

## **MYPLACE (Memory Youth Political Legacy And Civic Engagement)**

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MYPLACE is a 7.9 Million Euro European Commission (7FP) funded project, which runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011-31 May 2015.

The project investigates how young people's social participation is shaped by the shadows of totalitarianism and populism in Europe. The specific objectives of MYPLACE are:

1. To contextualise young people's civic engagement in regional, national and European historical contexts
2. To map and understand the process of the (re-)production, transmission and (re)interpretation of local, national and pan-European political heritage and experience
3. To measure attitudes to, and participation, in political organisations, social movements and civic action programmes among young people in Europe and to understand how these attitudes and engagements are differentiated along lines of gender, ethnicity, class and region
4. To measure views on legitimate forms of political representation and action within the context of different democratic heritages
5. To map the range of youth activism across Europe and the ways in which young activists are networked inter-regionally and trans-nationally
6. To understand the appeal of radical, extreme or populist movements to young people and its relationship to regional, national and European political heritage.
7. To inform and assist policy and practitioner agencies to chart and evaluate the political responses to populism in the youth related policies of political parties and within young people's own activism

Empirically, MYPLACE employs a combination of survey, interview and ethnographic research instruments to provide new, pan-European data that not only measure levels of participation but capture the meanings young people attach to it.

More information about the project can be found at its website:

**<http://www.fp7-myplace.eu>**