coordination Team

Time Capsule: Education 2040

Deadline for applications: 14th of January 2024, 23:59

Link to the online application form: <https://forms.gle/CnJ4bofU5HZZZJdF8>

What is the “Time Capsule: Education 2040” Work Plan about?

The aim of this proposal is to create spaces for school students to discuss what education will look like in the future and how to advocate for students’ rights by ensuring their voices are heard.

What are our objectives for this Work Plan?

- to develop a **policy paper** in a participatory way on “Student demands for education in 2040”;
- to strengthen the school student movement and school student unions, through **capacity building, upskilling, exchange** and discuss the concrete steps in order to influence the future of education;
- To lay the groundwork for further advocacy and dissemination actions based on the Policy Paper, both at European and at local level, also through an **overview of the already existing tools for advocacy and student participation**, as well as the ones that need updating and the ones that need to be developed, to further understand the activism landscape in a shrinking civic space and go from discussion to action.

Activities and timeline:

1. **Coordination team meeting and consultations (Brussels, Belgium, 16/02/2024-19/02/2024 including travel days):** The CT will ensure coordination of the overall workplan, and will meet at the beginning of the workplan to:
 - Set up a plan for the WP, ensuring coherence with its objectives and the different activities;
 - Research recent policies on education in CoE Member States Research existing tools, practices and mechanisms for youth participation, with special focus on school students;
 - Establish a step-by-step participatory consultation processes of OBESSU MOs regarding their priorities for the future of education by using methods issued from NFE and PAR approaches to collective organising;
 - Following this meeting, the CT will carry out online and offline consultations with the OBESSU Membership to map: (1) the views and demands of students on education 2040; (2) the political landscape and national-level narratives, to link them with the views and demands above.
2. **The Convention “School Students Demands for Education 2040” (Haapsalu, Estonia, 05/07/2024-10/07/2024 including travel days)** will gather student representatives to discuss their demands towards education systems in 2040. The convention will be an opportunity for

mutual learning and a space to identify capacity building needs in terms of advocacy and exploring ways for school students to influence their education to achieve what they envision for their future. We will use diverse resources, especially from the Council of Europe (Have your say!, Compass, etc.) as well as resources that OBESSU developed (advocacy toolkit developed in the last EYF funded workplan, Generation d-Liberation toolkit, manual for school students, etc.).

3. **Two visits to school student organisations not represented** will be organised by the CT and the OBESSU Board in order to stress test the contents of the Policy Paper by reaching out to school students in less privileged situations. The visits will include activities aimed at identifying opportunities for dissemination of the policy paper and follow up advocacy activities, both at the European and national level, to be implemented by the MOs themselves following the Policy Paper's approval at the annual statutory meeting (Council of Members, November/December 2024).
4. **Editorial meeting and follow up (Mollina, Spain - September 2024):** the CT and some participants from the convention will meet again in the framework of the University on Youth and Development to finalise the policy paper on "School Student Demands on Education 2040".
5. The paper will be presented at OBESSU's COMEM in **November 2024**, and the outcomes will feed the drafting and approval of OBESSU's workplan of the following year(s). This activity will include a **review of the advocacy tools available** for our members, their scalability and relevance, which will be a stepping stone to **disseminate** the demands contained in the Policy Paper beyond the workplan's timeline.

Profile of applicants:

OBESSU is looking for 3 student representatives coming from the OBESSU Membership (Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations) that together with 1 OBESSU Board Member and 1 Secretariat Member, will be responsible for coordinating the activities of the work plan.

In particular, the selected team members will be expected to:

- Coordinate the whole work plan, make sure it respects the political direction of OBESSU and the needs of the Membership;
- Be available and reachable throughout the year;
- Facilitate and support the organisation of some sessions of the activities;
- Evaluate the results of the activities;
- Participate in the events, including Coordination Team meeting, national events (1-2 activities depending on availability), Summer School (just 1 Member of the CT) and Editorial meeting;
- Analyse the input gathered from the Local and National actions, as well the Summer School, in order to review the Policy Paper;
- Be available to actively contribute to the production of the expected output.

Costs for travel, food and accommodation during activities of the work plan will be **covered by OBESSU**.

Selection criteria:

- Previous experience in OBESSU events (online and offline) and structures;
- Previous experience in preparing, implementing and/or coordinating educational activities or political processes for young people;
- Interest in reviewing and creating a usable document and tool for ensuring school student rights are heard on the level of their educational systems, that would further be used by OBESSU and its member organisations;
- Availability and flexibility to attend most of the activities;
- Nomination letter from your organisation;
- Gender and geographical balance of the team will be considered during the selection of the team, among other factors.

How to apply?

In order to apply, you have to fill the online application form: <https://forms.gle/CnJ4bofU5HZZZJdF8>

If you apply as a representative from Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations, you also have to upload a [nomination letter](#) from your home organisation.

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The final selection will be communicated by the 19th January 2024.

If you have any questions, queries or would like some more information, please contact us at francesca@obessu.org and carmen@obessu.org.

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