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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Resolution of the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the revision of the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025-2027
- Approval

The Youth Working party has examined the draft resolution on the above-mentioned subject. The attached text meets with the agreement of all delegations.

The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm that there is an agreement in principle on the attached text and submit it to Council (EYCS) for approval at its session on 11 May 2026 and subsequent publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Draft

**Resolution of the Council and the representatives of the governments of the Member States
meeting within the Council on the revision of the
EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025-2027**

THE COUNCIL AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER STATES MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

RECALLING THAT:

1. The European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027¹ invites the Member States and the European Commission, within their respective fields of competence, to implement the EU Youth Strategy effectively across the EU and in the Member States with specific instruments, including the EU Youth Strategy Work Plans.
2. The EU Youth Strategy implementation is based on three-year work periods that each span two Presidency Trios. The priorities and actions for the respective work periods are presented in the EU Youth Strategy Work Plans. Those plans should draw on the guiding principles and priorities of the EU Youth Strategy, also addressing youth issues in other Council configurations and preparatory bodies in relevant policy areas.
3. The EU Youth Strategy Work Plans are instruments that are intended to guide Member States, the Commission and all stakeholders towards achieving, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, the objectives of the EU Youth Strategy, including the EU Youth Dialogue (EUYD) and the European Youth Goals, which are an integral part of the EU Youth Strategy.

¹ Resolution of the Council of the European Union and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on a framework for European cooperation in the youth field: The European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027 (OJ C 456, 18.12.2018).

TAKE NOTE THAT:

4. The Council draws up the current EU Youth Strategy Work Plan (2025-2027) based on information received from the current Presidency Trio: Poland, Denmark and Cyprus and the following Trio Ireland, Lithuania and Greece.
5. The priorities and actions presented in this revised three-year EU Youth Strategy Work Plan reflect the work of the current Presidency Trio (Poland, Denmark and Cyprus) and the work of the next Presidency Trio (Ireland, Lithuania and Greece). This work plan covers the remainder of the implementation phase of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027.
6. The Commission's Communication on the legacy of the European Year of Youth 2022², along with the Council conclusions³ adopted in response to that Communication, and the Commission's report⁴ on the interim evaluation of the European Union Youth Strategy 2019 – 2027, provided input to further enhance the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy, in particular by further accelerating work towards achieving the objectives of youth mainstreaming and youth participation, including through the EUYD and by the implementation of the youth check at European level.

² Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the European Year of Youth 2022, COM(2024) 1 final.

³ Conclusions of the Council and of the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the legacy of the European Year of Youth 2022 (OJ C, C/2024/3543, 31.5.2024).

⁴ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the interim evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, COM (2024) 162 final.

7. The final evaluation of the 2014-2020 Erasmus+ programme and the interim evaluation of the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ programme⁵ highlight the good performance of the programme in the youth sector, where the programme has contributed to the development of participants' social, civic and entrepreneurship skills and deployed targeted support to young participants and youth organisations, thanks to a dedicated inclusion strategy in the 2014-2020 period and to its framework of inclusion measures in the 2021-2027 period.
8. The interim evaluation of the 2021-2027 European Solidarity Corps programme⁶ underlines its strong impact in terms of promoting inclusion, particularly for young people with fewer opportunities, diversity and democratic participation, reinforcing European values and a sense of European identity.
9. The above findings of the mid-term evaluation of the two programmes fed into the preparations for the Erasmus+ 2028-2034 proposal.
10. The Commission can support and complement actions by Member States set out in this EU Youth Strategy Work Plan by:
 - a) encouraging and facilitating cooperation and exchange of experiences and best practices, supporting the mobility of young people and youth workers, and fostering the participation of young people in democratic and civic life, also highlighting the importance of youth consultations;

⁵ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the interim evaluation of the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ programme and the final evaluation of the 2014-2020 Erasmus+ programme, COM(2025) 395 final; Commission Staff Working Document accompanying the report from the Commission on the interim evaluation of the 2021-2027 Erasmus+ programme and the final evaluation of the 2014-2020 Erasmus+ programme, SWD(2025) 186 final.

