



Flash Eurobarometer 502

# **Youth and Democracy** in the European Year of Youth

EU27 (26 178 interviews with young people, 15-30 year-olds)

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#### **European Year of Youth**

What key themes do young people think the European Year of Youth should focus on?

Improving mental and physical health and wellbeing

Improving education and training, including the free movement of students, apprentices, pupils, etc.

Protecting the environment and fighting climate change

Fighting poverty and economic and social inequalities

What do young people expect most from the European Year of Youth?

Society and decision-makers to listen more to youth's opinions and needs



More efforts to better integrate young people in the job market



More efforts on the inclusion of disadvantaged young people

#### Youth's expectation from the EU

What do young people expect of the European Union for their generation?



**37**% ₹

Preserving peace, reinforcing international security and promoting international cooperation



**32**% <sup>§</sup>

Fighting poverty and economic and social inequalities



33%

Increasing job opportunities for young people



**31**%

Promoting environmentally friendly policy and fight climate change



### Making young people's voice heard

What do young people consider the most effective actions for making their voice heard by decision makers?



Voting in local, national or European elections



Engaging in social media by expressing their opinion



Participating in political movements, parties or unions



Participating in student or youth organisations

## Awareness of the EU youth offer

Share of young people who have heard of the following EU-funded opportunities to stay in another EU country

Erasmus+ for students (18+ year-olds)

**50**%

Erasmus+ youth exchanges

33%

Erasmus+ for pupils (11-18 year-olds)

30%

Awareness about initiatives to get young people more involved in European level activities

Possibility of traineeships in EU institutions

19%

European Youth Weeks

17%

European Youth Event at the European Parliament

**16**%

