

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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#EYE2023

This is the first draft of the EYE2023 programme with 17 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. An updated version of the programme will be available in December 2022.

PANELS

WHAT DO WE WANT? CLIMATE JUSTICE!

WHEN DO WE WANT IT? NOW!

Climate change is not only an existential crisis, it is also a justice issue. Most of the world's decision makers are of advanced age, yet it is younger generations that will pay for the damage induced by the climate crisis. At the same time, the most vulnerable communities to climate change are also the least responsible for greenhouse gas emissions. How can we step up the fight for climate justice? Can we speed up the green transition while guaranteeing it remains a just transition for everyone? What is the EU's gameplan to reach climate-neutrality in 2050? Can it protect the rights of future generations to live on a healthy planet? Can we finally free ourselves from our addiction to fossil fuels that seems ever more dangerous since Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

NATURE IN CRISIS:

AT THE EDGE OF MASS EXTINCTION?

The soil in which we grow our food, the bees pollinating our crops, the water we drink and the air we breathe all rely on biodiversity. Yet, insects, vertebrates and plant species are declining at alarming rates due to human activities. On top of climate change, biodiversity loss is another environmental crisis that could well be existential. How can we stop human behaviour from destroying the planet? How can we get off the path to seeing more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050? What can we eat to reach food security for all without monocultures, pesticides, animal suffering or emitting massive amounts of greenhouse gases? How does the EU's biodiversity strategy aim to tackle these issues? And what can we all do to protect the natural world we rely upon to survive?

EDUCATION IN EUROPE:

ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?

We learn something new every day: education is the basis for an evolving society. As young people, we are often told we should be doctors, engineers, or lawyers. But are these choices really the most useful and adaptive for our current society? How can we learn skills such as digital literacy and environmental education that would prove useful for the green and digital job market of tomorrow? How can we ensure that relevant topics such as sex education, mental health and financial literacy find their way into school curricula? Are we asking people to decide on their future career too early? How can we break gender stereotypes preventing people from training for a job or studying a subject they are told is not for them? And how can we promote young people's movement through Europe if, in practice, their degrees aren't always recognised?

RIGHT(S) AT THE HEART OF EUROPE: PROTECTING EU VALUES?

To protect the fundamental values of the EU, including equality, human rights, and democracy, the rule of law is essential. How does the EU ensure effective and independent national justice systems that protect its fundamental values? Does the new rule of law conditionality regulation suffice to strengthen the rule of law in all Member States? How far have we come in the fight for freedom from discrimination and fundamental rights of LGBTQI+ persons? What is the European Parliament doing to protect human rights in Europe and beyond? How can we support human rights defenders that stand up against oppression and fight for democratic values? How can we defend our democracies threatened by disinformation and cyber attacks? And how can we protect the rights and values that allow each and every one of us to thrive?

EU ON THE GLOBAL STAGE: A VOICE THAT COUNTS?

Hearing the gunshots in Ukraine in February 2022, Europeans stuck together to defend their common values and interests on the world stage. The war in Ukraine has affected many EU policies and, consequently, has brought the EU member states closer. What are the consequences of this crisis on the EU, especially on its role as a global player? A push for stronger political cohesion and a more unified Europe? If so, how does the EU plan to get a spot at the negotiation table and make a common European foreign policy a reality? What does the EU need to change in order to achieve this? Are we finally moving towards a genuine Common Security and Defence Policy? What about the EU's relationship with the US? Is a European strategic autonomy compatible with a transatlantic link? And what about China? Do we have to redefine our partnership(s) in light of the war in Ukraine?

WELCOME TO EUROPE? MIGRATION IN THE EU

In 2015 more than one million people applied for asylum in the EU - which at the time represented the highest migratory flow since World War II. Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine this no longer holds true. More than three million people were forced to flee their homes in the first month of the war. In true display of solidarity, thousands of refugees have been warmly welcomed in the EU, yet, not all of them equally. How can the EU support those countries and citizens standing up for European values? How can human rights abuses at European borders be prevented? What is the role of Frontex in illegal pushbacks in the Mediterranean and on the Eastern border with Belarus? Can we rethink migration as an opportunity for our ageing European societies? And how can we facilitate integration and celebrate diversity?

