

**POLICY DOCUMENT**

**Τίτλος εγγράφου: THE NEW REFORMED LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND THE POSITION OF THE YOUTH**

**Οργάνωση/σεις: EDON**

**Ημερομηνία υποβολής: 30/10/2024**

**Περίληψη – εισαγωγή: (120 – 150 λέξεις):**

The institution of Local Self-Government (L.SG.) has always had a deeply social character. It is an institution that strengthens democracy in decision-making in Municipalities and Communities. It must constantly develop, respond to the needs and challenges of its time. Nowadays, after the reform of the Local Self-Government, it is called upon to take on new roles, political, social, developmental, cultural. Young men and women have an essential role to play in L.SG. . Many of the issues L.SG. has to deal with directly concern them, but also more general issues that concern the improvement of the daily life of young people and the local community.

The reform of Local Government is a big step towards having a truly Local Government at the service of society. With strong powers. With administrative and financial independence. With enhanced speech and the role of the citizens themselves. The reform of L.SG. it certainly starts with many challenges, gaps and shortcomings. The institution needs support, supervision and close monitoring.

**Θέσεις πολιτικής: (σε μορφή bullet-point)**

- Full implementation of the Local Government Reform passed in 2021 and implemented in 2024.
- Creation of infrastructure in the fields of culture, sports, social welfare, housing and revitalization of degraded areas.
- Creation, upgrading and institutionalization of Municipal Youth Councils.

Local Self-Government and Youth Board of Cyprus (O.NE.K.) must cooperate in order to expand the programs concerning the youth in the local community.

- Development of programs that will target sensitive groups, the implementation of urban reconstruction for the protection and development of the environment.
- Creation of mechanisms and centers for the prevention and treatment of social problems.
- Free access of the youth to the infrastructures of Municipalities and Communities.