EGL Mentoring in Poland

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Throughout 2026, in Poland, local governments can benefit from special **mentoring support** to effectively **develop youth policies and create local strategies for working with young people**. This program is an EGL pilot mentoring program in Poland, created for Polish local government units, whose development goals include shaping youth-friendly policies based on cooperation with young people. The program will allow local stakeholders to participate in international events (design labs, study visits, training sessions, seminars, conferences) and work on joint projects.

The selected local governments include larger cities (**Rzeszów and Gdańsk**), medium-sized and smaller municipalities **(Starachowice, Świdwin, Racibórz, Piekary Śląskie, Mińsk Mazowiecki, Legionowo**), and rural municipalities (**Miedzichowo and Święciechowa**). The pilot program aims to develop solutions tailored to local needs – with the prospect of broader implementation in the future.



More about the EGL Mentoring program in Poland:

One of the main goals of the EGL mentoring program is to support local governments in developing strategies for the development of local youth policies or other documents supporting youth development in their municipalities (e.g., local youth work standards or youth worker support programs). The type of support proposed will depend on the level of development of a given municipality in the area of its youth policy and on the needs assessment conducted.

The pilot is a 7-month, free support program for local governments selected through an open recruitment process published on the SALTO website. Throughout the project, the participating municipalities will develop their own plan to strengthen local youth work in their local government and will receive support and advice from their mentor and the EGL team in Poland. EGL as an opportunity vehicle for local governments.

By engaging the EGL program for mentoring, local stakeholders will be able to benefit from:

- Opportunities to develop local and international partnerships with other local governments;
- Promotion and dissemination of youth policy development in Poland;

- Building bridges between the local and European levels, including with municipalities in rural areas;
- Strengthening dialogue between stakeholders in local youth work.
- Making the European dimension an integral part of local youth work;
- Support for local stakeholders (local governments and NGOs) in the form of new tools and opportunities for cooperation and the development of joint projects;
- Identifying and promoting the best European practices for mutual learning.

Visit the designated Polish-language website europegoeslocal.pl, which introduces the partners and interested parties to the concept of a systemic approach to youth work and participatory youth policy development in Poland

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