



"The EU youth strategy is the framework for youth policy cooperation in the EU from 2019 to 2027 based on the Council resolution of 26 November 2018 "

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Background (1)

- Development since 2015 (≥ Paris Declaration of the education ministers):
 - = Greater focus on the European Community
 - = Promotion of European values, civic engagement
 - = less focus on personal development (aim: employment)
- Greater involvement of civil society in the implementation process (EU Youth Dialogue)
- EU youth programmes from 2021 on: adaption of the time frame, closer link as implementation tools

Background (2)

- The EU Youth Strategy is intended to be a joint EU response to the challenges of young people in Europe
- Overall, improved living conditions for young people in many areas
- At the same time, stagnating or aggravated problems regarding, for example, young people at risk of poverty and social exclusion, young people neither in training nor in employment, precarious living conditions and regional disadvantages in southern and eastern regions of the EU
- Today's social living conditions offer young people a variety of opportunities and at the same time lead to inequalities and difficult life situations

Relevant actors

- _ EU member states
- EU institutions and other international organizations
- Local and regional authorities
- Youth councils, youth organizations
- Youth workers
- Youth researchers
- Civil society actors
- Structures of the programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps

General objectives

Regarding young people the strategy aims at:

- Providing life skills; promoting independence, resilience and personal growth
- Promoting European identity, fostering identification with European values, solidarity, civic engagement
- Improving policy decisions in all areas regarding their impact on young people
- Eradicating youth poverty and discrimination; promoting social inclusion

3 core areas: engage. connect. empower



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Engage

- Support the inclusive democratic participation of all young people
- Active involvement of young people and youth organizations in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies affecting them
- _ Establishment and development of youth representation structures at local, regional, national and European level
- Start of a new EU Youth Dialogue
- Support the acquisition of participation skills of young people
- Promotion of innovative and alternative forms of democratic participation (e.g. digital)

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Connect

- Enable cross-border mobility for all young people, youth workers; removing obstacles; especially support young people with fewer opportunities
- Establishment of a supportive political, legal and administrative environment for volunteering
- _ Involvement of young people and youth organizations in the design, implementation and evaluation of relevant EU youth programs
- Exchange best practices; Continue working on effective systems for assessing and recognizing skills and competences acquired in non-formal or informal contexts

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Empower

- Development and implementation of a European youth work agenda for quality and innovation in youth work
- Supporting quality youth work at local, regional, national and European levels
- Recognition of youth work at all levels (including grassroots initiatives)
- Establishment and expansion of easily accessible youth contact and advice centers

Implementation tools



Implementation tools (3)

- Monitoring, reporting and evaluation
 - Objective: to make it easier for Member States to learn from each other; every three years: reporting by the European Commission;; based on \(\subseteq \text{ Youth Wiki} \) and EU indicators; political review of EU-funded research projects
- _ Mid-term review (Evaluation report of the European Commission as of December 31, 2023)

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Core area engage

- _ Further development of the Structured Dialogue that has been implemented since 2010
- Dialogue with young people and youth organizations involving political and other decision-makers, experts, researchers and other civil society actors
- Platform for constant exchange of ideas and constant consultation about priorities and implementation of youth policy cooperation in Europe
- Possible participation through ≥ EU Youth Dialogue projects, funded under Erasmus + YOUTH IN ACTION Key action
- Further participation opportunities within national contexts

EU Youth Dialogue: Implementation

- Cycle of 18 month (Tri-Presidency)
- Thematic priority that is closely linked to the EU youth strategy and, possibly, the European youth goals
- Building on the findings of the previous cycle
- 3 successive phases (engage. connect. empower) and 3 European youth conferences per cycle
- Active participation of young people
- Control of the process by the European Steering Committee and national working groups
- _ Continuous follow-up
- Accompanying research

European Youth Goals

- 1. Connecting EU with Youth
- 2. Equality of All Genders
- 3. Inclusive Societies
- 4. Information & Constructive Dialogue
- 5. Mental Health & Wellbeing
- 6. Moving Rural Youth Forward
- 7. Quality Employment for All
- 8. Quality Learning
- 9. Space and Participation for All
- 10. Sustainable Green Europe
- 11. Youth Organizations & European Programmes



EU YOUTH STRATEGY & EUROPEAN YOUTH GOALS

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EQUALITY OF ALL GENDERS



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SUSTAINABLE GREEN EUROPE



YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES