

EYE 2020, STRASBOURG



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The European Youth Event (EYE) is the biannual European Parliament event giving young people from all over Europe and beyond the opportunity to get involved in the European project and to play an active role in shaping its future. During the last [EYE2018](#), over 8,970 young Europeans gathered in Strasbourg to meet and debate with European decision-makers under the motto "The plan is to fan this spark into a flame." (Hamilton, My Shot). In order to influence EU policies, the best ideas were reported and presented to MEPs. In addition, former participants debated those ideas within several parliamentary committees in the months following the EYE.

The fourth edition of the European Youth Event (EYE2020) will take place at the European Parliament's seat in Strasbourg on 29-30 May 2020. A year after the European elections, young people aged between 16 and 30 from all over the European Union and beyond will meet to shape and share their ideas on the future of Europe.

Participants will have the unique opportunity to:

- Come up with ideas for the future of Europe, - Inspire decision makers, experts and activists,
- Take part in a variety of interactive and artistic activities, highlighting their concerns, hopes and ideas.

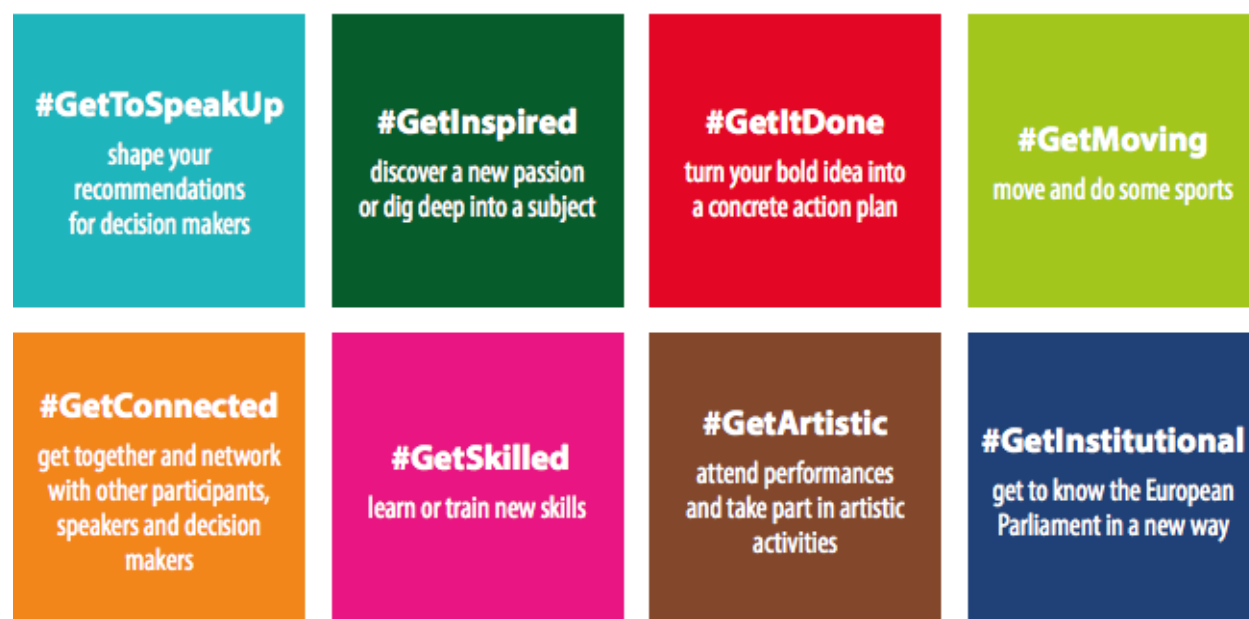
Following the event, the ideas, concerns, and hopes from young people will be presented in a report distributed to all Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). Some participants will also be able to further develop the most impactful ideas and present these directly to the Members of the European Parliament in the parliamentary committees during "Youth Hearings".

AGENDA

The EYE2020 draft programme is available [here](#).

EYE2020 includes a wide range of activities. Each activity has one or more thematic tag and format tag.

The eight main thematic tags are the following:



There are several ways to get involved in the EYE:

1. Groups of young people can register as regular participants (they have to form a group of 10-20) with or without financial contribution in January
2. Groups of young people requesting a financial support (with disabilities and/or from rural/remote areas) to attend the activities can apply by 15 October
3. Groups of young people requesting financial support to attend the activities can also contact directly their MEPs (via direct contact).
4. Groups of young people requesting financial support to organise activities can apply by 17 November.

This document provides an overview of how to take part in the EYE as well as recommendations from EBL.

HOW TO TAKE PART

1. Regular participants with or without financial support

All young Europeans, between 16 and 30 years old, can take part as regular participant.

To register, participants need to form a group of minimum 10 people.

Group registration will open in January 2020.

Participation at the EYE is free of charge however participants will have to arrange and cover their own travel and accommodation in Strasbourg.

EBL Recommendation

Eurodesk Brussels Link encourages its national coordinators and multipliers to coordinate themselves in case they want to send groups to participate in the EYE2020. Eurodesk Brussels Link can open a "Forum: EYE2020" on its Intranet for those who are supporting youngsters willing to form groups. Each group has to make his own logistical arrangements. EBL can share a list of recommended hotels.

