



MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS



EU YOUTH DIALOGUE 7TH CYCLE 2019-2020

1. New context

In November 2018, a new EU Youth Strategy was adopted by the Youth Ministers in the Council of the European Union for the period 2019-2027. The strategy focuses on three main dimensions under the titles connect, engage and empower and encourages cross-sectorial cooperation in respect to issues concerning young people. The strategy includes specific annexes on EU Youth Dialogue (former structured dialogue) and the EU Youth Goals.

2. What is EU Youth Dialogue?

The EU Youth Dialogue is the dialogue with young people and youth organisations involving policy and decision makers, as well as experts, researchers and other relevant civil society actors, as appropriate. It serves as a forum for continuous joint reflection and consultation on the priorities, implementation and follow-up of European cooperation in the field of youth.

It builds on the achievements of past dialogue processes (structured dialogue), with the aim of including more decision-makers and young people, especially those with fewer opportunities in decision-making processes and in the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy.

3. Aim of EU Youth Dialogue

The specific objectives of the EU Youth Dialogue are to:

- a) encourage the participation of young people in democratic life in Europe in line with Article 165 TFEU;
- b) promote equal participation between young women and men;
- c) include diverse voices and to ensure openness to all young people to contribute to policy-shaping;
- d) bring about positive change in youth policy at local, regional, national and European level;
- e) strengthen young people's' citizenship competencies and sense of belonging to the society and the European Union.

4. 7th Cycle of EU Youth Dialogue 2019-2020

Is held under the Trio Presidency Romania- Finland- Croatia which started on 1 January 2019, lasting for 18 months until June 2020.



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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

With a focus on:

- Quality Employment for All
- Quality Youth Work for All
- Creating Opportunities for Rural Youth

The thematic priority is therefore directly connected to three EU Youth Goals:



The EU Youth Dialogue 7th cycle makes use of previous results of structured dialogue, notably the 6th cycle, and focuses on identifying practices and measures needed to achieve the priorities as well as identify opinions and trends among young people.

The following outcomes are envisaged:

- identification of good practices and measures required for the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy and achievement of the related Youth Goals;
- a European report on the results of the EU Youth Dialogue cycle;
- a discussion on the results in the Youth Working Party and the Council of Ministers on Youth, where possible, and to explore the possibility of following up with further measures at European level (including Council conclusions, etc.);
- a presentation of the results in the Informal Forum in the context of the Council of Youth Ministers;
- national reports and their follow up by the relevant decision makers and through advocacy by youth organisations and young people.
- In addition, each of the three Presidencies aims to pursue the adoption of Council conclusions on:
 - The Future of Work and Young People - Romanian Presidency
 - Education and Training of Youth Workers (working title)- Finnish Presidency
 - Creating Opportunities for Rural Youth - Croatian Presidency
- The Presidencies will make use of the results of the European Union Youth Conferences and the consultation to inform the Council conclusions.



1. Timeline

Dates	Description
26-28 March 2019	European Union Youth Conference in Romania
22 April 2019	NWGs will receive the full package to launch the EU Youth Dialogue cycle
28 April 2019	EU Youth Dialogue is launched during European Youth Week
1-3 July 2019	European Union Youth Conference in Finland
April - October 2019	EU Youth Dialogue is taking place
25 October 2019	the National Working Groups send back the reports to the European Steering Committee
January 2020	the final report on the EU Youth Dialogue is ready.
March 2020	European Youth Conference in Croatia

2. Role of the EU Youth Conferences

Dates	Description
26-28 March 2019 European Union Youth Conference in Romania	Provides an input to the Council Conclusions on Young People and The Future of Work Provides an input on the guiding questions (subthemes) on the three topics leading the EU Youth Dialogue
1-3 July 2019 European Union Youth Conference in Finland	Provides an input on Council Conclusions on Education and Training of Youth Workers Provides support to the process of EU Youth Dialogue 7 th cycle
March 2020 European Youth Conference in Croatia	Provides an input on Council Conclusion on Creating Opportunities for Rural Youth Discusses the overall results of the EU Youth Dialogue 7 th cycle and their implementation.

3. Methodology





The methodology used in this cycle involves:

- ✓ **Questionnaire (essential to ensure overall results)**- closed questions with focus on all three themes and possibility to add to the standard questions also questions of national relevance. The questionnaire will be available in English on European Youth Portal and in national languages hosted by National Working Groups.

- ✓ Youth Dialogue Events (essential to ensure overall results)
Includes:
 - Focus groups - with young people conducted on the basis of provided set of questions on all three themes. (mandatory to ensure overall results);
 - Large events - bringing together 50-200 participants to work/discuss on themes of the cycle, make proposals, etc.
 - Workshops -meetings with small groups of participants, actively engaging on a particular topic and subject. Various methodologies can be used from open space to world café.

- ✓ **Participatory Action Research (optional)** is a qualitative research methodology, based on experiential learning and can be used in both consultation of young people and implementation. Typically, participants work in small groups for an extended period, identify something they would like to change and attempt doing so, generating knowledge by actively implementing and reflecting on the process and progress.

- ✓ Participatory visual methods will involve (recommended for visibility and outreach):
 - **Photo story** on the themes of the EU Youth Dialogue and share them through social media platforms and use one unified # for the entire cycle. This will generate visual identity, qualitative data and support belonging and ownership.
 - **Participatory video** invites groups to make videos of their own and explore issues related with the topics of the EU Youth Dialogue cycle. Instructions will be available for the overall European dialogue and can be further shaped at national and local level.

On 22 April 2019, the National Working Groups will receive a full package with all needed to implement this EU Youth Dialogue cycle, including questionnaire core questions, focus groups methodology and questions, methodology for other points, guidelines for reporting.

