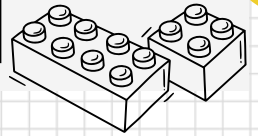


# SERN THEMATIC WALL

## YOUTH AND INCLUSION



The SERN Secretariat is happy to announce the third SERN Thematic Wall (STW), focusing on the theme of **Youth and Inclusion**. This theme is aligned with the SERN strategy priority of fostering Inclusive Communities and delivering Services to Vulnerable Groups. The STW is set to commence in September and will encompass three primary tracks, each addressing crucial aspects of youth development and well-being.

The theme of Youth and Inclusion underscores our commitment to creating inclusive environments that support and empower young people. It emphasises the importance of integrating youth into community planning and services, ensuring they have access to spaces and resources that cater to their needs, and promoting their overall well-being. This initiative is crucial in addressing the challenges faced by vulnerable youth groups and fostering a sense of belonging and inclusion within the community.

### URBAN PLANNING AND YOUTH FRIENDLY SPACES

This track will explore the role of urban planning in creating spaces that are accessible, safe, and welcoming for young people. It will address the design and implementation of youth-friendly public areas, emphasising the need for inclusive recreational and social environments that encourage active participation and engagement of youth in community life.

### MENTAL WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Focused on the mental health challenges faced by young people, this track aims to promote strategies and practices that support mental well-being. It will cover a range of topics, including mental health awareness, access to support services, and the development of resilient and supportive community networks that can help mitigate the impacts of mental health issues among youth.

### PREVENTION OF SCHOOL DROPOUT

This track will address the critical issue of school dropout rates among young people. It will examine the underlying causes of school dropout and explore effective interventions and policies to prevent it. The discussions will highlight best practices for keeping students engaged in their education, providing support for at-risk youth, and ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to complete their education and achieve their full potential.

The STW will begin with a kick-off meeting, during which we will introduce the programme of activities and frame the topic into the main EU strategies and funding programmes. Following this initial event, a series of targeted activities and sessions will be organised for each track, facilitating in-depth exploration and collaborative discussions on the respective themes. These activities are designed to engage participants, foster knowledge exchange, and develop actionable strategies to support youth and inclusion within our communities.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS - FALL 2024



**11**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
14.30 - 16.30

**YOUTH AND INCLUSION**  
STW Kick-off meeting

ONLINE ENG

REGISTER NOW!

**URBAN PLANNING  
AND YOUTH FRIENDLY  
SPACES**

**MENTAL WELL-BEING  
OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**PREVENTION OF  
SCHOOL DROPOUT**

**24**  
**OCTOBER**  
14.30 - 16.30

**Youth engagement in  
planning processes**  
Interactive Webinar

ONLINE ENG

**9**  
**OCTOBER**  
14.30 - 16.30

**Awareness and  
education campaigns**  
Inspiration Lab

ONLINE ENG

**7**  
**NOVEMBER**  
14.30 - 16.30

**Collaboration among  
different actors**  
Workshop

ONLINE ENG

**DECEMBER**

**PROJECT IDEATION  
Lab**  
*\*Open to the participants of the  
previous online events*  
Italy

ENG

**NOVEMBER  
DECEMBER**

**One-off presentations  
of best practices  
across themes**

**Late  
NOVEMBER**

**Training for educators  
and staff on practice-  
based cases**  
Sweden

**17**  
**DECEMBER**  
14.30 - 16.30

**YOUTH AND INCLUSION**  
Wrap-up meeting

ONLINE ENG

