

THIS WEEK  
IS FOR  
EVERYONE.  
ESPECIALLY YOU.

All in for Change

European  
Youth Week  
24 April – 1 May 2026

It is almost here!

## European Youth Week Highlights

The European Youth Week kicks off on **Friday 24 April** and we are getting ready.

Remember that the objectives of the #EUYouthWeek 2026 are raising awareness among young people aged 16–35 across EU Member States and Erasmus+ associated countries, and motivating them to engage with EYW activities, events and opportunities lowering barriers to participation.

This year's themes are **solidarity and fairness**, and we will mark **30 years of volunteering in Europe** with a dedicated exhibition by the European Parliament in Brussels honouring Europeans who have made a positive impact on society.

### Take part in events across Europe

You can get involved in Youth Week exploring the [Activities Map](#) to discover events happening across Europe or adding your own. There are already **424** activities registered in **28** countries and more than **44,946** participants will take part. From workshops, to conferences, debates or hackathons, there is something for everyone. Select a country, a topic or a type of activity and you can join or submit an event in person or online. Check this easy-to-follow video with instructions [here](#).

### DiscoverEU

On 8 April, the DiscoverEU round will be launched, giving the chance to 18-year-olds to win free train tickets to travel through Europe.

Applications will be open until 22 April and will give the opportunity to 40,000 young people to travel and explore Europe's diversity, learn about its cultural heritage and history, and connect with people from all over the continent. Find out more [here](#).

### Youth Policy Dialogues

More Youth Policy Dialogues with Commissioners are on the horizon. A joint dialogue on '[Young Voices for the Ocean](#)' with Commissioners Kadis and Micallef brought together 30 young people in Cyprus on 19 March. To inform the Commission's work on enhancing the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Commissioner Lahbib met with young people in Brussels on [20 March](#). More Youth Policy Dialogues will take place this year, so [stay tuned!](#)

## Exhibition

The European Youth Week is celebrating three decades of solidarity with an outdoor exhibition in front of the European Parliament from 22 April until 6 May 2026. You will discover the portraits of volunteers from across Europe, from different generations, who have participated in life-changing volunteering experiences. Check out the online exhibition '[Stories of Solidarity](#)'.

The **Plenary opening session** at the European Parliament in Brussels on 24 April will be livestreamed. Not attending? Do not worry, you can watch it live [here](#).

**Glenn Micallef, European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport has a message for you.**

*“Young people are at the heart of Europe’s future, but also of its present. European Youth Week is a unique opportunity to come together, share ideas and turn them into action. Whether through volunteering, travelling with DiscoverEU or taking part in dialogues with policymakers, I encourage all young people to get involved, make their voices heard and help shape a fairer and more inclusive Europe.”*

## Spread the word!

Whether you participate in an event or not, you can help spread the word on #EUYouthWeek 2026 with our [Communication Toolkit](#). There you will find useful information, social media copies and visuals, logos, a customisable presentation template, and everything you need to promote the Week in 29 languages!

 **Access the toolkit** ([English](#)) | [Bulgarian](#) | [Croatian](#) | [Czech](#) | [Danish](#) | [Dutch](#) | [German](#) | [Greek](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Estonian](#) | [Finnish](#) | [French](#) | [Hungarian](#) | [Gaelic](#) | [Italian](#) | [Icelandic](#) | [Lithuanian](#) | [Latvian](#) | [Norwegian](#) | [Macedonian](#) | [Maltese](#) | [Polish](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Romanian](#) | [Serbian](#) | [Slovak](#) | [Slovenian](#) | [Swedish](#) | [Turkish](#)

Save the date, join or add an activity and spread the word using #EUYouthWeek.

We are All in for Change, are you in?

The European Youth Week Team at the European Commission

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