

# TARGETED CONSULTATION ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE - YOUTH ACTION PLAN

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### Introduction

The EU external action is aimed at regions and countries outside the European Union. It is guided by its foundational principles which it seeks to advance in the wider world: democracy, rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, human dignity, equality and solidarity. The EU holds relations with many countries around the world. Those partnerships may cover different policy areas (democracy, human rights, peace and security, sustainable development, trade, etc.) and may include diplomacy, international cooperation and humanitarian aid.

In this context, one of the objectives of the EU's external action is to contribute to the meaningful engagement of youth at all levels in all regions[1].

The Youth Action Plan's focus will be on youth participation and empowerment and cover several thematic areas, including peace and security, education, political participation. It will provide policy orientation to be operationalised at different levels (global, regional, national and local) through programmes and projects. The framework will help in the identification and monitoring of objectives. There is no specific budget allocated to the Youth Action Plan. Most actions will be funded through EU geographic and thematic funding, and there could be limited funds for piloting innovative global initiatives.

In terms of geographical scope, the Youth Action Plan will cover all regions of the EU's external action[2].

In order to collect the views and input from relevant stakeholders to feed into the Youth Action Plan, the European Commission is conducting targeted consultation activities.

One of the main components of the targeted consultation is this online survey which aims to collect the views of a broad variety of stakeholders. The survey is **by invitation only** and targets global and regional youth organisations and civil society working with youth in partner countries, members of the Policy Forum on Development, EU Member States, relevant UN agencies and other multilateral organisations.

Each invited stakeholder should submit **only one response** to the survey. The survey also offers the opportunity to upload a **document of maximum 3 pages** to complement your responses.

We invite the targeted stakeholders to collect the views of their respective constituencies, including from national and local actors, and to fill in the survey **by 28th November at 23.59 CET**.

The summary of the input received through the main targeted consultation activities will be publicly available online. The input provided will be taken into consideration for the development of the Youth Action Plan.

For more information on the Youth Action Plan, you can refer to the [Roadmap available online](#).

We greatly appreciate your participation in this consultation. Your answers will support strengthening meaningful and inclusive youth participation and empowerment in EU's external action.

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[1] [June 2020 Council Conclusions on Youth in External Action](#)

[2] [EU in the World - European External Action Service \(europa.eu\)](#)

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## **Explanatory notes**

Please find below some explanatory notes on some of the terms included in the questionnaire.

### **Youth**

Internationally, there are several definitions of “youth” with varying age brackets (e.g. UNESCO 15-24, African Youth Charter 15-35). The EU has no official definition related to the age range for youth and suggests using a non-categorical definition with the defining feature of youth being the transition from end of adolescence to adulthood, from education and training to active work life.

### **Youth participation**

There is no one definition of “youth participation”. While the topic has been around for decades, a wide array of definitional and theoretical models of the concept can be found. For the purpose of this questionnaire, the definition of “youth participation” included in the SALTO's Youth Participation Strategy can be taken as a reference.

SALTO's Youth Participation Strategy: [https://www.salto-youth.net/downloads/4-17-4089/20200929\\_ParticipationStrategy\\_Online\\_Final\\_02.pdf](https://www.salto-youth.net/downloads/4-17-4089/20200929_ParticipationStrategy_Online_Final_02.pdf)

*“Definition of youth participation in democratic life: Individual young people and groups of young people having the right, the means, the space, the opportunity and, where necessary, the support to freely express their views, contribute to and influence societal decision making on matters affecting them, and be active within the democratic life of our communities.”*

### **Youth organisation**

In this questionnaire we use the term “youth organisation” to refer to a variety of associations, networks, movements and other structures, which can be, among others, youth-led, have young people as the majority of their members, represent young people or work exclusively for youth.

The EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership defines youth organisations as following:

*“Youth organisations are generally understood to be youth-led, non-profit, voluntary non-governmental associations, and under some circumstances, can instead be part of the state apparatus or be youth worker-led. They are mostly established to further the political, social, cultural, or economic goals of their members. This is done by implementing activities for young people and/or engaging in advocacy work to promote their cause. Typically, youth organisations focus on promoting and ensuring young people’s democratic and social rights; encouraging their social and political participation at all levels in community life; and offering opportunities for personal and social development through leisure activities, voluntary engagement and non-formal and informal learning.”*

<https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/youth-partnership/youth-organisations-and-youth-programmes>

## **Gender equality and intersectionality**

According to Article 10 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), when ‘defining and implementing its policies and activities, the Union shall aim to combat discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation’.

