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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Delegations

Subject: Resolution of the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025-2027

Delegations will find attached the abovementioned resolution approved by the Council (Education, Youth, Culture and Sport) at its meeting on 25-26 November 2024.

Resolution of the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting
within the Council on the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025-2027

THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER STATES MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

RECALLING THAT

1. The Council resolution on a framework for European cooperation in the youth field: The European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027¹, invites the Member States and the European Commission, within their respective fields of competences, to effectively implement the EU Youth Strategy across the EU and in the Member States with specific instruments – including the EU Work Plans for Youth.
2. The EU Youth Strategy follows triennial work periods that span two Presidency Trios. The priorities and actions for the respective work periods are presented in the EU Work Plans for Youth. These plans should draw on the guiding principles and priorities of the EU Youth Strategy, addressing youth issues in other Council configurations and preparatory bodies in relevant policy areas.
3. The EU Work Plan is an instrument that works as a compass and guides Member States, the Commission and all stakeholders towards achieving the objectives of the EU Youth Strategy.

¹ Resolution of the Council of the European Union and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on a framework for European cooperation in the youth field: The European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027, 2018/C 456/01.

TAKE NOTE THAT

4. The Council will set these EU Work Plans based on preliminary information received from the trio-presidencies from the following countries: Poland, Denmark and Cyprus, and Ireland, Lithuania and Greece.
5. The priorities and actions presented in this triennial work programme (prepared by the trio presidencies during the period 2025-2027, in the Annex) are to be revised during the first half of 2026 and the revision will be approved by the Council and the Member States meeting within the Council by the end of June 2026.
6. The Commission's Communication on the legacy of the European Year of Youth² as well as the Commission's report on the interim evaluation of the European Union's Youth Strategy 2019-2027³ provided input to further enhance the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy, in particular by further accelerating the objectives of youth mainstreaming and youth participation, including through the EU Youth Dialogue (EUYD) and by the implementation of the youth check at the European level.

² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the European Year of Youth 2022 (COM/2024/1 final).

³ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Interim evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027.

7. The Commission can support and complement actions by Member States set out in this Work Plan, in particular by encouraging cooperation, supporting the mobility of young people and youth workers, and encouraging the participation of young people in democratic life. The tools developed to support the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy include the EUYD, the EU Youth Stakeholders Group⁴, the European Youth Portal, the EU Youth Coordinator, the youth check at European level and mutual learning activities (expert groups, peer learning activities (PLA) and peer counselling). This can be supported by regular updates and exchanges with Member States about national youth policy priorities and cooperation needs, the Youth Wiki, EU Youth Dashboard⁵ and youth indicators, surveys, studies and research. The support can be further reinforced through programmes in the field of youth (in particular Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps⁶) and partnerships and cooperation with other international organisations, in particular the Council of Europe, the OECD and the United Nations.
8. The EUYD needs to continue evolving and growing to safeguard the progress on inclusion achieved over the previous cycles for example by further increasing the participation of young people with fewer opportunities and under-represented groups. Attention needs to be paid to the processes of sharing recommendations from the EUYD with policymakers and other stakeholders. Awareness should be increased on visibility and communication mechanisms and the importance of monitoring to improve the impact of the EUYD for informing participants and stakeholders about the follow-up at EU, national, regional and local levels.

⁴ The specificities of the group are yet to be determined.

⁵ Eurostat, Children and youth, EU youth dashboard.

⁶ Commission Report on the Interim evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027. (COM/2024/162 final).

9. In 2025-2026, the Commission will launch a co-creation process with all youth stakeholders for the preparation of the next EU Youth Strategy beyond 2027. This will include mobilising the Youth Stakeholder's Group, organising meetings and events such as the 2026 European Youth Week and an online campaign, and could be part of the EUYD consultations. The Commission is also supporting the 2025 European Youth Work Convention scheduled for 28-30 May 2025, in Malta, which can contribute to the next EU Youth Strategy.
10. The outcome of the mid-term evaluations (foreseen for end 2024) of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes will feed into the preparations for the new programme generation. This will include consultations on various levels with youth stakeholders and young people to ensure a co-creation process for the programmes to respond to the needs and challenges faced by young people and youth organisations.

