

EYE2021

8-9 October

Draft programme

This is the first draft of the EYE2021 programme with 9 activities organised by the Youth Outreach Unit of the European Parliament. These will be complemented by activities organised by other units within the European Parliament, EYE partners, youth organisations and participants. The final version of the programme will be available in September 2021.

Each activity has one or more thematic tag. These are the thematic tags:

***#CULTURE #DEMOCRACY #DIGITAL #ECONOMY #EDUCATION #ENVIRONMENT #HEALTH
#INNOVATION #MIGRATION #PARTICIPATION #RIGHTS #SECURITY #SOCIAL #SOCIETY
#SUSTAINABILITY #WORK #WORLD***

The EYE2021 Green Track will feature environment-related activities organised by the European Parliament, their partners and youth groups alike and gather ideas in anticipation of COP26 in November 2021.

DIGITAL DEMOCRACIES

THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY?

Online propaganda, echo chambers, disinformation, bots, hate speech, data misuse, political polarisation. The impact of technology and especially social media on democracies has increasingly been painted as a doom and gloom scenario. Are algorithms defining public discourse? Does social media favour extremist content and fake news over facts? Who is influencing what I am influenced by? How is my data being used? Are democratic values undermined by technology? Or could virtual parliaments, online voting and consultation processes make for more democratic societies? Can e-democracy be a way to encourage more young people to make their voices heard? Is online participation a tool to lower boundaries and increase accessibility to public discourse? How can trust in democracies be safeguarded in the digital age?

#DEMOCRACY
#DIGITAL
#PARTICIPATION

FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION

TOWARDS A MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

The shock wave that spread across the world after the murder of George Floyd has fortified the urge to fight discriminations. COVID-19 amplified already existing discriminations and structural inequalities as the pandemic affected all of us but not all of us equally. Domestic violence increased, women often fought underpaid at the forefront of the pandemic and in many countries minorities were disproportionately affected by COVID-19. How can we fight such structural inequalities and reduce discrimination? How are these inequalities related to each other? How can we ensure people are taken care of regardless of their gender, colour of skin, sexual orientation, age, religion, or ability? How can we celebrate differences that make us a vibrant and diverse society? How can we make our democratic societies more inclusive so each and everyone can reach their full potential?

#SOCIETY
#CULTURE
#RIGHTS

FUTURE OF WORK

JOBS AND SKILLS AFTER COVID-19

COVID-19 has significantly changed the way we work and study and how we think about meaningful and relevant careers. But it has also left some of us unemployed or with an income loss. Young people are disproportionately affected as the pandemic has disrupted their education and training, and made it harder to find a job and start a career. How has COVID-19 impacted young people and how can the EU help in solving the high youth unemployment rate in many Member States? How is the labour market looking now? What kind of jobs are meaningful, and what skills do we need? And what has changed about the way we work? Can we expect more flexibility now that companies and organisations have gotten used to teleworking or will we return to the classic 9-to-5 model?

#WORK
#EDUCATION

IN THE SHOES OF AN MEP

MEET AND DISCUSS WITH EUROPEAN POLITICIANS

What does the life of a Member of the European Parliament look like? What do they do all day? How do they work? Whom do they listen to? How do they make the decisions that most affect you and your future? Why did they choose to run for the European Parliament? What do they think about the state of the EU? Or, about energy, or security, or the climate? If you have any questions for our elected officials, come and have a speed-date with a European policymaker. Ask them about issues that affect you and get the chance to tell them what you would like your future to look like!

SERIES OF SESSIONS PLANNED

#DEMOCRACY
#PARTICIPATION

MIND THE GAP

SOCIAL INEQUALITIES ON THE RISE?

For the past decades, social inequalities have risen dramatically, increasing the gap between rich and poor. The COVID-19 pandemic has added to already existing economic disparities and showed us that the most essential jobs are often the most precarious ones. How can we guarantee a decent income for everyone? How can we address globalisation, technological change, skill mismatches and inadequate social and economic policies? Should we focus on redistributing existing wealth by taxing the rich, rather than relying on philanthropy? Is unconditional basic income a possible solution? What about young people whose future job opportunities are impaired by the economic crisis? How can we recover from this crisis with everyone on board?

#SOCIAL
#ECONOMY
#WORK

NEXTGENERATIONEU

ECONOMIC RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

In July 2020, after a marathon meeting, EU leaders agreed on a budget and a COVID-19 recovery fund called NextGenerationEU. This budget and recovery fund were called historic by decision-makers and newspapers alike. But what makes it historic? Is it the fact that the European Union will be able to borrow on the markets to finance NextGenerationEU? What does that even mean, 'borrowing on the markets'? What's the role of the European Parliament in budget discussions? And what has the rule of law to do with it? What are the spending priorities of the EU? Are we spending enough money on things that matter to young people, like education and mobility programmes?

#ECONOMY

ON THE ROAD TO GLASGOW

CLOSING OF THE GREEN TRACK

In November 2021 the 26th UN Climate Change Conference will take place in Glasgow. What do young people want to see on the agenda? What are their most pressing concerns, demands and innovative ideas? Since Earth Day in April the EYE Green Track allowed young people to exchange their ideas in environment and climate change related activities organised by the European Parliament, their partners and youth groups alike. Join this closing session that is co-organised with UNRIC Brussels to reflect upon the best ideas gathered and exchange final ideas that will feed into the event's report!

#ENVIRONMENT
#SUSTAINABILITY
#PARTICIPATION

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POST COVID-19

UNITED IN HEALTH?

More than a year after the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted life as we knew it, the world has a vaccine! Vaccines are one of the greatest public health achievements in history and have saved countless lives. However, in recent years, the anti-vaccine movement has received increased attention. How is the COVID-19 vaccine perceived so far? Are anti-vaccine movements and fake news affecting its general acceptance? How can public authorities, responsible for vaccination campaigns, counteract these tendencies and build trust among their citizens? Surely, the EU can play a role in this, especially since the pandemic has restarted the debate whether to give the EU a stronger role in the area of health. Is it time to finally build a genuine European Health Union and have a solid system that protects all European citizens?

#HEALTH
#SOCIETY

THE OTHER CRISIS

HAS CLIMATE CHANGE BEEN DROWNED OUT?

While the world's attention has been monopolised by the COVID-19 pandemic, another deadly crisis keeps unfolding around us. In both cases, scientists are declaring a 'case of emergency' but it seems like only one of the calls is heard by decision makers. Can we still get off the current path towards 3-4°C increase in global temperatures that leads to food insecurity, droughts, mass extinction of species and that might facilitate future pandemics through biodiversity loss? Who has the power to interrupt this deadly status quo, is it the Paris Climate Agreement, the European Green Deal, the circular economy, consumers, or (young) climate activists around the globe? Can COP26 and events leading up to it help to refocus the world's attention to saving earth as a hospitable home for humans and animals?

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