

Children, Youth and Community Participation

Participation mechanisms that turn lived experience into better services, stronger communities and informed advocacy.

Parentis is interested in partnerships that enable children, young people and parents to influence the services and decisions that affect them. We want to strengthen practical, inclusive and safeguarded participation in schools, neighbourhoods, community services and civil-society initiatives.

A PARTICIPATION CYCLE



PARENTIS EXPERIENCE

Work with children and adolescents

In 2025, Parentis reached 928 children and young people through counselling, groups, educational and community activities.

Community-centre model

A familiar local space where children, parents, volunteers and professionals participate in activities and consultation.

Schools and communities

Partnerships with schools and work across six urban and six rural communities.

Inclusive participation

Experience with Romanian and Ukrainian children and families, community feedback and adaptation of activities to different needs.

From participation to influence

DIRECTIONS TO EXPLORE

- 1 Child- and youth-friendly consultation and feedback mechanisms;
- 2 Youth advisory groups and supported youth-led initiatives;
- 3 Participation through schools and community centres;
- 4 Training for facilitators in inclusion, safeguarding and ethical participation;
- 5 Community mapping and participatory needs assessment;
- 6 Emotional and social skills linked with civic participation;
- 7 Turning community evidence into service improvement and advocacy.

WHAT PARENTIS CONTRIBUTES

- Experience engaging children, adolescents and parents through partnerships with schools and community groups;
- Facilitation, safeguarding, psychological and educational expertise;
- Capacity to pilot participation methods in urban and rural settings;
- Participant feedback, monitoring, documentation and local dissemination;
- Connections with public institutions and civil-society networks.

PARTNERS AND SHARED RESULTS

Youth and child-rights organisations; participation and democracy NGOs; schools and education networks; universities and research institutes; organisations representing people with disabilities or minority communities; municipalities; and partners experienced in advocacy and community organising.

- Participation mechanisms that are accessible, ethical and repeatable
- Greater confidence and agency among children, young people and parents
- Services that respond more closely to participant feedback
- Stronger links between communities and public institutions
- Evidence and recommendations that support local and European advocacy

1,771

people reached in 2025

928

children & youth

12

urban & rural communities

€321k

2025 income; audited

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