INVITE THE PRESIDENCIES OF THE COUNCIL TO

11. Provide opportunities for Member States and stakeholders in the youth field to discuss the future of the European cooperation in the youth field after 2027, including via the EU Youth Dialogue and with support from the European Commission, in order to allow for the best possible synergies with the new generation of programmes and to meet the dual objectives of meaningful youth participation and youth mainstreaming, while also making the EU Youth Strategy easier to understand for all relevant ministries and other stakeholders due to its cross-cutting nature.

INVITE THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO

12. Ensure cross-sectoral internal consultation in the early stage of designing of the next EU Youth Strategy in line with the Communication on the legacy of the European Year of Youth⁷, in order to capture the objective of youth mainstreaming across all policy areas.

⁷ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the European Year of Youth 2022, COM (2024) 1 final.

Work Plan for the EU Youth Strategy 2025-2027⁸

Date	Working method/instrument	Indicative target and output	Related Youth goals	Relation to the Framework establishing a European Youth Work Agenda ⁹	Proposed by
PL, DK, CY Overall topic: Connecting EU with youth European Youth Goal #1					
2025 (1 st half)	Council Conclusions on a community of young Europeans based on universal values for a common and secure Europe	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #1 Connecting EU with youth		PL
2025 (1 st half)	Resolution of the Council enhancing the governance of the EU Youth Dialogue in the context of the evaluation of the European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027	Approval by the Council	All European Youth Goals		PL

⁸ Compiled by the Hungarian Presidency on the basis of the preliminary information received from the trio presidencies PL-DK-CY and IE-LT-EL.

⁹ See the Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the Framework establishing a European Youth Work Agenda (2020/C 415/01).

2025 (1 st half)	EU Youth Conference (Lublin, March 2-5, 2025)	Strengthening the European identity among young Europeans based on treaty values as well as implementing the consultation process of EU Youth Dialogue.	European Youth Goal #1 Connecting EU with youth		PL
2025 (1 st half)	DG Youth Meeting (Lublin, March 5-6, 2025)	Discussions on the future of the EU programmes, i.e., Erasmus+ and ESC; review of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027; mainstreaming youth policy	European Youth Goal #1 Connecting EU with youth		PL
2025	EU Youth Stakeholders Group Meeting (at least one meeting per year)	Facilitate exchanges and youth consultations on forthcoming policy initiatives	All European Youth Goals European Youth Goal #1 Connecting EU with youth		COM

2025 (1 st half)	Adoption of the EU Youth Report				COM
2025 (1 st half)	Peer-learning activity on youth mainstreaming	Raise awareness and exchange experiences on youth mainstreaming approaches and mechanisms, and the link to a strengthened EU Youth Dialogue			COM
2025 (1 st half)	4th European Youth Work Convention (28-30 May 2025, Malta)	Working towards a proposal for a European Strategic Framework to implement youth work policy and recognise youth work quality practice (<i>title to be confirmed</i>)			MT, COM
2025 (2 nd half)	Seminar/workshop/webinar on the EU Youth Report	Raise awareness of key information on the progress of the EU Youth Strategy and the situation of young people			COM

2025 (2 nd half)	EU Youth Conference focusing on the next Erasmus+ and ESC programmes and participation of young people in democracy	Increase young people's participation in democracy	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #11: Youth organisations & European programmes		DK
2025 (2 nd half)	DG Youth meeting focusing on the next Erasmus+ and ESC programmes and participation of young people in democracy	Increase young people's participation in democracy	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #11: Youth organisations & European programmes		DK
2025	Peer-learning activity on local youth policy	Raise awareness and exchange experiences and best practices on local youth policy	European Youth Goal #3 Inclusive Societies		BG

