



# U4EU 2.0

## THE U4EU PROJECT

As the EU continues to face unprecedented challenges such as the Eurozone crisis, the refugee crisis, the Brexit and the war in Ukraine, there has been a surge in Euroscepticism and a disconnect between citizens and the European identity. It is increasingly imperative to bridge this gap and empower young people to actively participate in shaping the future of Europe. The “Youth Shaping Europe’s Tomorrow” project builds upon the successes and lessons learned from its predecessor, the “Youth Debating the Future of Europe” (U4EU) project.

Implemented from September 2020 to September 2022, the project proved highly successful in engaging young people from 9 EU countries – Greece, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

It provided a platform for young citizens to voice their views and concerns regarding diversity, European identity, and the future of the EU through a participatory approach.



## OUR GOAL

The U4EU 2.0 project aims to take the achievements of the U4EU project to the next level by moving from collecting views to fostering tangible actions and policy engagement. The rationale is clear: to empower young citizens across the nine partner countries and beyond to become active contributors to the EU's decision-making processes. By doing so, the project intends to promote a greater sense of belonging to the EU and its core values among young Europeans. The project, which will be implemented from May 2024 to April 2026, is co-funded by the CERV programme of the European Union.

## WHO: THE PARTNERS

The U4EU2.0 project results of the efforts of a partnership of 9 European NGOs :

**ANCE** (GR) has a very extensive experience in coordination and management of EU funded projects. Its main fields of activities are support for vulnerable social groups and the youth, and promotion of sustainable development.

**KMGNE** (DE) is experienced on implementing sustainability and educational projects for the youth.

**The Multi Kulti Collective** (BG) works on civic participation, integration of migrants/refugees, human rights and with the youth. It is experienced in campaigning, awareness-raising, using arts and culture for social change.

**Nous** (IT) works for promotion of European opportunities. It organizes events festivals, cultural exchanges and artistic events for communicating the opportunities offered by Europe.

**CLUBE** (PT) aims to develop personal, social, professional, civic and relationship skills and to promote the participation, empowerment and social inclusion of youth and vulnerable groups.



**Associació Mitjans - Xarxa d'Educadors i Comunicadors** (SP) is dedicated to supporting global justice and sustainability, promoting transformation in a participatory way and fighting inequality.

**UNITED** (HU) is the European network against nationalism, racism, fascism. It coordinates campaigns, organizes conferences, takes part in projects, produces publications and undertakes advocacy work to protest against discrimination.

**CCB** (NL) promotes cross cultural dialogue, good living (buen vivir) and conflict transformation, stimulating people of different communities to deal positively with diversity.

**VOLONTEUROPE** (BE) works with EU institutions as well as international and national institutions to promote policies supporting, recognising and rewarding active citizenship and volunteering.



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## YOUTH SUMMIT ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

Youth participants from partner countries will join the summit taking place in Athens. Panel discussions with representatives from diverse backgrounds will explore key topics related to the future of Europe.

### YOUTH WORKSHOP ON GLOCALIZATION, GENTRIFICATION AND CULTURE

An interactive workshop providing a holistic view of complex socio-economic and cultural issues will be held in Barcelona. It will include local impact assessments as well as participatory audiovisual creation.

### YOUTH WORKSHOP ON TRANSFORMATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND DEMOCRACY

Taking place in a German eco-farm, the workshop will focus on SDGs, climate change mitigation, and the role of democracy in achieving these objectives. It will also offer participants hands-on experience in implementing sustainability in practice.

### WORKSHOP ON MEDIA LITERACY AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

This workshop held in Italy will cover topics such as media consumption habits, identifying disinformation, fact-checking, and ethical online engagement. It aims at fostering discussions on the role of responsible citizenship in shaping a healthy media landscape.

### TRAINING IN DRAFTING IMPACTFUL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS (2 SESSIONS)

The two trainings will take place in Sofia and include sessions on advocacy techniques. Participants will gain insights into the policymaking process, learning how to identify key issues, propose solutions, and communicate recommendations persuasively.

### ONLINE ROUNDTABLE WITH EU POLICYMAKERS AND PRESENTATION OF YOUTH-GENERATED POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Held online, the roundtables will involve policy briefings where young participants present their policy recommendations to EU and national policymakers.

## ACTIVITIES TIMELINE MAY 2024 - APRIL 2026

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### YOUTH WORKSHOP ON MIGRATION, DISCRIMINATION AND INTOLERANCE

In Lisbon, young participants will engage in collaborative exercises and constructive conversations on sensitive topics, facilitated by experts in migration studies, anti-discrimination efforts, and social inclusion.

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### YOUTH WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENT AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

Taking place in Amsterdam, the workshop will include practical exercises and discussions about environmental issues. Guided by experts, participants will examine how these issues intersect with governance and democracy.

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### YOUTH WORKSHOP "THE DANGER OF WORDS - HATE SPEECH, HATE INCIDENTS ONLINE"

The workshop, held in Budapest, will foster discussions on the impact of hate speech in the online sphere. It will explore strategies for recognizing, reporting, and responding to online hate incidents.

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### TRAINING ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION, DEMOCRACY, AND EDUCATION (EU INSTITUTIONS AND SYSTEM)

The training will include lectures, interactive sessions, and field-visits to EU institutions in Brussels. Experts in EU governance and education policy will guide participants through the intricacies of EU decision-making.

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### ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING SKILLS (ONLINE)

Carried out online, the training will focus on effective advocacy, including stakeholder mapping, persuasive communication, and engagement with decision-makers.

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