‘Gender’ means the socially constructed roles, behaviours, activities and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for women and men in all their diversity.

Gender equality is a core value of the EU and a universally recognised human right, as well as an imperative to well-being, economic growth, prosperity, good governance, peace and security. All people, in all their diversity, should be free to live their chosen life, thrive socially and economically, participate and take a lead as equals.

The European Institute for Gender Equality defines ‘intersectionality’ as an ‘analytical tool for studying, understanding and responding to the ways in which sex and gender intersect with other personal characteristics/identities, and how these intersections contribute to unique experiences of discrimination’. This definition applies equally to any form of discrimination.

For further information

Gender Action Plan III: [https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/topics/gender-equality-and-empowering-women-and-girls\\_en#header-5139](https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/topics/gender-equality-and-empowering-women-and-girls_en#header-5139)

EU LGBTIQ equality strategy: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combating-discrimination/lesbian-gay-bi-trans-and-intersex-equality/lgbtiq-equality-strategy-2020-2025\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combating-discrimination/lesbian-gay-bi-trans-and-intersex-equality/lgbtiq-equality-strategy-2020-2025_en)

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## **Privacy statement on the processing and the protection of your personal data.**

[Privacy statement targeted consultation youth action plan.pdf](#)

☐ I have viewed and understand the privacy statement on the processing and the protection of personal data.

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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**\* Name of the organisation or entity contributing to the consultation**

**\* Contact person (name, surname, role)**

**\* Email**

**\* I am giving my contribution on behalf of:**

- ☐ Youth organisation
- ☐ Civil society organisation/platform
- ☐ Local authority association
- ☐ EU Member State
- ☐ Multilateral organisation
- ☐ Other

If other, please specify

**\* Scope of your activities**

*between 1 and 5 choices*

- ☐ Local
- ☐ National
- ☐ Regional/multi-country
- ☐ Continental
- ☐ International

**\* My entity/organisation/association is**

*between 1 and 8 choices*

- ☐ youth-led (young people constitute the majority of the governing body)
- ☐ with youth as members (young people constitute the majority of your membership)
- ☐ with a youth branch/youth-led programme
- ☐ with youth as the core area of work
- ☐ with youth as an area of work, but not the core one
- ☐ implementing projects targeting exclusively youth
- ☐ cooperating with youth organisations
- ☐ other, please specify

If other, please specify

**\* Does your organisation have a youth participation and empowerment strategy or similar document?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ In progress
- ☐ I don't know

**Please give a concise description of the youth participation and empowerment strategy, if applicable, such as title, period covered, URL, etc.**

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**1. In your opinion, which are the main challenges for meaningful youth participation today?**

*(Please indicate the order of importance for those categories that you consider relevant, with 1 being the most important and 10 the least important)*

	1 (most important)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 (least important)
<b>* Economic barriers:</b> limited economic resources, including high costs of political engagement and a lack of funding mechanisms for youth engagement activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>* Time:</b> Lack of time due to education and /or work obligations, family or other commitments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>* Skills:</b> Lack of confidence and skills, including language skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>* Existing norms:</b> Social, cultural norms and traditions hampering participation due to age, gender, sexual	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

orientation, ethnicity and/or other grounds of discrimination										
* <b>Distrust:</b> Distrust in public institutions and decision-making processes										
* <b>Legal obstacles:</b> Political and legal obstacles, such as limitations on rights and freedoms, age restrictions for political participation										
* <b>Available opportunities:</b> Lack of opportunities allowing meaningful participation, including provided by authorities and addressing youth interests and needs										
* <b>Information:</b> Lack of adequate information on opportunities of youth participation										
* <b>Infrastructures:</b> Lack of adequate infrastructures (for example meeting spaces, transport, internet)										
* <b>Political situation:</b> Political situation and instability										

Other remarks / any region or context specific challenges:

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\* **2. To improve the life of young people worldwide, in which areas should the EU prioritize action at a global level?**

*between 1 and 5 choices*

☐ Democracy and governance, including political participation and leadership

- ☐ Human rights and non-discrimination
- ☐ Gender Equality and women's empowerment
- ☐ Social and economic rights
- ☐ Education, lifelong learning and Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- ☐ Employment and entrepreneurship
- ☐ Digital transition
- ☐ Climate change and environment
- ☐ Cultural rights and freedom of expression
- ☐ Health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights
- ☐ Migration and forced displacement
- ☐ Peace and Security
- ☐ Humanitarian Aid

