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**EU YOUTH
STRATEGY**

Fresh opportunities,
new discoveries!

Youth

WHO IS IT FOR?

The EU Youth Strategy aims to **engage, connect and empower** young Europeans. It involves public authorities in the European Union, youth workers, organisations with a role in young people's lives, and the young people themselves.

The EU Youth Strategy promotes opportunities for young people to engage with policy-makers and gain experience abroad through youth-focused projects, such as exchanges or volunteering. It offers public authorities and organisations the chance to learn from each other, share good practices, and network.






ENGAGE

The strategy aims to promote active citizenship; young people who engage – socially, culturally, economically, and politically.

The EU Youth Strategy encourages young people to become part of the decision-making process. Decisions taken today will impact young people's lives tomorrow, so it is essential that they have a say in policy development and implementation.



A majority of young people would like the EU to focus on education, skills, the environment and climate change.

(Flash Eurobarometer Survey 455, 2018)





CONNECT

Building cross-border relationships is an idea at the centre of the EU. Developing connections and sharing experiences can help strengthen a common European identity.

Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps provide a range of opportunities for young people to engage with others as a method of intercultural learning and empowerment.



The Erasmus+ programme will have supported over 4 million mobility opportunities between 2014 and 2020.





EMPOWER

The EU increases opportunities for young people by supporting youth work and organisations.

Youth work can assist young people in transitioning to adulthood by providing both transversal skills and learning opportunities outside of the school setting. It also helps connect with young people at risk of exclusion, offering a supportive route back into society.

To guarantee quality opportunities, increase innovation, and maximise potential, the EU will develop a European Youth Work Agenda.

1 in 3 young people involved in Erasmus+ Youth come from a disadvantaged background. The programme supports youth workers' mobility and contributes to their professional development.

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HOW WILL WE DO IT?

- By:
- Promoting mutual learning activities, via expert groups, seminars or events.
 - Supporting youth organisations, projects or activities under the Erasmus+ programme or the European Solidarity Corps.
 - Connecting young people and youth organisations with policymakers through the EU Youth Dialogue process.
 - Introducing the European Commission's Youth Coordinator, a contact point for all young people.
 - Managing the EU Youth Strategy Platform to engage stakeholders in policy implementation.
 - Contributing to realise the European Youth Goals developed by young people.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The EU recognises that young people are critical to the future of Europe, and the Youth Strategy aims to support them by:

- Equipping them with **the necessary life skills** to support their personal development, enabling them to become **active citizens and agents of solidarity**.
- Contributing to tackling **youth poverty** and all forms of **discrimination**.
- **Making sure that young people are heard** and that policy decisions have a positive impact on them across all sectors.



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MORE INFORMATION

European Youth Portal: https://europa.eu/youth/EU_en

Youth Policy:

https://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/youth-strategy_en



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