



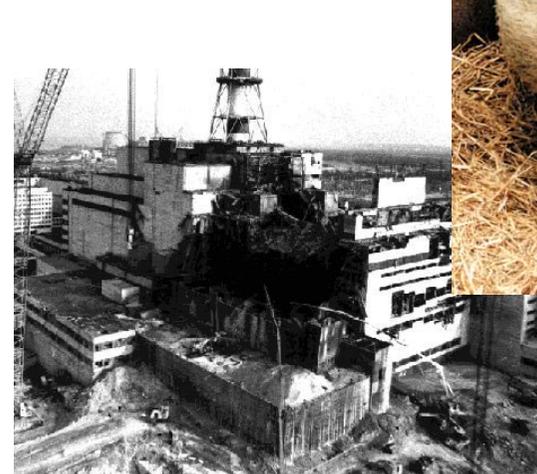
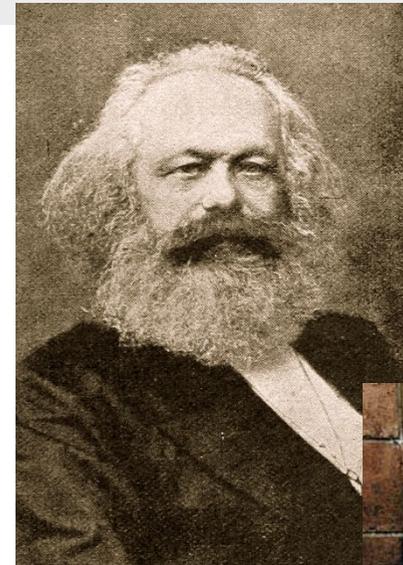
Youth participation The European Experience





Changes in society

- **The loss of truth via the decline of meta-stories:** communism, capitalism, religions have lost their influence and power of interpretation of life
- **Multi-optional development:** eg. not everything technical possible, should be done – struggle about directions
- **Individualisation:** freedom to choose
- **Globalisation and intercultural exchange:** perception of trans-cultural differences in everyday life.
- **Networking:** contacts beyond traditional structures
- **Economic crisis:** Different answers to the same question?



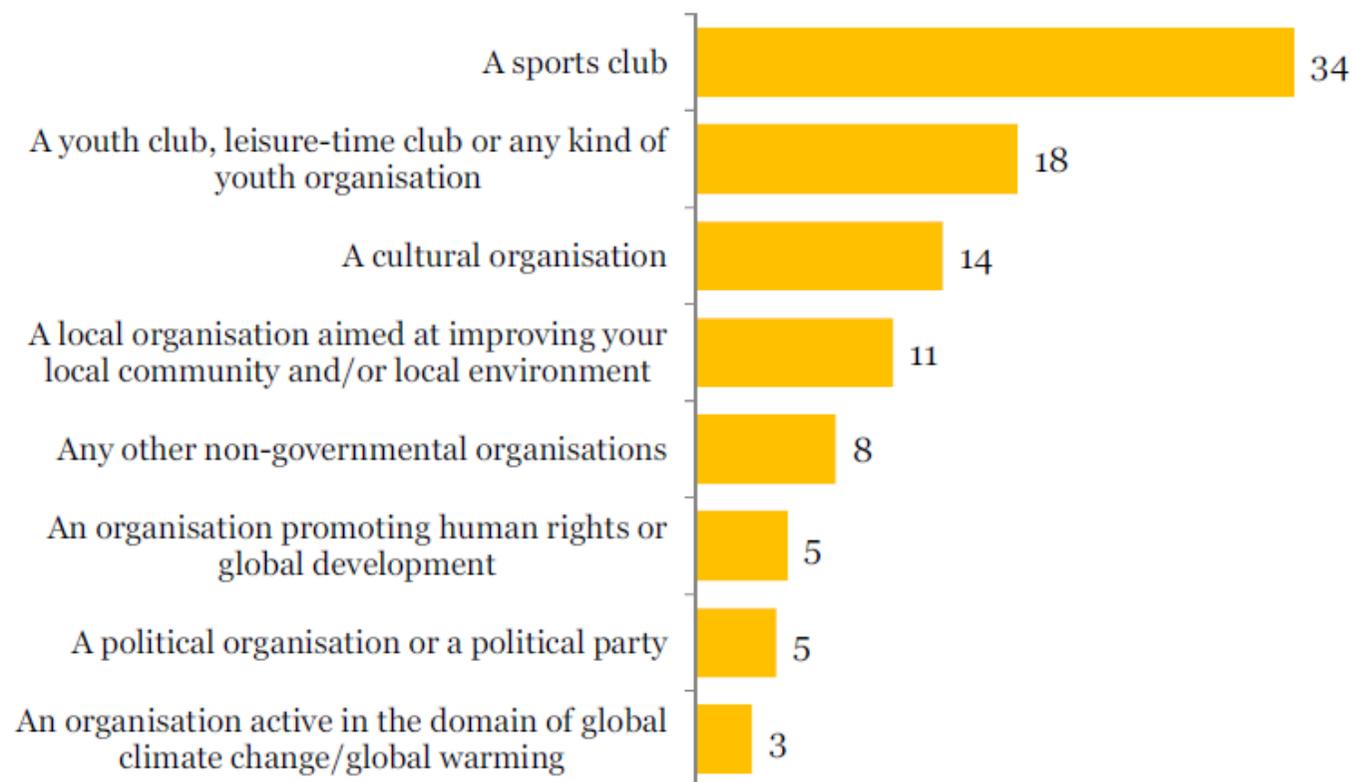


Participation in Europe





Participation in various activities of organisations



Q1. Have you in the past year participated in any activities of the following organisations?

Base: all respondents, % of 'Yes' answers shown, EU27

Flash Eurobarometer 319 a, p. 7



Impact on participation

- Participation is welcomed by the governments – as long as it respects the rules (of the governments)
- The role of youth is important in future developments so we have to know what young people want and therefore they are invited to get their voices heard.
- Youth councils, youth NGOs, structured dialogue (on- and off-line), research – all to get the young people involved in decision making, but...



i-participation: engagement if it is important for me

- Traditional forms of participation are not the only ways to get heard – new forms became popular.
- A-traditional forms of protest like a boycott, wearing T-shirts, posting on social media pages.
- “old school” membership in parties or organisations decrease in Europe. Decrease in solidarity?
- The closer the topic is to my heart the more I get involved.





Thank you for your attention



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