

# **EU YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Connecting **EU** with **YOUTH**

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## What happened!?

### 4 Working Groups related to Youth Goal no.1:

- You and EU Values
- You and Your Safety in the EU
- You in a Digital World
- You and Your Voice in the EU

## WORKING GROUP DELIBERATIONS

### 1 WG on Youth Dialogue



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# ***WORKING GROUP DELIBERATIONS***

## **What happened!?**

- Up to **20 participants** per WG
- **6.5 hours** of deliberations
- 1 facilitator
- 1 harvester
- policymakers



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# ***WORKING GROUP DELIBERATIONS***

## **What happened!?**

- **Key Issues** -> Desired Social Changes -> Implementing Measures
- **Polish Presidency Policy Document** „Draft conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on a community of young Europeans based on European values for a common and secure Europe“
- **EUYC Lublin conference report**



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# ***WORKING GROUP DELIBERATIONS***

**What happened!?**

- Harvesting Tool
- Editing Team
  - Polish National Youth Council
  - European Youth Forum
  - Polish Presidency Team
  - European Researchers



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# ***YOUTH DIALOGUE: BEST PRACTICES AND CASE STUDIES***

## **Domains of Key Issues**

- Outreach and diversity
- Non-EU countries
- Delegate support
- Impactful sustainability and implementation
- Resources



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# ***YOUTH DIALOGUE: BEST PRACTICES AND CASE STUDIES***

## **Domains of Desired Changes**

- Empowering NYCs
- Harmonisation and continuity of processes
- Selection and preparation of delegates
- Policy follow-up
- Engaging non-EU countries



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# ***YOUTH DIALOGUE: BEST PRACTICES AND CASE STUDIES***

## **Implementing Measures**

- NWG in non-EU countries
- Expansion of research
- Sustainable resources
- Continuous information collection and provision
- Peer learning
- Support systems for delegate preparations and debriefing
- Participation of youth delegates at the policy follow-up
- Specific activities for various minority groups of youth



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## **INPUT FOR THE POLISH COUNCIL**

### **CONCLUSIONS: PART I**

**At the EU Youth Conference in Lublin, young people emphasised that there is a need to increase young people's hope in a democratic and safe future by increasing their trust in democratic institutions at all levels, resilience and contribution to peacebuilding, in order to prevent demotivation, disengagement and political alienation. This can be achieved by:**

- Declaring a European year of resilience and increasing long-term, easily accessible, EU funding for youth resilience projects and crisis preparedness;
- Strengthening youth engagement in decision-making through measures such as youth led European Citizenship initiatives, Youth tests at national and European level and the EU Youth Dialogue. These should incorporate transparent follow-up processes which track the implementation of policy proposals, as well as partnerships with youth organisations on communication and outreach to reach a diverse range of young people and better enable young leaders to bridge the gap between young people and EU policymakers;
- Encouraging young candidates in elections through measures like quotas, political traineeships, lowering the age of eligibility, and giving young people a real chance of getting elected;
- Introducing civic education as a mandatory subject in formal education, with a comprehensive curriculum, delivered and created in co-operation with non-governmental organisations. This should nurture civic responsibility, promote EU values, civil society, critical thinking, democratic participation, and the role of democratic institutions.



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# *INPUT FOR THE POLISH COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS: PART II*

Disinformation and misinformation threaten democratic values, erode trust in institutions and create polarisation. This leads to scepticism, disengagement, and mental health issues among young people as well as inability to make informed choices. Strengthening young people's resilience within the digital landscape and further protecting democratic values the EU is based on, can be achieved by:

- co-designing digital learning frameworks together with young people (formal, non-formal, informal) in domains such as algorithm understanding, media literacy, cyber-security, fact-checking, digital footprints, information management, critical thinking, ethical media and AI use;
- implementing transparent verification and accountability processes for social media, as well as media quality labelling to encourage responsible digital behaviour;
- supporting youth-led businesses and start-ups in the field of social media and AI.



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***WHAT IS NEXT??***



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