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

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**3. In your opinion, how would you grade the potential added value of EU external action on youth in the following areas?**

	Insignificant	Limited	Significant	Predominant	I don't know
* The EU champions youth participation and empowerment in in global and regional fora (such as the UN, AU, NATO, OSCE, CELAC and ASEAN)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The EU hold dialogues with authorities on youth issues in partner countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The EU external action develops specific strategies on youth participation and empowerment per continent and/or region	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The EU ensures youth organisations and young people are regularly and systematically included in relevant consultations and decision-making processes on policies and programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The EU supports the development of national strategies and capacity-building of public institutions working on youth in partner countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* The EU implements mechanisms for youth engagement in their programmes and strategies in partner countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The EU supports youth organisations and their initiatives, including in partner countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The EU funds projects in partner countries with youth as beneficiaries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The EU puts in place a system to collect data and track results and resources used specifically for youth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

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**4. To foster youth participation and empowerment, which level should the EU's external action focus on to have the greatest impact for young people?**

*(prioritize in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 5 the least important)*

	1 (most important)	2	3	4	5 (least important)
* Global level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Continental level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Regional /multi-country level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* National/Country level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Sub-national/local level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 5. To advance youth participation and empowerment, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*between 1 and 3 choices*

- ☐ **Youth Structures:** Foster the development of and provide support to new or existing independent youth organisations and structures, including youth advisory mechanisms
- ☐ **Capacity-Building:** Support capacity-building activities to improve competences and skills for young people and youth organisations
- ☐ **Equal access and inclusion:** Implement and promote actions to ensure equal access to opportunities and foster the inclusion of marginalized, disadvantaged and hard-to-reach youth in partner countries
- ☐ **Global Citizenship Education:** Support the provision of quality global citizenship education in the EU and in partner countries
- ☐ **Legislation:** Support the development of legislation to increase youth participation and representation
- ☐ **Youth Participation in decision-making:** Promote the participation of youth in engaging with decision-makers in planning and delivering on policies and programmes, including on the implementation of the SDGs and Paris Agreement objectives



- ☐ **Youth Participation in the programme cycle:** Foster meaningful and inclusive youth participation and empowerment in all phases of design, implementation and evaluation of programmes and projects, including for the achievement of Agenda 2030, and support youth led initiatives
- ☐ **Youth mainstreaming:** Promote youth mainstreaming (youth reflected in all thematic areas) and actions targeting youth in international fora and in policy dialogue with partner countries and other stakeholders
- ☐ **Exchange programmes:** Implement youth (including students) exchange and volunteer programmes and support peer-to-peer networking among young people, including young professionals, from Europe and partner countries
- ☐ **Awareness raising campaigns:** Implement and support awareness raising campaigns on the importance of meaningful youth participation in the decision-making processes and of youth empowerment
- ☐ **Data and research on youth:** Improve the collection of age- and sex-disaggregated data on youth and foster the production of research focusing on youth at all levels

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

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**\* 6. To increase youth political participation, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*between 1 and 3 choices*

- ☐ **Youth participation in decision-making processes:** Facilitate and promote youth participation in policy dialogues and in decision-making processes, including for the development of electoral reforms
- ☐ **Trust building:** Implement and support initiatives focusing on building and increasing trust between young people and local and national authorities
- ☐ **Capacity-building:** Provide capacity-building and support young people's involvement in key democratic processes, including election observation, civil liberties and accountability watchdog organisations and initiatives
- ☐ **Electoral reforms:** Support electoral reforms, including lowering the minimum voting and candidacy age requirements, maximum age and term limits
- ☐ **Youth in political parties:** Support political parties in developing policies and procedures to foster the participation, development and leadership of youth, including through trainings, mentoring and cross-party exchanges
- ☐ **Young candidates:** Support young candidates running for office by addressing age-related barriers, financial obstacles and promoting behavioural changes in political parties and societies
- ☐ **Youth-centred resources:** Support the creation of youth-friendly resources and platforms to understand party programmes, including their positioning on youth-related issues, to allow informed voting choices

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

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**7. To support gender equality among youth and the role of young people in fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

**Gender equality, intersectionality and human rights:** Promote and implement an approach based on gender equality, intersectionality and human rights to all youth policies and programmes