2026	EU Youth Stakeholders Group meeting (at least one meeting per year).	Consultation in the framework of the co-creation process with all stakeholders for the preparation of the next EU Youth Strategy			COM
2026	Peer-learning activity on the implementation of a youth work strategy	As a follow up of the 4th European Youth Work Convention			MT, COM
2026 (1 st half)	2026 European Youth Week	The European Commission organises the European Youth Week event every second year to celebrate and promote youth engagement, participation and active citizenship.	All European Youth Goals		COM

2026 (1 st half)	Resolution on the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025-2027 (revision)	Approval by the Council	All European Youth Goals		CY
2026 (1 st half)	Resolution on the outcomes of the 11th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth		CY
2026 (1 st half)	Council conclusions on building young people's trust in the EU project	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth. Subgoal 1.6: Build young people's trust in the EU project by addressing the democratic deficit, lack of transparency and visibility		CY

2026 (1 st half)	EU Youth Conference	Concluding the 11 th Cycle of EU Youth Dialogue/ Discussing CY priority on building young people's trust in the EU project	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth		CY
2026 (1 st half)	DG Youth Meeting	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth. (b) The future of the EU Youth Strategy	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth.		CY

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Overall topic: Information & Constructive dialogue and space and participation for all

European Youth Goals: #4 and #9

2026 (2 nd half)	<i>(poss.)</i> Council conclusions on making space for young people: Children & young people's participation in decision-making and in youth spaces	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth European Youth goal #4: Information & Constructive dialogue		IE
2026 (2 nd half)	<i>(poss.)</i> Council conclusions on creating an environment to actively support youth to engage in respectful, tolerant and non-violent dialogue, online and offline	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #4: Information & Constructive dialogue		IE

2026 (2 nd half)	(<i>poss.</i>) Conference/seminar on youth-friendly information and communication	Policy recommendations Exchange of best practices	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #4: Information & Constructive dialogue		IE
2026 (2 nd half)	EU Youth Conference youth-friendly information and communication	EU Youth Conference and DG meeting (<i>poss.</i>) Policy recommendations Exchange of best practices	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #4: Information & Constructive dialogue		IE, COM

2027 (1 st half)	Council conclusions on the topic of Secure Europe	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #4: Information & Constructive dialogue European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all		LT
2027 (1 st half)	Council conclusions on the topic of civic engagement – the change through youth organisations – and youth media literacy	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all		LT
2027 (1 st half)	Council conclusions on the topic of strengthening the physical and emotional health of young people	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #5: Mental health & Wellbeing		LT
2027 (1 st half)	Conference on the topic of Secure Europe	EU Youth Conference and DG meeting (<i>poss.</i>) Policy recommendations Exchange of best practices	European Youth Goal#4: Information & Constructive dialogue European Youth Goal#9: Space and participation for all		LT

2027	EU Youth Stakeholders Group meeting (at least one meeting per year).				COM
2027	Commission Communication on the EU Youth Strategy beyond 2027				COM
2027	Peer-learning activity (topic to be defined)				COM
2027 (2 nd half)	Council conclusions on the upskilling of vulnerable youth	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	§1 §4 §10(a) §21	EL

2027 (2 nd half)	(<i>poss.</i>) Council Resolution on the 12th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all		EL
2027 (2 nd half)	Conference/Seminar on the participation of young people in European democratic processes	Policy recommendations Exchange of best practices	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	§4 §6 §21	EL
2027 (2 nd half)	Informal ministerial conference or high-level meeting or DG Youth Meeting	Exchange of ideas between DGs on Greek priorities	All European Youth Goals		EL
2027 (2 nd half)	(<i>poss.</i>) Council Resolution on the next EU Youth Strategy 2028-2036	Approval by the Council	All European Youth Goals		EL