



Encouraging youth participation in Europe

International Policy Conference & Alliance for Youth Vote meeting
12 and 13 February 2024

Day 1 in the morning: Policy Conference, [European Economic and Social Committee](#)
Building Van Maerlant - Rue van Maerlant 2, Brussels – Room VMA3

Day 2 in the morning: [Alliance for Youth Vote](#) kick-off meeting, [European Parliament's Info Hub](#), [Esplanade Solidarność 1980](#), Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Bruxelles

The events will welcome participants from the [COYV project](#) activities, youth leaders, policy makers, partner representatives, national and European youth and civil society organisations

Purpose of the event:

- To present the results of the project and to launch a promotional campaign for the [Youth Voting toolbox](#), which will be organised in 5 different cities across Europe.
- To officially launch the alliance of youth and civil society organisations "[Alliance for Youth Vote](#)".
- To offer space for young people to talk with (young) MEP candidates or (young) MEPs already in position to express their experience as an MEP

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AGENDA Day 1 - 12 February 2024:

- 9:30 – Welcome coffee, registrations
- 10:00 - 10:05 Welcome words - Caridad Alarcón Sánchez, Vice-President, [Lifelong Learning Platform](#) (video message)
- 10:05 - 10:10 Opening remarks - Ms Katrīna Leitāne (Member of the [European Economic and Social Committee](#))
- 10:10 - 10:20 Project presentation - [JEF Europe](#), COYV project coordinator
- 10:20 - 10:40 Why vote? Understanding the attitudes, challenges and views of youth on the vote for the European Parliament elections 2024 - [OBESSU](#)





- 10:40 - 10:50 - Educational tools, toolkits and communication actions to address those challenges - [Young Educators](#)
- 10:50 - 11:00 Impact on and perspective from young people active on national and local level – JEF National Sections
- Coffee break
- 11:10 - 12:10 Interactive panel discussion with experts + Q&A with the training participants - moderated by Chiara Piccolo, [Learning for Wellbeing Foundation](#)
 - MEP João Albuquerque
 - Mr Ondřej Bárta, Pool of European Youth Researchers of the CoE
 - Ms Gaia Ramón Reis, Board Member, Obessu
 - Ms Mara Grimminger, president of JEF Belgium
- 12:10 - 12:20: Follow up and synergies: The Alliance for Youth Co-operation in the European Parliament Elections 2024 - [Lifelong Learning Platform](#)
- 12:20 - 12:30 Main takeaways for EU policy development – [LLLLP](#)
- 12:30 Networking LIGHT lunch

AGENDA Day 2 - February 2024:



- 9:30 – Welcome coffee, registrations
- 10:00 - 10:10: Welcome words - Marta Concepción Mederos, Vice-President, [Lifelong Learning Platform](#) (video message)
- 10:10 - 10:25: Democracy in action - Introduction to three communication flagship initiatives of the European Parliament
- 10:25 - 10:35: Setting the scene - [Alliance for Youth Vote](#) presentation
- 10:35 - 11:10 MEPs reactions to challenges and views of youth engagement
 - MEP João Albuquerque
 - MEP Rasmus Andresen
 - MEP Damian Boeselager
 - MEP Alex Agius Saliba
 - MEP Sara Cerdas
- 11:10 - 12:20 Exchanging practices on educational and communication actions & Develop Action plan for the European Parliament elections 2024
- 12:20 - 12:30: Follow up and synergies: the future of the the Alliance for Youth Co-operation in the European Parliament Elections 2024 - [LLLLP](#)



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