- ☐ **Young women in political life:** Foster participation, representation and leadership of young women in politics, governance and electoral processes
- ☐ **Awareness raising:** Develop awareness raising campaigns addressed to young people to challenge stereotypes based on gender identity and sexual orientation, discriminatory social norms and gender-based violence and mobilize young people on the gender equality agenda
- ☐ **Education:** Promote equality and non-discrimination for all young women and men in all their diversity in and through quality, affordable and inclusive education and tackle gender and other stereotypes in curricula and learning material.
- ☐ **Sexual and reproductive health and rights:** Ensure access to affordable and quality sexual and reproductive health and rights services for all young people
- ☐ **Ending violence:** Take action on ending violence based on gender identity and sexual orientation and strengthen access to life-saving social and justice services for young victims and survivors
- ☐ **Economic empowerment:** Promote decent work, equal pay and labour rights, transition to the formal economy and support to entrepreneurship for young women
- ☐ **Support to organisations:** Support youth organisations and social movements working on equality for young people in all their diversity
- ☐ **Tackling discrimination:** Promote and implement policies and programmes to foster equality of young people in all their diversity and tackle discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

## 8. To advance on youth social and economic rights\*, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?

\* For a definition of social rights, see [HERE](#)

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Equal opportunities:** Ensure and foster equality of treatment and opportunities in all areas and adequate social protection for all young people, including young women and girls, marginalized, disadvantaged and hard-to-reach youth, without any discrimination
- ☐ **Access to quality education:** Ensure that young people have equal access to quality and inclusive education, training and life-long learning
- ☐ **Access to quality employment:** Ensure young people's access to quality jobs, including fair wages, adequate and suitable social protection and access to social dialogue
- ☐ **Youth entrepreneurship:** Enhance and support youth entrepreneurship, including mentoring and tax benefits
- ☐ **Access to financial services:** Support young people's access to financial services, including credit
- ☐ **Economic and social integration in fragile contexts:** Support youth economic and social (re)integration in conflict affected areas and fragile contexts
- ☐ **Access to essential services:** Support access to other essential services, e.g. healthcare – including mental health -, water supply, sanitation
- ☐ **Address hunger and malnutrition:** Address hunger and malnutrition, including food security

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**9. To improve young people's educational opportunities, including vocational education and training (VET), what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Education systems reforms:** Support partner countries in strengthening and reforming their education systems by, among others, increasing the budget earmarked for education
- ☐ **Right to quality education:** Defend and promote the right and access to quality education for all young people guaranteed through inclusive and equitable education systems
- ☐ **Education in emergencies:** Support young people's access to education and training in emergencies and protracted crises Teachers: Invest in quality teachers and teachers' training, including digital skills, in partner countries
- ☐ **Young women:** Support girls and young women's equal access, progression, retention and participation to all levels of education
- ☐ **Digital literacy:** Foster digital literacy and use of digital technologies, including assistive technologies and other accommodations for young people with disabilities, in education to promote inclusion and increase employability
- ☐ **Non-formal education:** Encourage synergies between formal and non-formal education and facilitate the recognition and validation of skills and qualifications acquired outside formal education
- ☐ **Recognition of diplomas and exchanges:** Strengthen and promote the recognition of diplomas and develop scholarships and student exchange schemes across regions/between the EU and partner countries
- ☐ **Inclusive and open education systems:** Foster gender equality, cultural diversity, as well as global citizenship education in the education systems in partner countries
- ☐ **Private sector investment:** Enhance private sector involvement in vocational education and training (VET)
- ☐ **Teachers:** Invest in quality teachers and teachers' training, including digital skills, in partner countries

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**10. To increase employment opportunities and the quality of jobs for young people, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Youth participation in social dialogue:** Support the role of youth and youth organisations in social dialogue and in the design of employment policies.
- ☐ **Support public employment services:** Support the capacity of public employment services to tackle youth unemployment
- ☐ **Education and labour market needs:** Strengthen the linkage between national education and Vocational Education and Training system outcomes and local labour market needs.
- ☐ **Non-discrimination and equal opportunities:** Address gender-specific barriers to employment and decent work, as well as other forms of discrimination in the labour market
- ☐ **Labour market reforms:** Support partner countries to improve labour market policies to target youth employment, create decent jobs and improve working conditions, wages and social protection
- ☐ **International labour standards:** Ensure and support the implementation of international labour standards in partner countries and combat child labour
- ☐

