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# COMMISSION CONSULTATION WITH YOUTH – INTERGENERATIONAL FAIRNESS IN THE EU; WHAT SHOULD THAT LOOK LIKE?

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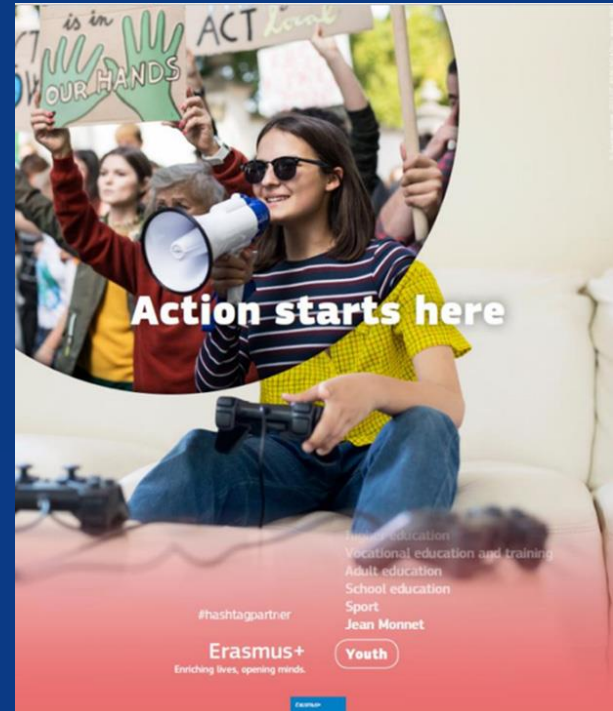
# BUDAPEST SESSION

- **THEME:**

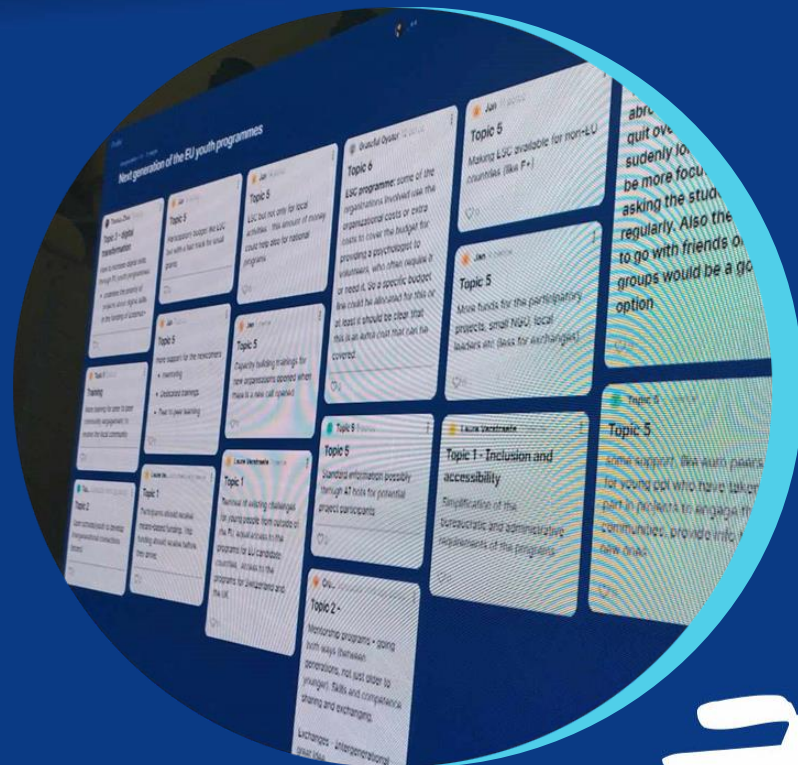
next generation of the EU Youth Programmes

- **TOPICS:**

- green transition
- digital transformation
- intergenerational exchanges
- solidarity
- community
- mental health



# OUTCOMES



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# ***“NOT FOR THE COMMISSION”***

## **GREEN TRANSITION**

**PROPOSAL:** Discounts on train travels for Erasmus+ participants to make sure students/participants can afford to go by train.

**COMMENT:** Not for Commission, but exceptional costs for expensive travel are available within project budget.

## **INCLUSION**

**PROPOSAL:** More opportunities for non-EU countries, especially Switzerland and the UK.

**COMMENT:** Many opportunities exist, but the scope depends on what we can negotiate with these countries.



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# ***“ALREADY EXISTS”***

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Make the European Solidarity Corps available for non-EU countries (like Erasmus+).

## SOLIDARITY

Ensure that European Solidarity Corps volunteers can also participate in Erasmus+ during their volunteering project.

## GREEN TRANSITION

Prioritise programmes with a focus on environmental sustainability and climate change.



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# ***PRIORITISED IDEAS***

“Young people should be involved in testing youth programme platforms to provide feedback”

## **FEEDBACK**

We acknowledge that the IT tools for EU youth programmes can be complex, and we are always working on making them easier to use. Simplifying the application process is something we are actively discussing for the next programme, together with national agencies that support applicants. We also regularly update guidelines to help users, which can be found on our website.

The idea to involve young people in testing the platforms is really valuable—we will explore the possibility to creating a user board where young beneficiaries can share their feedback and help improve the experience for everyone.



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# ***PRIORITISED IDEAS***

“Information about the programmes should be made accessible to young people with fewer opportunities. More should be done to encourage young people with fewer opportunities to participate in the programmes.”

## **FEEDBACK**

Making information accessible and reaching out to young people with fewer opportunities remains a key focus. As part of the reflection on the next generation of the programme, we are working to make participation even more inclusive and accessible. National agencies play a vital role in this by offering targeted support, such as information sessions, workshops on writing project applications, and other initiatives to help potential participants navigate the process. We are committed to strengthening these efforts so that even more young people with fewer opportunities can take part in the programme.



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# ***PRIORITISED IDEAS***

“Mentorship programmes - going both ways.”

## **FEEDBACK**

The idea of mentorship programmes that go both ways, fostering exchanges across generations, is insightful. We fully recognize the potential of this approach. We will explore existing opportunities to create synergies. For instance, in Solidarity Projects and Youth Participation activities, young people involved in projects can benefit from a coach who supports them throughout the preparation, implementation and evaluation.

Similarly, in volunteering projects, mentors provide personal support, with the possibility of reinforced mentoring, especially to assist young people with fewer opportunities. We are committed to building on these existing structures and exploring how we can integrate mentorship into Intergenerational Exchanges, ensuring a two-way exchange that encourages mutual learning and growth.



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