⁶ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the interim evaluation of the 2021-2027 European Solidarity Corps and final evaluation of the 2018-2020 European Solidarity Corps COM/2025/144 final.

- b) supporting the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy through existing tools and structures, including the EUYD, the European Youth Portal, the EU Youth Coordinator, and mutual learning activities such as expert groups, peer learning activities (PLAs) and peer counselling, as well as through more recent initiatives, such as the EU Youth Stakeholders Group⁷, the European Commission President’s Youth Advisory Board⁸, the Commission Youth Network, the Youth Policy Dialogues with Commissioners and the Commission youth check;
 - c) facilitating regular updates from and exchanges with Member States on national youth policy priorities, experiences and best practices, such as on youth consultations, and cooperation needs, through utilising the Youth Wiki, the EU Youth Dashboard ⁹ and youth indicators, as well as surveys, studies and research;
 - d) contributing through current European Union programmes addressing youth, in particular the Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps programmes, and through partnerships and cooperation with other international organisations, notably the Council of Europe, the OECD and the United Nations.
11. The EUYD needs to continue evolving and growing in line with the Council Resolution on the governance of the EUYD ¹⁰, the mid-term evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy and proposals from the EU Youth Conferences, in particular by:
- a) safeguarding the progress on inclusion achieved over previous cycles, including by further increasing the participation of under-represented groups of young people, including those with fewer opportunities;

⁷ EU Youth Stakeholders Group - European Youth Portal - https://youth.europa.eu/strategy/euyouthstrategygroup_en

⁸ President’s Youth Advisory Board - European Youth Portal - https://youth.europa.eu/strategy/pyab_en

⁹ Eurostat, Children and youth, EU Youth Dashboard.

¹⁰ Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council reviewing guidelines on the governance of the EU Youth Dialogue, OJ C, C/2025/3130

- b) sharing outcomes and recommendations with policy-makers and other stakeholders at all levels and raising awareness of the EUYD, including by further mobilising existing EU level youth information tools and communication channels, to increase impact, visibility and communication;
 - c) improving monitoring at all levels and ensuring that participants and stakeholders are better informed about follow-up at EU, national, regional and local levels;
 - d) continuing efforts to increase the impact of the EUYD, notably by aligning EUYD consultations with the Commission’s policy agenda and ensuring a strong link with the Commission’s work programme, whenever possible, to maximise effectiveness and efficiency.
12. In 2025 and 2026, the Commission is running a listening and co-creation process with all youth stakeholders for the preparation of the EU Youth Strategy beyond 2027, including a review of the European Youth Goals. This process will involve mobilising the EU Youth Stakeholders Group, and other groups, meetings and events such as the 2026 European Youth Week and an online public consultation, as well as the EUYD 11th cycle consultations and the 11th and 12th cycle EU Youth Conferences.
13. The outcomes of the 4th European Youth Work Convention¹¹ hosted in May 2025 by the Government of Malta – *Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ* (Malta’s national youth agency) – and the European Union Programmes Agency (EUPA) for Malta, together with the EU–Council of Europe Youth Partnership underline the value and effectiveness of youth work and recognise it as key pillar for the future of the EU Youth Strategy.

¹¹ <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/youth-partnership/4th-european-youth-work-convention->

INVITE THE PRESIDENCIES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE 11TH AND 12TH CYCLES OF THE EUYD TO:

14. Provide opportunities for Member States and stakeholders in the youth field to discuss the future of European cooperation in the youth field after 2027, including via the EUYD and with support from the European Commission, in order to allow for the best possible synergies with the new generation of programmes and to meet the dual objectives of meaningful youth participation and youth mainstreaming.
15. Building on existing structures and expertise, provide support towards an EU Youth Strategy that is simple, targeted, and comprehensive for all relevant ministries and stakeholders, including young people themselves, ensuring cross-cutting effectiveness and grounding it firmly in the principles of accessibility, respect for diversity, inclusivity, participation in democratic life and civic engagement.

