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# MAINSTREAMING YOUTH PERSPECTIVES INTO ALL POLICY AREAS – FROM EU DIMENSION



#### **YOUTH MAINSTREAMING?**

Cross-sectoral cooperation and coordination among sectors and policies

It means breaking up silo thinking and acting on it but WITH youth

involvement and participation



#### HOW?

- Horizontal and far-reaching EU youth strategy with the strong EU Youth Coordinator at the EU level/scaling up the role of the Youth Coordinator
- EU youth strategy which is at the same time flexible to accommodate young people's changing concerns and needs (able to adapt)
- Scaling-up and building on existing solutions and structures and success stories, such as the European Year of Youth or the EU Youth Dialogue
- Financing activities for young people under EU programmes and other instruments that are not directly dedicated to youth
- "Pushing" others (DGs, ministries, institutions, organisations) and making them aware about young people needs and expectations
- Aiming at meaningful youth dialogue by introducing quality criteria for youth consultation and sharing them with others



### WAYS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND EU INSTITUTIONS?

- Use the EU Youth Dialogue as an example
- Exchange of best practices as a way of supporting each other in the process of youth mainstreaming
- EU youth coordinator and national youth coordinators to strengthen the impact
- EU Youth strategy needs to be implemented at the same time at EU level and national level
  - Strengthen Youth Policy Dialogues by involving other EU and national
- institutions in this process



### HOW TO BETTER IMPLEMENT EU YOUTH DIALOGUE RECOMMENDATION?

- Better communicate the EU Youth Dialogue and make it more visible
- Impact is there but it is not so visible. It needs to be better presented and explained
- Recommendations must be more concrete, focused, on-point and targeted to relevant decisionmakers



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENION



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