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# ACTIVE EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION



YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROGRAM



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# WAYS TO BE ACTIVELY IMPLICATED AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

LITTLE TO HIGHER IMPLICATION



# 1. DIFFERENT EUROPEAN PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES



One of the most known programme of EU when we talk about young people is **Erasmus+**.

Erasmus+ is a European program that **offers opportunities for mobility and cooperation** in the field of higher education, vocational training, school education, youth and sport.

Young people can benefit from **scholarships, academic exchanges, internships and volunteering projects** in European countries.



# 2. EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS



There are many volunteering programs at European level that **offer young people opportunities to get involved in volunteering activities** in different fields, such as environment, culture, education and social aid.

An **example** is the **volunteering program** within the **European Solidarity Corps**. Young people can go for several months to various countries of the European Union or partner countries of the program.



# 3. EUROPEAN YOUTH EVENT



The **European Youth Event**, better known by the acronym EYE, is a unique opportunity for young Europeans to make their voices heard and find innovative solutions for the future of Europe.

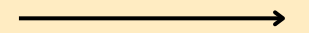
The event gives young people **the opportunity to discuss the challenges of the future with European policy makers** and prominent personalities.

The most important activity, takes place in Strasbourg. There are also, local activities and online activities.



## MORE INFORMATION:

<https://european-youth-event.europarl.europa.eu/en/>



# 4. EU YOUTH DIALOGUE



The EU Youth Dialogue is a **communication mechanism between young people and decision-makers and takes place within the framework of the EU Youth Strategy.**

Dialogue with decision-makers and other communication activities take place in **18-month cycles.**

Each of these focuses on a different theme, established by the Youth Council, which brings together EU member state ministers responsible for youth.



**MORE INFORMATION:** [https://youth.europa.eu/get-involved/eu-youth-dialogue/what-eu-youth-dialogue\\_en](https://youth.europa.eu/get-involved/eu-youth-dialogue/what-eu-youth-dialogue_en)



# 5. EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM



European Youth Forum is the **platform of youth organizations in Europe**. Its member organizations are **national youth councils** and **international youth non-governmental organizations**.

Together, they represent **the voice of young people** in Europe.

Young representatives of youth organizations from all over Europe participate in discussions, debates and consultations with European officials on issues that affect them.



**MORE INFORMATION:** <https://www.youthforum.org>



# 6. EUROPEAN CITIZEN'S INITIATIVE



A **European citizens' initiative** is a way for you and other Europeans to take an active part in EU policy-making.

You can launch a citizens' initiative calling on the European Commission to propose new EU legislation on that issue.

For an initiative to be considered by the Commission, you need to get 1 million citizens from across the EU to sign it in support.



**STEP BY STEP INFORMATION:** [https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/how-it-works\\_en](https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/how-it-works_en) 

# 6 STEPS



**1.GET STARTED:** you must first set up a group of organisers composed of **at least 7 EU citizens living in 7 different EU countries**. To do so, you need to find people to team up with across Europe who are willing to support your issue.

**2.GET YOUR INITIATIVE REGISTERED:** create an organizer account + provide a description of your initiative in one of the official languages of EU.

**3.GET SUPPORT: 1 MILLION SIGNATURES** paper or using *Central Online Collection System*. For each country there is a limit of number of people to sign. After you set the date of the kick-off of your initiative you have **12 months to gather the signatures**.

**4.GET STATEMENT OR SUPPORT VERIFIED:** 3 months to verify the signatures (by each national authority) and the authorities have 3 months to verify them.

**STEP BY STEP INFORMATION:** [https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/how-it-works\\_en](https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/how-it-works_en) 

# 6 STEPS



5. **SUBMIT THE INITIATIVE:** after the verification, **3 months to submit**, together with the information on the support and funding you've received for the initiative.

6. **GET AN ANSWER:**

- **Within 1 month:**

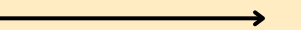
You'll meet with representatives of the Commission so you can explain the issues raised in your initiative in detail.

- **Within 3 months:**

You'll have the opportunity to present your initiative at a public hearing at the European Parliament:

- **Within 6 months:**

The Commission will spell out what action it will propose in response to your initiative (if any), and its reasons for taking (or not taking) action.



# EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES APPROVED



- **Right2Water.** It has three stated goals:  
Guaranteed water and sanitation for all in Europe.  
No liberalisation of water services.  
Universal (Global) access to water and sanitation
- **End the Cage Age:** to phase out, and finally prohibit, the use of cage systems for all animals mentioned in the Initiative.
- **One of Us:** asked the EU to end the financing of activities which presuppose the destruction of human embryos, in particular in the areas of research, development aid and public health



# APPLICATION: WHAT WE THINK ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE?



1. **Go on this website and look for European citizens initiatives:** it does not matter if it was accepted, or its collecting answers, etc.: [https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/find-initiative\\_en](https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/find-initiative_en)
2. **Choose an initiative that attracts the whole group,** that you think it might help EU.
3. **Read the initiative very well.**
4. **Talk in your group:** what do you think about this, how its going to be beneficial, its necessary? It applies for the EU country that you are from?
5. **Try to find 3 weak points and 3 strong points.**





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