2. SPECIAL GROUPS ELIGIBLE TO EP FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The European Parliament is offering a financial contribution to active and engaged groups willing to participate to EYE2020.

How to apply?

In order to apply, participants must be citizens of the European Union or nationals of candidate countries between 16 and 30 years old (with the exception of group leaders, who can be older than 30 but must be at least 18 years of age).

A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 persons per group can be sponsored.

However, the financial contribution can also be used for (non-sponsored) accompanying visitors of the group who are taking part in the same programme and who are citizens of the European Union or nationals of candidate countries.

Selection criteria

1. Your group is active and engaged in your community and can bring a unique perspective to the EYE.

2. Upon your return your group can promote the EYE in the form of articles in newspapers, Facebook, blogs, exhibitions, seminars, etc. These activities must take place within 3 months following the event and your group must report on these activities to the European Parliament.
3. Your group will be prioritised if you are:
 - young people with disabilities
 - young people from rural or remote areas.

Financial conditions

The financial contribution is calculated on the basis of the following 2 elements per sponsored participant:

1. An amount depending on the distance calculated as follows: €0.045/km considering the most direct road return journey between the common point of departure of the group (town/city) and Strasbourg. If there is no common point of departure, it will be calculated based on the average travel distance.
2. A fixed amount of €100 (in case the group does not stay overnight, €60 will be deducted from the quoted amount).

These two factors are the base for the calculation of the financial contribution; however, the total amount may be used for any of your eligible expenses, respecting the corresponding ceilings.

Additional information

1. No advance payment prior to the EYE is possible. The financial contribution is paid exclusively by bank transfer to the bank account of the group leader during the event.
2. The group leader must keep invoices/receipts/proofs of payment related to the event for 3 years.
3. The financial contribution shall not exceed the total eligible expenses.
4. In order to establish the final amount of the financial contribution, the group leader is requested to send a declaration on the group's eligible expenses (documents attached) within 30 days following the EYE. The group leader shall return any surplus to Parliament. Should that deadline not be met, Parliament reserves the right to recover the entire financial contribution paid.

Deadline to apply for financial contribution is **15th October 2019**.

Application for financial contribution is available [here](#).

EBL Recommendation

Eurodesk multipliers who want to send a group shall apply under their own name to send a group of young people in order to have more chances to get selected (we cannot all apply as Eurodesk; as - unfortunately - this was a problem in the last edition). Each group has to make his own logistical arrangements. EBL can share a list of recommended hotels.

3. MEPs FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO YOUTH GROUPS

Participants can also ask for financial support to their MEPs: every MEP has an EYE2020 budget for a maximum of 10 people. For that, you can [check the map with the MEPs from your country](#) and send an email to each MEP explaining who you are, why you want to send a group of up to 10 people to the EYE2020 and what you will do with them.

If you receive financial support from your MEPs you won't be able to also get funded by the European Parliament.

4. PROPOSE ACTIVITIES TO THE EYE PROGRAMME



The EYE is an event for youth co-created with youth. Participants can propose and organise interactive or artistic activities in English, French or German.

The best selected proposals may receive a financial contribution from the European Parliament to cover some expenses.

To qualify for funding, entrants will be required to describe the promotional activities about their participation at the event and fulfil the following criteria:

1. the organisers must be citizens of the European Union or nationals of candidate countries;
2. they must be between 16 and 30 years old by the date of the event with the exception of the head of the group, who can be older than 30, but must be at least 18 years old.

The Parliament will offer rooms and spaces for activities, in addition to some basic technical equipment, such as stationery, projectors, microphones and sound support (subject to availability).

Deadline to submit proposals is **17th November 2019**.

Application for contribution to the EYE2020 programme is available [here](#).

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Eurodesk national coordinators who want to send 1-3 young people to attend the **Human Library of Eurodesk** shall inform EBL before 15 September at the latest. In that case, EBL will prepare the application for the group. EBL is going to apply to get support to bring the 20 “books/young people” to Strasbourg. This activity will be confirmed after the selection results.

Eurodesk Human Library “books” are young people that have been abroad to volunteer, study or do an internship, young people that are activists, etc. To know more about the activity, please check the recently published [Time to move book of ideas](#).

5. OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



EYE2020 SURVEY: Suggestions for speakers, event title and youth media

The European Parliament is inviting everyone to take part in its survey and get the chance to win an all-access pass to EYE2020.

To participate you need to take part in the survey and propose ideas on the tagline of EYE2020, inspiring speakers for the event, and media outlets to help spread the word about EYE2020.

You need to be a resident of an EU member state and be at least 16 years and not over 30 years of age at the time of EYE2020 (29-30 May). Competition winners will be notified via e-mail by the end of August.

For further support please send a message to eye@ep.europa.eu.

Deadline to complete the [survey](#) and enter the competition is **18 August 2019**.

[EBL Recommendation](#)

[Share ideas about the content of the programme, the speakers, etc. For the moment, there is nothing about going abroad. EBL will raise this issue but you can do it too.](#)

European Youth Ideas website

To make it easier for everyone to participate actively in European democratic life, the European parliament has launched the european youth ideas.eu website: a place for everyone to outline ideas on the issues Europe is facing and share ideas for the Europe of tomorrow.