

<p><u>Name of the best practice :</u></p> <p>Kabinet J</p>	<p><u>Organisation name:</u> Vleugel F (Stad Leuven) Contact name: Maureen Pierloz</p> <p>Adress: Brusselsestraat 61a 3000 Leuven</p> <p>Phone number: 016 27 27 68. email: kabinetj@leuven.be website: www.kabinetj.be</p>
<p><u>Summary :</u></p> <p>In a town like Leuven, young people are indispensable. With all its youngsters and students, Leuven is generally considered the youngster city of Flanders and that makes the voice of the Leuven youth crucial in the management of the city. Kabinet J, the Leuven youth council, is the official voice of young people in the city .</p> <p>Kabinet J are 20 motivated youngsters between 16 en 25 years old. As official youth council Kabinet J organises participation moments with youngsters to end with an by youth supported recommendation for the policymakers of the city. By introducing several methods and places (eg in school, online, at the streets, events...) for youngsters to give their opinion, Kabinet J wants to involve as many youngsters as possible.</p>	
<p><u>Required competences :</u></p> <p><i>Individual level</i></p> <p><u>General knowledge:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local politicians • Youth cultures • Trending topics (social, political, ...) • Young life styles • Young peoples hang outs (bars, squares, schools, districts, ...) • Young diversity • Political parties <p><u>User knowledge:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an opinion • Being young (16-25) • Living in Leuven • Variety of engagements • Variety of motivation 	<p><i>Organisational level</i></p> <p><u>General knowledge:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy accessibility • Ensure results of dialogue • Feedback of dialogue ??? • Create interesting meetings • Empower young people • Real topics (no light topics) • Influence different subjects • Feedback, acknowledgement from local politicians • Create an environment where young people want to be involved • Ongoing evaluation • Stimulation • Giving youngsters a certain amount of responsibility.

<p><u>Skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest research???? • Workshop skills • Communication methods (social media, knowing how to reach and talk to youngsters) • Using images, making yourself and the project visible • Experience of working with young people • Knowledge of Leuven • Democratic processes • Giving presentations • Group dynamics • Make politics fun • Marketing/PR?? • Organizing events • Listening skills • Motivational skills <p><u>Social competencies/attitudes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership • Engage different young people • To be able to talk to young people and politicians • Creativity • Easy going • Reflectiveness 	<p><u>User knowledge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know their rights • Courage to be involved • Engagement in the work of <p><u>Skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a dialogue between young people and politicians • Diversity of the dialogue • Ensure the selection of the participants • Outreaching • Use of different communication methods both social media and face to face • Solution focus skills • <p><u>Social competencies/attitudes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open minded • Welcoming • Flexible • Engaging • Empowering • Motivating
<p><u>Useful tips / observations :</u></p> <p>- give the youngsters and the group the time to grow. Don't expect them to have all the skills en competences at the beginning, give them the chance to learn by doing, with trail and error</p>	<p>- be really flexibel and be always conscous of the capacity of the youngsters.</p>

Best practice