

Examples of activities of the EU Youth Coordinator

Biliana Sirakova served as the first EU Youth Coordinator from June 2021 until November 2025.



Commissioner Marya Gabriel (right) and Youth Coordinator Biliana Sirakova © European Union, 2021

Below you will find a non-exhaustive list with the activities of Ms Sirakova.

September – December 2021

- Was one of the team leaders in the 2022 European Year of Youth (EYY) taskforce responsible for the engagement of the national coordinators and youth stakeholders and outreach externally and internally in the Commission
- Established an informal Commission Youth Network with representatives from 15 Directorate-Generals

- Carried out more than 80 outreach and communication activities, speaking engagements, interviews. Examples: [online talk on youth participation](#) for Schwarzkopf-Stiftung Junges Europa, [presentation](#) at the ALL DIGITAL SUMMIT Social Hackademy, interview at [Bundesregierung.de](#), interview at [fse.gouv.fr](#), guest in the [Under 30' podcast](#) of the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership
- Recorded a [video](#) for the European Solidarity Corps general online training.

2022

- Undertook more than 150 outreach activities (speaking engagement at conferences, meetings with young people and stakeholders, podcasts, interviews, videos). Examples: [podcast](#) with Eurodesk, [online session](#) with the Institute for a Greater Europe, video for Housing Europe's Annual Conference in Helsinki, joint [webinar](#) of the European Commission, Eurofound and ILO, [Youth in the Northern Periphery and Arctic conference](#), [European Citizens' Initiative Day](#)
- Led the preparation and chaired 5 Commission Youth Network meetings and 11 meetings of European Year of Youth national coordinators and stakeholders group
- Moderated 9 [youth policy dialogues with Commissioners](#)

2023

- Led the preparation of the [Commission Communication on the European Year of Youth](#)
- Provided policy expertise and oversight in the evaluation of [results of the European Year of Youth](#)
- Carried out more than 100 outreach activities. Examples: [2023 Your Europe, Your Say, interview](#) with Radio Romania International, annual [EU-US Young Leaders Seminar, digital fishbowl discussion Policy making for all](#), UNDP conference on the Youth Guarantee)
- Organised and chaired 2 meetings of the Commission Youth Network and 2 meetings of the European Year of Youth national coordinators and stakeholders group
- Moderated 5 youth policy dialogues with Commissioners
- Represented the Commission in the legacy event on youth mainstreaming of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU
- Recorded a video for the [MOOC on Youth policy essentials](#)
- Was a speaker and participant in the [EU Youth Conference in Alicante](#), organised by the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU



Youth Policy Dialogue with Commissioner Iliana Ivanova during the European Youth Week 2024 moderated by the Youth coordinator Biliana Sirakova. ©European Union, 2024

2024

- Advised DGs and services on youth policy issues and on the establishment of youth engagement actions and connected them with youth stakeholders (e.g. DG ENER/CINEA on set up the [Young Energy Ambassadors](#) network, Fundamental Rights Agency on the establishment of a [Youth Advisory Panel](#))
- Led the setup of the new Commission Youth Network of youth correspondents
- Led the preparation and setup of the new [EU Youth Stakeholders Group](#)
- Led the setup of the new youth check process in the European Commission
- Carried out 88 outreach and communication activities (including speaking engagements at conferences, events and panels, delivering workshops and presentations to young people and youth organisations)
- Represented the Commission in an [Expert Seminar](#) on European and international policy agendas on Children, Youth and Children's Rights and the [EU Youth Conference in Ghent](#), organised by the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU; in the seminar on the EU Youth Dialogue under the Hungarian Presidency and the May EESC plenary session in a [debate on "Youth voices for EU choices"](#)

- Was a panellist at the launch of the [policy study “From Posts to Polls”](#) by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
- Moderated the youth policy dialogue with Commissioner Ivanova [“European Degree and Learning mobility”](#) ([recording](#))
- Contributed to the [2024 European Youth Week](#) and was a panellist at the [Committee of the Regions session on “Youth and democracy”](#)
- Contributed to a [publication on youth mainstreaming](#)

2025

- Led the launch of the [EU Youth Stakeholders Group](#) and chaired its meetings ([first meeting in Brussels, meeting on 8 July](#))
- Led the rollout of the [youth check](#) process in the European Commission
- Represented the Commission in the EU Youth Conferences in [Lublin](#) and [Copenhagen](#)
- Undertook more than 60 outreach activities (speaking engagements at events, meetings with young people and youth civil society, interviews, etc.)
- Presented to representatives from ministries of health, labour and social affairs in the [TAIEX](#) (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange) workshop on [Child & Youth well-being and mental health first](#)
- Presented on youth engagement and youth policy to ministries in a meeting of the Steering group for social cohesion of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region ([EUSAIR](#))
- Was a keynote speaker in the [Europe 101 online leadership programme](#) for young people
- Moderated the [Youth Policy Dialogue with Commissioner Jørgensen](#): Shaping a clean, sustainable, and fair energy future
- Was the closing speaker of [Your Europe, Your Say! 2025](#), the flagship youth event of the EESC
- Spoke at an [EU Activism Seminar](#) by the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS)
- Contributed to the co-creation process of the new [Intergenerational Fairness Strategy](#)