



EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 and rural youth

Rural youth participation in policymaking webinar

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EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027

- All three priority areas of the EUYS are related with young people with fewer opportunities but especially the “connect” one which have a clear reference for the support *for all young people and youth workers to cross-border mobility opportunities, including volunteering, by eliminating obstacles and implementing support measures with special attention to young people with fewer opportunities.*

European Youth Goal #6 Moving Rural Youth Forward

- Ensure appropriate infrastructure in rural areas in order to provide equitable delivery of public services, data connectivity and housing opportunities for young people.
- Ensure that sustainable, high-quality jobs, accessible to young people are created in rural areas.
- Ensure the decentralisation of different activities by, for and with young people in order to support their inclusion and to benefit local communities.
- Ensure that young people in rural areas are actively participating in decision-making processes.
- Ensure equal access to high quality education for young people in rural areas.
- Establish a positive image of rural areas.
- Ensure the protection of rural traditions.

Erasmus+ and ESC Inclusion and Diversity Strategy

- The Strategy refers to young people living in remote or rural areas, on small islands, or in peripheral/outermost regions, urban suburbs, less serviced areas (with limited public transport, poor facilities), or less developed areas in third countries, etc., and aims to reduce barriers to their active participation in EU youth policy and programmes.

Study on rural youth

- The Commission has launched a study on the situation of young people living in rural areas. The research is part of the EU-Council of Europe Youth partnership work programme 2024-2025. The study will contribute to gather further evidence on the situation of young people in rural areas which are less involved in youth policies / programmes. This knowledge would contribute to better policy making addressing challenges. The study will seek to identify and analyse the factors linked to living in rural areas that constitute clear enabling or hindering factors for young people's access to opportunities for non-formal learning, active citizenship and participation at local, regional, national and EU levels. Preparatory work has started in April 2024 and will build on a mapping and focus group discussions young people and youth stakeholders from rural areas.

European Youth Portal

- The **European Youth Portal** is a multi-lingual website addressing young people in Europe and providing access to youth related European and national information. The aim of the European Youth Portal is to provide young people aged 13 to 30 across Europe with information and opportunities around a wide range of topics based on the EU Youth Strategy, including education, employment, participation, culture, social inclusion, health, mobility and volunteering. One of its major strengths is that this content is provided at European and national levels through a partnership between the European Commission and Eurodesk, and is available in up to 27 different languages, covering 33 countries.

Thank you



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