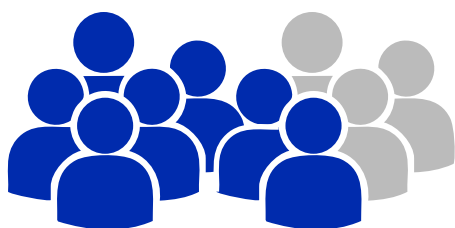


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YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Young Europeans are engaged and willing to invest time and effort for a better society. Involving them in policymaking is not just a matter of democracy, it is a matter of making good policy decisions.



7 out of 10 young people (15-24) say that they often or always **vote**

But there are large national variations and fewer young people voted in the 2024 European elections compared to 2019.

Source: Eurobarometer European Parliament Spring 2023

Many young people are active in an organisation

The most popular type is:



33%

Sport club



18%

Youth organisation



17%

Volunteering



15%

Cultural organisation



10%

Environment and climate change organisation



8%

Political organisation

Source: Eurobarometer on Youth and Democracy, 2024

Almost 60% of young Europeans have a positive perception of the EU.

Source: Eurobarometer on Youth and Democracy, 2024

Young people's expectations on the EU



Reinforce peace, international security and cooperation



Fight poverty and inequalities



Promote human rights, democracy and common EU values

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GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE ON POLICY

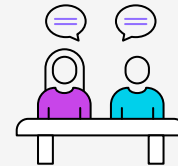
From climate change and social inclusion to education and employment, the EU offers multiple ways for young people to voice their views and drive change in society. Many initiatives are being developed or strengthened, here are some examples:



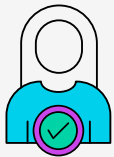
EU Youth Dialogue enables 30 000–50 000 young people to play a role in policymaking during each 18 month period.



Youth Check by the European Commission ensures a youth perspective on relevant EU-level policy initiatives.



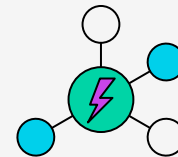
EU Children's Participation Platform offers engagement opportunities to those under 18.



President's Youth Advisory Board will meet for the first time in 2025 to provide advice directly to European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen.



Youth Policy Dialogues are held annually with European Commissioners throughout the current mandate of the European Commission.



Youth Ambassadors' Networks focus on specific policy areas such as climate or energy.



European Youth Week is a biennial event that promotes youth engagement, participation and active citizenship.



'Defence of Democracy' package fosters political engagement among young citizens, especially first-time voters, by promoting citizenship education, school election simulations, and youth-friendly campaigns.



Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps provide funding and concrete opportunities for youth participation and civic engagement. So far, more than 15 million people, mostly young people, have benefited.

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