

# ▶ Youth Organizations Forum (GoFor)



## ▶ outline

- ▶ The youth and participation: Why?
- ▶ GoFor: History, vision and mission
- ▶ Governing structures and participatory approach
  - Organs and decision-making processes
  - Bylaws and internal regulations
- ▶ Challenges

## ▶ The youth and participation: Why?







### ▶ General Framework

- Youth rights
- Representation
- Ownership

### ▶ Contextual Framework

- Youngest population rate
- Lowest representation rate
- Adult-centric hegemony

## our history

- \* 2003 - 2006  National Youth Council of Türkiye Initiative (TUGEK)
- \* 2006 - 2008  Youth Federation
- 2008 - 2013  Gap years
- \* 2013-2014  National Youth Council Joint Platform
- \* 2014-2015  National Youth Council Initiative
- \*\* 2015-present  Youth Organisations Forum (GoFor)



\* Years without a legal entity, secretariat managed by involved organisations

\*\* Associations status with its own secretariat

▶ **our  
vision**

Ensuring the active participation of the youth and youth organisations in the formulation, implementation and M&E processes of policies concerning the youth (in)directly.

▶ **our  
mission**

Establishment of NYC of Türkiye; running youth-rights-based advocacy campaigns; developing capacities of youth organisations

POLICY MAKING

EMPPOWERMENT

REPRESENTATION

SUBGRANTING



▶ **57** member organizations

## ▶ organs and decision-making processes

- ▶ General Assembly
- ▶ Board
- ▶ Membership Evaluation Committee
- ▶ Supervisory Board
- ▶ Commissions
- ▶ Secretariat





## ▶ **bylaws and internal regulations**

- ▶ Transparency and Accountability
- ▶ Gender Equality and Violence Prevention
- ▶ Non - Discrimination / Equality
- ▶ Environmental Policy

## ▶ challenges

- ▶ High rotation
- ▶ Adult-centric hegemony
- ▶ Political risks
- ▶ Insufficient capacity
- ▶ Unsustainable → low participation within GoFor

▶ supporters



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