

Implementation Dialogue with Commissioner Glenn Micallef on the Youth policy toolbox

26 June 2025

Summary conclusions

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The dialogue took place on 26 June 2025 at the premises of DG EAC in Brussels. Commissioner Micallef met with 16 youth stakeholders to discuss the implementation of the "Youth policy toolbox". The discussion focused on two questions:

- *How effective is the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, including its instruments such as the EU Youth Dialogue, in reflecting young people's views and priorities in EU policy making? Please illustrate with examples.*
- *The youth strand of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps provide EU funding for youth activities under the current 2021-2027 budget. How easy are they to understand and access? What barriers to participation exist and how can they be addressed? Please illustrate with best practices and possible improvements.*

Participants came from a range of youth-led organisations, many being part of the [EU Youth Stakeholders Group](#).

Most organisations praised the EU Youth Strategy and welcomed new participatory tools like the Youth Stakeholder Group and Youth Policy Dialogues. Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps were recognised as strong promoters of Union values and solidarity. Mentioned challenges included low prioritisation of youth work at national/local levels and complex administration. Better access, simpler procedures, and more structural funding were requested to improve inclusiveness. There was a call for more systemic support and funding for youth civil society.

Commissioner Micallef confirmed the Commission's aim to strengthen Erasmus+, simplify access to EU funding, and enhance youth participation, especially for those with fewer opportunities.

<i>List of participating entities</i>

1. Alliance of Youth Workers Associations (AYWA)
2. Don Bosco Youth-Net (DBYN)
3. EU&U
4. Eurodesk
5. European Disability Forum
6. European Federation for Intercultural Learning
7. European Students' Union
8. European Youth Forum
9. Junior Enterprise Europe
10. Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions
11. Rural Youth Europe
12. Young European Leadership
13. Young European Federalists
14. Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU)
15. World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts - Europe Region
16. World Organization of the Scout Movement