



# The European Commission at the forefront of supporting youth empowerment in times of Covid-19

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“ESD as a key driver for youth empowerment for confronting socio-economic impact of Covid”



# **EU Youth Strategy a policy cooperation frame for all relevant stakeholders**

**EU institutions & other international organisations, member states, local & regional authorities, youth organisations & organisations working with young people, youth workers, youth researchers, civil society actors**



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# Supporting youth empowerment through quality, innovation and recognition of youth work Fostering young people's participation in civic and democratic life



**ENGAGE**  
**CONNECT**  
**EMPOWER**



## **EU Youth Dialogue – youth empowerment via influencing policy choices**

- **Cca 50 000 participants in each 18-month cycle-one of the biggest citizens' participation mechanism the EU in any policy area**
- **Consultation phase - young people from diverse backgrounds involved – launch of a Europe-wide online survey in mid-March**
- **Deliberative democracy in practice-highlights are the EU Youth Conferences, decision makers and youth representatives together. Last one in Berlin 2-5 October, next one in Portugal in 12-15 March**
- **Current Trio Presidency (Germany-Portugal-Slovenia) has the overarching theme for this 8th cycle "Europe for YOUTH-YOUTH for Europe. Space and Democracy and Participation"**
- **European Youth Goals**
  - **Window of opportunity to influence EU's youth policy**
  - **Ensuring that youth policy is (remains) cross-sectoral**
  - **Building the basis for a strategical approach towards challenges of young people in Europe**



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# Youth Goals: a vision from youth for Europe



**1. Connecting EU with Youth**



**2. Equality of all genders**



**3. Inclusive societies**



**4. Information and constructive dialogue**



**5. Mental health and wellbeing**



**6. Moving rural youth forward**



**7. Quality employment for all**



**8. Quality learning**



**9. Space and participation for all**



**10. Sustainable green Europe**



**11. Youth organisations and European programmes**



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# New Erasmus+ programme (2021- 2027) Key priorities



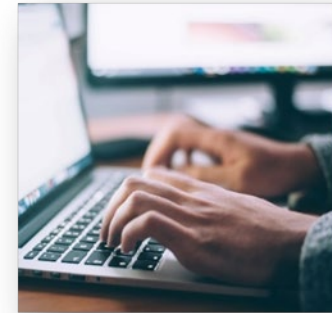
## **Inclusion and diversity**

**Reaching out to  
all participants,  
fostering inclusive  
approaches for  
mobility  
and cooperation  
activities**



## **Green**

**Building up  
knowledge on  
sustainability and  
climate action and  
promote the use of  
green travel**



## **Digital**

**Developing  
accessible and  
high-quality digital  
learning and foster  
digital capacities**

## **Youth employment support in Covid-19 times**

- **18% of young people in EU are jobless - recovery is about its next generation**
- **Youth Employment Support (YES) package adopted in July with several initiative - provide 22 billion EUR on youth employment measures given the unprecedented EU funding availabilities**
- **The Youth Guarantee already helped 24 million young people find a job, continued education, training or apprenticeship since 2013**
- **National schemes - employment offer, education, traineeship or apprentice-ship within 4 months of being unemployed/leaving formal education.**
- **Reinforced Youth Guarantee to support more young people in school-to-work and early job-to-job transitions by opening it up to the age of 29 years.**
- **Steps up the outreach to vulnerable and marginalised young people**



## **Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027) future of digital education in a lifelong perspective**

### **Two key objectives:**

- 1. Boosting the digital readiness of education and training systems - planned approach: robust infrastructure, leadership and vision, high quality digital resources and skilled teachers**
  - 2. Digital skills and competences for the digital transformation from an early age - being digitally competent is a necessity and a right - responsible and safe use of digital technologies through improving digital literacy skills, developing critical thinking, and raising awareness of individual rights and obligations**
- Developing digital skills, including digital literacy skills crucial that young people can feel empowered, connected but also safe when communicating online**





## **More about the EU Youth Dialogue – Get involved!**

**[https://europa.eu/youth/have-your-say\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/have-your-say_en)**

**Thank you!**

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