INVITE THE MEMBER STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY AND WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPHERES OF COMPETENCE, TO:

16. Ensure cross-sectoral consultation, where possible, in the early stage of designing of the next EU Youth Strategy and the European Youth Goals, in order to further support the objective of youth mainstreaming across all policy areas as a key pillar of the future EU Youth Strategy.

Revision of the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025-2027¹²

Date	Working method / instrument	Indicative target and output	Related Youth Goals	Link to the Framework establishing a European Youth Work Agenda ¹³	Proposed by
PL, DK, CY Overall topic: Connecting EU with youth European Youth Goal #1					
2025 (1st half)	Council conclusions on a community of young people in Europe based on European values for a common and safe Europe	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	among others: §2, §4, §5	PL
2025 (1st half)	Council Resolution reviewing guidelines on the governance of the EU Youth Dialogue	Approval by the Council	All European Youth Goals		PL

¹² Compiled by the CY Presidency on the basis of the updated information received from the Commission and the PL-DK-CY and IE-LT-EL Presidency Trios.

¹³ See the Resolution of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on the Framework establishing a European Youth Work Agenda (2020/C 415/01).

2025 (1st half)	EU Youth Conference (Lublin, 2-5 March, 2025)	Strengthen the European identity among young Europeans based on Treaty values, conduct the consultation process of EU Youth Dialogue as well as promote recommendations by youth delegates	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	PL
2025 (1st half)	DG Youth meeting (Lublin, 5-6 March, 2025)	Discussions on the future of the EU youth programmes, i.e. Erasmus+ and ESC; review of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027; mainstreaming youth perspectives in local, national and European policy-making	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	PL
27-28 March 2025, Brussels	1 st EU Youth Stakeholders Group meeting	Facilitate exchanges and youth consultations on forthcoming policy initiatives. During the first two-day meeting, participants learned about key youth and skills initiatives, shared good practices, and contributed to the development of the forthcoming Strategy for Intergenerational Fairness and the future of EU Youth Strategy.	All European Youth Goals European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	COM

2025 (1st half)	Adoption of the EU Youth Report				§35	COM
2025 (1st half)	Peer-learning activity on youth mainstreaming	Raise awareness and exchange experiences on youth mainstreaming approaches and mechanisms, and the link to a strengthened EU Youth Dialogue			§28	COM
2025 (1st half)	Fourth European Youth Work Convention 'Youthwork Xcelerate' (Malta, 28-30 May 2025)	Work towards a proposal for a European strategic framework to implement youth work policy and recognise high-quality youth work practice			§31	MT, EU-CoE Youth Partnership, COM
2025 (2nd half)	Seminar/workshop/webinar on the EU Youth Report	Raise awareness of key information on the progress of the EU Youth Strategy and the situation of young people			§35	COM
8 July 2025, Online	2 nd EU Youth Stakeholders Group Meeting	The second meeting updated on EU youth initiatives, including the EU Youth Dialogue, the Commission youth check, Youth Policy Dialogues and the President's Youth Advisory Board, while gathering input on the Action Plan for the European Pillar of Social Rights and the EU Civil Society Strategy.				COM

2025 (2nd half)	EU Youth Conference focusing on the Erasmus+ programme for the period 2028-2034 and participation of young people in democracy (Copenhagen, 21-23 September 2025)	Increase young people's participation in democracy	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #11: Youth organisations and European programmes	§33	DK
2025 (2nd half)	DG Youth meeting focusing on the next Erasmus+ programme (2028-2034) and participation of young people in democracy (Copenhagen, 22-23 September 2025)	Increase young people's participation in democracy	European Youth Goal #9: Space and participation for all European Youth Goal #11: Youth organisations and European programmes		DK
2025 (2nd half)	Creation of a youth-led taskforce for the revision of the European Youth Goals	Ensure that the process of revising the European Youth Goals is youth-led at all stages, including both drafting and decisions on methodology. The taskforce was created through an open call managed by the European Youth Forum. The Commission provides funding and logistical support. The first meeting was held in December 2025.	All Youth Goals European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	§29, §36	COM

