

Empowering Voices of Youth for Participation, Action and Civic Transformation

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Evy-Pact online public event

Youth civic participation in Europe: barriers, civic spaces and inclusive democratic engagement

Date: 23 June 2026

Time: 17:00 CET

[Registration link](#)

17:00 - 17:10 Welcome and introduction

Introduction to the EVY-PACT project and objectives of the event

Cristina Massarente (Amapola)

17:10 - 17:40 Session 1

Comparative research findings: barriers and opportunities for civic participation in Romania, Belgium, Italy and France

This session aims to present the main findings of the Evy-pact comparative cross-country report, bringing together evidence and perspectives from Romania, Belgium, Italy and France to identify common barriers, participation gaps and opportunities to strengthen inclusive youth civic participation across Europe.

Simona Guida (Amapola Italy), Soha Lemaître-El Jammal (Pistes Solidaires), Gabriele Sorce (The Good Lobby Belgium), Catalina Meirosu (CRPE Romania)

Facilitator: Catalina Meirosu (CRPE Romania)

17:40 - 18:10 Session 2

Roundtable discussion: How can we create more inclusive and accessible civic spaces for young people?

This discussion will explore the challenges and opportunities for meaningful youth participation in civic life. Drawing on the speakers' experiences and perspectives, the panel will reflect on barriers to engagement, the inclusion of underrepresented young people and approaches for creating more accessible and participatory civic spaces at local and European levels.



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Panellists:

Rareș Voicu - President, European Youth Forum

Fabienne Graciet - Centre Social La Pépinière - France

Valentina Ciobanu - Founder & Coordinator, For Youth Initiative - Romania

Mara Costanzo - Prime Minister, School of Politics for Young Women

Chiara Gaiola - Councillor for Youth Affairs, Child Protection, Family Support
and Equal Opportunities of the Municipality of Settimo Torinese - Italy

Moderator: ***Gabriele Sorce***, The Good Lobby Belgium

18:10 - 18:25 Session 3

From research to action: preparing the educational and testing phase

This session aims to present the next phase of the EVY PACT project, focused on transforming the research findings into practical educational activities, participatory tools and testing methodologies designed to strengthen inclusive youth civic participation across partner countries.

Facilitator: ***Chiara Fratucello*** - ENAIP Italy

18:25 - 18:45 Closing remarks and Q&A session