**Private sector cooperation:** Cooperate with the private sector to support investments and encourage the creation of quality employment opportunities for youth

- ☐ **NEETs and transition to the labour market:** Support young people, not in employment, education or training (NEET) or in transition, in entering into the labour market, for example through traineeships and apprenticeships
- ☐ **Elimination of informal employment:** Support actions to eliminate informal employment of young people

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**11. To strengthen the youth perspective and youth empowerment in the digital and new technologies field, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Expand connectivity:** Expand connectivity and support digital infrastructure to reduce the digital divide, including between urban and rural
- ☐ **Affordable use of technology:** Strengthen access to affordable use of technology, including internet, notably for marginalized, disadvantaged and hard-to-reach youth
- ☐ **Digital competencies:** Support the development of digital skills and competencies in education, including within teachers' training, in order to reduce skills mismatches
- ☐ **Digital literacy:** Foster digital literacy and the critical and responsible use of digital and new technologies
- ☐ **Digital finance:** Support young people's access to digital finance
- ☐ **Online abuse and hate speech:** Protect young people against online abuse, violence, harassment and hate speech
- ☐ **Youth participation in policy design:** Include youth in the design of digital policies on digitalisation, science and technology

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**12. In the area of environmental protection and climate justice, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact on young people?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Youth participation in policy dialogues:** Strengthen the role of young people and youth organisations by promoting meaningful youth participation and leadership in policy dialogues and in the development and implementation of policies and programmes on environmental and climate justice issues
- ☐ **Access to justice:** Strengthen the protection of and access to justice for young environmental defenders
- ☐ **Cultural diversity in climate action:** Promote cultural diversity in climate action and environmental protection, for instance by integrating indigenous young peoples' knowledge in environmental management and conservation planning
- ☐ **Youth as informed citizens:** Strengthen the role of youth as informed citizens and responsible consumers and producers, for example through awareness-raising and environmental education initiatives
- ☐ **Green jobs:** Support the creation of green jobs for youth, for example in sustainable agriculture and renewable energy
- ☐

**Youth-led local action:** Strengthen the role of youth organisations, for instance by supporting them in the design and implementation of actions that raise awareness on environmental protection in local communities and propose solutions to address local challenges

☐ **Education and training:** Support the introduction in partner countries of environmental protection and climate justice topics in education and training programmes and develop curricula for new professions

☐ **Access to natural resources:** Reduce inequalities, for example by promoting equitable access to land and natural resources for all young people without any discrimination

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**13. To support the role of young people in culture and media, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Freedom of expression:** Foster young people's freedom of artistic expression, including through support to access to safe spaces for cultural creations and productions as well as other actions (e.g. law reforms, etc.)
- ☐ **Access to culture:** Support young people's affordable and inclusive access to culture in its various forms (e.g. tangible and intangible heritage, performances, literature, etc.)
- ☐ **Youth in creative industries:** Increase the participation and role of young people in media and creative industries, the creation of quality jobs and ensure enabling environments, for example intellectual property rights, that secure revenues for youth in the creative industries
- ☐ **Support to young journalists:** Support young journalists, for example through training or protection of investigative and human rights journalists
- ☐ **Media literacy:** Promote and strengthen media literacy in and outside of the education system to fight disinformation and empower young people as informed consumers of media and cultural content
- ☐ **Cultural education:** Strengthen cultural education and literacy in the spirit of cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue, respecting cultural as well as human rights
- ☐ **Culture as tool for peace:** Support the role of culture as a tool for peace, conflict prevention and resolution as well as preventing violent extremism

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**14. To improve access to healthcare services and advance sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for young people, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Universal Health Coverage:** Promote universal health coverage and support partner countries in ensuring coverage for young people without any discrimination, for example because of their gender, registration or employment status
- ☐ **Sexual and reproductive health and rights:** Support the strengthening/inclusion of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) at the centre of social protection, health and education policies and programmes in partner countries
- ☐ **Health services:** Improve the quality and strengthen the capacities of health services, including training of medical staff, on issues particularly relevant to youth

- ☐ **Access to healthcare:** Enhance young people's access to quality and affordable healthcare, including sexual and reproductive healthcare services
- ☐ **Sexuality education:** Foster and support the implementation of comprehensive sexuality education, both in and outside of formal education in partner countries
- ☐ **Awareness-raising campaigns and information:** Promote the development and distribution of youth-friendly health information and awareness raising campaigns, including on the negative health impacts of harmful cultural practices (e.g.: female genital mutilation, early child marriages, gender-biased sex selection, child abuse, etc.)
- ☐ **Mental health support:** improve access to mental health support for young people, including in relation to trauma, conflict and sexual and gender-based violence