6 November 2025, Online	3 rd EU Youth Stakeholders Group meeting	<p>Consultation in the framework of the co-creation process with all stakeholders for the preparation of the next EU Youth Strategy.</p> <p>The third meeting reviewed progress on major EU youth initiatives and upcoming priorities, including preparations for the post-2027 EU Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Stakeholders learned about the EU decision-making process and were consulted on the Skills Portability Initiative, which is undergoing the Youth Check process.</p>		COM
2026 (1st half) April	2026 European Youth Week	<p>The European Commission organises the European Youth Week event every other year to celebrate and promote youth engagement, participation and active citizenship. It will also include an in-person meeting of national working groups for the EU Youth Dialogue.</p>	All European Youth Goals	COM §28

2026 (1st half)	Resolution on the EU Youth Strategy Work Plan 2025-2027 (revision)	Approval by the Council	All European Youth Goals	§36	CY
2026 (1st half)	Resolution on the outcomes of the 11th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	§13a, §14, §29, §36	CY
2026	EU Youth Stakeholders Group meeting (at least one meeting per year)	Facilitate exchanges and consultations with young people on forthcoming policy initiatives	All European Youth Goals European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth		COM
2026 (1st half)	Youth Policy Dialogue 'Young Voices for the Ocean' (Ayia Napa, 19 March 2026)	Youth Policy Dialogue 'Young Voices for the Ocean' with Commissioners Kadis and Micallef in the framework of the EU Youth Conference	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth		COM
2026 (1st half)	EU Youth Conference (Nicosia, 17-20 March 2026 and online)	Conclude the 11th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue; discuss the CY priority (i.e. ensuring youth-friendliness of policies) and the future of the EU Youth Strategy. The participation of Commissioners Kadis and Micallef reflects the objectives of Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth.	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	§10d, §26	CY

2026 (1st half)	DG Youth meeting (Nicosia, 19-20 March 2026 and online)	Discussions on European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth, and primarily how to ensure youth-friendliness of policies at national and EU level, as well as the future of the EU Youth Strategy	European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with youth	CY
2026 (1st - 2nd half)	Youth consultations on the next EU Youth Strategy	Multiple youth consultations are planned during March-October 2026 to inform the work on the Commission Communication on the EU Youth Strategy post 2027, by using also the EUYD process	§36	COM

Overall topic: Information and constructive dialogue European Youth Goal #4

2026 (2nd half)	Council conclusions on empowering young people to navigate and thrive in an evolving and challenging information saturated environment	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #4: Information and constructive dialogue	§29	IE
2026 (2nd half)	Council conclusions on ensuring young people in Europe have safe, accessible spaces to come together, to engage and to connect	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #4: Information and constructive dialogue	§29	IE
2026 (2nd half)	EU Youth Conference 27-30 September 2026	EU Youth Conference and DG meeting (<i>poss.</i>) Policy recommendations Exchange of best practices	All European Youth Goals	§26, §28, §34	IE, COM
2026 (2nd half)	Peer-learning activity on local youth policy	Raise awareness and exchange experiences and best practices on local youth policy	European Youth Goal #3: Inclusive societies	§28	BG

2027 (1 st half)	Council conclusions on Youth Empowerment in the Digital Era: Building Psychological, Civic, and democratic resilience in Europe	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #4: Information and constructive dialogue	§6, §34	LT
2027 (1 st half)	Conference on the topic ensuring youth resilience in the context of digitalisation.	EU Youth Conference and DG meeting (poss.) Policy recommendations Exchange of best practices	European Youth Goal #4: Information and constructive dialogue	§6, §34	LT
2027	EU Youth Stakeholders Group meeting (at least one meeting per year)				COM
2027 (1 st half)	Commission Communication on the EU Youth Strategy beyond 2027			§11, §13(a), §15, §26, §36	COM
2027	Peer-learning activity (topic to be decided)			§29	COM
2027 (2 nd half)	(poss.) Council Resolution on the 12th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue	Approval by the Council	European Youth Goal #4: Information and constructive dialogue Subgoals to be decided by the ESG of the 12th cycle		EL