THE SOCIAL GAP IN EUROPE: CAN WE DO BETTER?

With the recent crises the EU is facing, including COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, and inflation, we are constantly adapting to change. These hard times widen the gap between social classes and increase inequalities and exclusion. What kind of policies can help create more equal societies? Is Europe doing enough to solve these issues? How can we afford the increasing costs of living, especially young people? Should minimum wages be higher? And what about soaring rental prices, general housing instability and, in extreme cases, homelessness? What Europe do we want to see for ourselves and future generations?

COVID-19: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

COVID-19 changed the world and affected every aspect of our lives. What are the main lessons the European Union should learn from the pandemic? Is the world ready for the next pandemic? Have we learned to cooperate at the European level? Where are we with the European health union? Has the pandemic led to more essential products being produced in the EU? Have the EU and its Member States learned to respond to the heightened inequalities and distress their citizens experienced? What about the impact of the pandemic on our fundamental rights? And what about you? Have you changed for the better or are you back to old habits you wanted to break?

JOBS OF TOMORROW: GREEN, DIGITAL AND HAPPY HYBRID?

Digitalisation and globalisation are rapidly changing the world of work. COVID-19 has accelerated these changes, increasing flexibility for some yet leading to job loss or burnout for others. What is the future of work going to look like? Will our work weeks be shorter, for example only 4 days long? How would this affect productivity and our work-life balance? Or do we stick to the same structures but make them hybrid and more flexible? What do we expect from our jobs - fair compensation, purpose, achievement? How is artificial intelligence changing the job market? Are we well trained for the green and digital jobs of tomorrow? How does the EU's Youth Employment Support initiative fight youth unemployment? And how do you imagine working in the future?

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE: HOW DO WE FUTURE-PROOF OURSELVES?

In 2023, we're fast approaching the halfway point of the sixth Multiannual Financial Framework. Time to take stock! First things first: what is a Multiannual Financial Framework? And how does it relate to Next Generation EU? Are we on track to make the EU green, digital, healthy, strong, and equal? Did the war in Ukraine affect our plans? And how do we future-proof ourselves and make sure that the concerns of future generations are translated into the spending priorities of today? Is the EU budget transparent enough? Is there a way for young people to become directly involved in the EU budget?

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2024: TIME TO VOTE!

Co-legislator, ordinary legislative procedure, Spitzenkandidaten, transnational electoral lists - abstract concepts and Brussels bubble buzzwords abound when talking about the European Union. It's not always easy to understand what Europe is and what it does for you, but with the upcoming European elections in 2024 it has never been more important. What role does the European Parliament have, as the only directly elected EU institution? Who can I vote on in 2024, and what are the hotly debated transnational lists? What are Spitzenkandidaten and why do people say that the EU has a democratic deficit? How can we make sure that we get correct information about the elections in the ever-increasing media noise? And what can young people do? How can we convince people to vote? In what ways can you get involved in the election campaign?

OTHER FORMATS

EYE2023 OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome to EYE2023 ceremony in the EYE Village.

EYE2023 OPENING PLENARY

EYE2023 Opening plenary in the Hemicycle with high-level speakers.

EYE2023 CLOSING PLENARY

EYE2023 Closing plenary in the Hemicycle with high-level speakers.

IN THE SHOES OF AN MEP:

MEET AND DISCUSS WITH EUROPEAN POLITICIANS

A 30 minutes conversation with an MEP about 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?

Several sessions will take place during EYE2023

IN THE SHOES OF AN APA: MEET AND DISCUSS WITH ACCREDITED PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS

A 30 minutes conversation with an APA about what does the life of an Accredited Parliamentary Assistant look like? How to become an APA? How do they work? What do they do all day?

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OPEN MIC: MAKE YOURSELF HEARD!

An open mic on a stage in the EYE Village where EYE participants can share their messages, ideas, proposals, songs, poems...

Ongoing activity



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