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**15. To protect and support young migrants, refugees and displaced young people, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Labour rights:** Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for young migrant and refugee workers
- ☐ **Protection against violence:** Prevent and respond to violence against young migrants and refugees, particularly sexual- and gender-based violence (including trafficking, in the forms of forced prostitution, forced marriage and pregnancy, and sexual exploitation)
- ☐ **Access to essential services:** Ensure access to essential services for young people in refugee and internally displaced persons sites
- ☐ **Legal assistance:** Promote legal aid and assistance to access asylum procedures
- ☐ **Education opportunities and recognition:** Support the access to quality education and vocational education and training (VET) for young migrants and refugees, including language classes and recognition of certification of skills and competencies.
- ☐ **Integration in host communities:** Fight stereotypes and discriminations and encourage collaborations with host communities
- ☐ **Access to health:** Ensure young people's access to health services, including sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), irrespective of their migration status
- ☐ **Entrepreneurship:** Promote and support entrepreneurship among young migrants and refugees
- ☐ **Participation of youth diaspora:** Support youth diaspora organisations and include youth diaspora in the development and implementation of policies and programmes

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

*1000 character(s) maximum*

**16. To support the role of young people in peace and security, what should be prioritised by the EU to have the greatest impact?**

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Youth mainstreaming in the peace and security agenda:** Foster youth mainstreaming in the peace and security agenda, policy dialogues and exchanges

- ☐ **Youth participation in peace and security processes:** Enhance youth leadership and inclusive and meaningful participation of young people and youth organisations in peace and security processes, including development and implementation of policies and programmes
- ☐ **Protection of young activists:** Ensure the protection of and provide support to young activists, peacebuilders, Human Rights defenders and peacemakers in fragile/conflict-affected countries and include them in the identification of the most relevant support
- ☐ **Youth people's role in conflict prevention:** Promote and support the role of young people in conflict prevention, as well as in the prevention of, and response to, violent extremism and radicalisation and assist partner countries in developing and implementing adequate national strategies in this field
- ☐ **Peace education:** Support the integration of peace education and conflict resolution modules in the education curriculum in partner countries
- ☐ **Sport and culture for peacebuilding:** Promote sport and cultural programmes as peacebuilding tools to foster collaboration and fight stereotypes between conflicting groups

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

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#### 17. To ensure the young people wellbeing in humanitarian crisis, what should be prioritised by the EU?

*at most 3 choice(s)*

- ☐ **Youth participation in decision-making:** Support meaningful youth participation and consultation in humanitarian aid decision-making processes and programmes
- ☐ **Youth-led initiatives:** Support local youth-led initiatives and youth organisations in humanitarian response
- ☐ **Education in emergencies:** Support young people's access to education and training in emergencies and protracted crises
- ☐ **Mental health services:** Foster access to psychosocial and mental health services to help young people, including people with disabilities, cope with trauma deriving from conflict, displacement, sexual and gender-based violence
- ☐ **Access to health:** Ensure young people's access to health and other essential services during emergencies and protracted crisis, including and sexual and reproductive health and rights and nutrition services
- ☐ **Protection from human rights violations and access to justice:** In armed conflicts, emergencies and protracted crises, ensure humanitarian programmes contribute to protect young people from human rights violations and all forms of violence and support their access to justice

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

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#### \* 18. Regarding data and statistics on youth, what should be prioritised by the EU?

*between 1 and 3 choices*

- ☐ **Age disaggregation:** Ensure datasets on international development are consistently disaggregated by age and sex
- ☐ **Data collection systems:** Support partner countries in developing and implementing systems to collect data on youth, including age and sex disaggregated indicators
- ☐



**Data governance:** Improve data governance and coordination globally for a better alignment of definitions, standards, and methods

☐ **EU Indicators framework:** Develop a framework of indicators to monitor the impact of EU external action policies and programmes on young people

☐ **Research on youth:** Undertake new research to understand the living conditions of young people in contexts of EU external action (e.g. through surveys and studies)

☐ **Accessibility of data:** Make data on youth accessible to the public through a dedicated repository and online platform

Other remarks / any region or context specific priorities:

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**19. Any other comment or remark**

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**Thank you for the participation in the survey!**