

The European Union Youth Strategy 2019–2027

The European Youth Goals and Values

SOURCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION

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#1 CONNECTING EU WITH Youth

BACKGROUND

An increasing number of young people lack trust in the EU, have difficulties in understanding its principles, values, and how it functions. Democratic deficits in EU processes have also been identified as one of the reasons for rising Euroscepticism among young people.

GOAL

To foster the sense of youth belonging to the European project and build a bridge between the EU and young people to regain trust and increase participation.

#2 EQUALITY OF ALL GENDERS

BACKGROUND

Gender-based discrimination still affects many young people, especially young women. Equal opportunities and access to rights need to be ensured for young people of all genders including non-binary and LGBTQI+ young people.

GOAL

To ensure equality of all genders and gender-sensitive approaches in all areas of life of a young person.

#3 INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

BACKGROUND

One third of young people in Europe are at risk of poverty and social exclusion. Many do not have access to their social rights. Many continue to face multiple discrimination, experience prejudice and hate crimes. New migratory phenomena brought several social and inclusion challenges. Therefore, it is crucial to work towards the fulfilment of the rights of all young people in Europe, including the most marginalised and excluded ones.

GOAL

Enable and ensure the inclusion of all young people in society.

#4 INFORMATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

BACKGROUND

Young people experience difficulties to verify the accuracy and reliability of information. They need to be more adequately equipped to navigate the media landscape and to participate in constructive dialogue.

GOAL

To ensure young people have better access to reliable information, support their ability to evaluate information critically and engage in participatory and constructive dialogue.

#5 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

BACKGROUND

A significant and increasing number of young people across Europe are expressing their concern at the prevalence of mental health issues such as high stress, anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses amongst their peers. Young people cite the immense societal pressures they face today, and express a need for better youth mental health provision.

GOAL

To achieve better mental wellbeing and end stigmatisation of mental health issues, thus promoting social inclusion of all young people.

#6 MOVING RURAL YOUTH FORWARD

BACKGROUND

Despite the EU-wide commitment to rural development and given the fact that by 2015 almost one third of the EU population were living in rural areas, prevailing differences exist between living in urban and in rural areas. Therefore, it is important to ensure equality for young people in urban and rural settings.

GOAL

To create conditions which enable young people to fulfil their potential in rural areas.

#7 QUALITY EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL

BACKGROUND

Young people are suffering from high youth unemployment, precarious and exploitative working conditions as well as discrimination in the labour market and the workplace. The lack of information and suitable skills for future employment are preventing young people to be fully integrated in the labour market. Thus measures need to be taken in order to ensure quality employment for all.

GOAL

To guarantee an accessible labour market with opportunities that lead to quality jobs for all young people.

#8 QUALITY LEARNING

BACKGROUND

Education remains a key for active citizenship, inclusive society and employability. That is why we need to enlarge our vision about education for the 21st century, focusing more on transferable skills, student-centred learning and non-formal education to achieve a truly equal and universal access to quality learning.

GOAL

To integrate and improve different forms of learning, equipping young people for the challenges of an ever-changing life in the 21st century.

#9 SPACE AND PARTICIPATION FOR ALL

BACKGROUND

Young people are underrepresented in decision-making processes which affect them although their engagement is crucial to democracy. They need access to physical spaces in their communities to support their personal, cultural and political development.

GOAL

To strengthen young people's democratic participation and autonomy as well as provide dedicated youth spaces in all areas of society.

#10 SUSTAINABLE GREEN EUROPE

BACKGROUND

Nowadays we consume in a way that our environment can't handle. Society needs to act against climate change and the growing environmental threats. But our society cannot solve a problem that it is not willing to acknowledge. That is why everyone including young people has to start taking responsibility for their actions, and impact on the life of future generations. Becoming sustainable is not a choice, it is an obligation.

GOAL

To achieve a society in which all young people are environmentally active, educated and able to make a difference in their everyday lives.

#11 YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES

BACKGROUND

Youth organisations and European youth programmes involve millions of young people to support their active citizenship and to develop their life skills. However, youth organisations and European youth programmes remain underfunded and lack recognition and accessibility.

GOAL

To ensure equal access for all young people to youth organisations and European youth programmes, building a society based on European values and identity.