

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### MONDAY, 29 APRIL

#### 10:00 – 13:30 ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION

##### European Parliament, Atrium Welcome Point

Pick-up of welcoming bags and badges at the European Parliament Atrium Welcome Point. Welcome Point will be open until 18:00.

#### 13:30 - 14:30 LAUNCH OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH WEEK

##### European Parliament Esplanade

Opening of the European Youth Week with inspirational speakers, artistic performances, #EUandMe tent activities and exhibition of EU funded projects on democracy.

**Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot (TBC)**, Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+, European Commission

**De Kiesmannen**, the Netherlands

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#### 15:30 - 17:00 EU YOUTH STRATEGY PLATFORM\*

##### European Parliament Rooms

Gathering of youth stakeholders to exchange information on activities and results, start a regular dialogue, tune agendas and coordinate the implementation of the strategy to ensure optimal impact of policy and programme actions.

Speakers and moderators

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#### 16:00 - 17:30 AWARD CEREMONY OF ALTIERO SPINELLI PRIZE FOR OUTREACH – 2018 CONTEST\*

##### House of European History

An EU-wide contest “Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach” this year focused on young people. During the award ceremony, we will find out who the lucky winners of the awards are.

Speakers and moderators

**Tibor Navracsics**, European Commissioner for Education, Youth, Sports and Culture

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#### 19:00 - 21:00 LIVE-SCREENING THE MAASTRICHT DEBATE 2019

##### European Parliament Esplanade

We'll be bringing you the debate live from Maastricht where European leaders will be debating the main youth topics ahead of this year's European Elections. Put your questions to the Spitzenkandidat and see what they have to say on what's important to you!

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### MONDAY, 29 APRIL - Break-out sessions I

15:30 - 17:00 HOW CAN WE HELP TO INCLUDE MIGRANTS IN OUR SOCIETIES?

#### European Parliament Rooms

The stories of immigrants who learned the language of their host country, make friends, volunteer or go to a local sport club rarely make headlines. Yet, every year, many people come from abroad to study, work or join their family in an EU country. Over 8 % of EU population has a background from outside the EU: they, or one or their two parents, came to live here. How to support the inclusion of immigrants in our societies? What are the obstacles? What is the EU role? What needs to change to improve the integration of migrants where we live? Join us for an interactive workshop to explore the inclusion of immigrants in our societies. We are keen to hear your ideas and reflect together on what the EU and all of us can do to advance migrants' inclusion.

#### Speakers and moderators

**Nuria Diez Guardia**, Policy Officer in Legal Migration and Integration unit , Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs

**Justyna Głodowska-Wernert**, Policy Officer in Legal Migration and Integration unit , Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs

**Angelique Petrīts** , Policy Officer in Legal Migration and Integration unit , Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs

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15:30 - 17:00 LANGUAGES TAKE YOU FURTHER!

#### European Parliament Rooms

Languages are good for you – they make it easier to travel and get to know people from other cultures. How can we make language learning more interesting, relevant and fun? As our societies are getting increasingly multicultural and multilingual, do you know the meaning of the words “translanguaging” and “code switching”? Languages can also be a profession – translators and interpreters are a prime example. However, do we still need languages, now that we’re surrounded by information technology, machine translation and artificial intelligence? Come and test your thinking in our discussion-and-demonstration workshop on language professions and how technology can be a help or a hindrance.

#### Speakers and moderators

**Nell Foster**, former teacher in the European school, researcher on multilingualism

**Carlos Garcia Vico**, interpreter, DG for Interpretation

**Ance Martinsone**, Latvian student, European School of Brussels 2

**Ofelia Masoin**, translator, French language department, DG for Translation

**Miha Žličar**, translator, English language department, DG for Translation

#### Moderated by

**Kristina Cunningham**, Senior Expert on Multilingualism policy, DG for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

**Anna Holmén**, Communication Officer, DG for Translation

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15:30 - 17:00 THE EU SPACE PROGRAMME FOR YOU

#### European Parliament Rooms

Discover what EU Space can do for you and how the EU flagships - Copernicus, EGNOS and Galileo - play a key

#### Speakers and moderators

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<p>role in our daily lives.</p> <p>You will learn more about the services on offer for users worldwide and the key areas of application. For instance, we rely on space when we are using our mobile phones to find the fastest way to get where we need to go, when watching satellite TV or withdrawing money, for autonomous driving and energy supply, for sports, for emergency and rescue operations and for so much more. The EU space programme enable innovative and smart solutions to tackle challenges of today like climate change and sustainability.</p>	TBC	DE, PL, IT, ES (TBC)
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Organised by European Commission - Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

**15:30 - 17:00** ERASMUS+ OPPORTUNITIES IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**European Parliament Rooms**

<p>Join the session to find out about opportunities for learners in vocational education and training in Erasmus+ programme and discover benefits from mobility experiences abroad.</p> <p>You will learn how quality of training and mobility experiences abroad enhance the understanding of different cultures and support gaining new skills in professional and personal development.</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p><b>Chrystalla Petridou</b>, Policy Officer, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</p> <p><b>Malgorzata Kozak</b>, Policy Officer, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</p>	EN
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**15:30 - 17:00** CLUSTER MEETING OF EUROPEAN YOUTH TOGETHER BENEFICIARIES\*

**European Parliament Rooms**

<p>This session is for beneficiaries of the European Youth Together grants as administered by EACEA. The first European Youth Together grants were committed in 2018 as a pilot exercise and the session will focus on the experiences obtained so far. The goal is to use the feedback from beneficiaries to prepare for the further developments of the action. It is expected that the 2019 European Youth Together call will be open at the time of the Youth Week.</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	EN
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**15:30 - 17:00** HOW CAN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BETTER SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATE WITH EDUCATORS?

**European Parliament Rooms**

<p>Are you a teacher or a non-formal education trainer? Do you talk with young people about active citizenship and democratic participation? What obstacles do you come across? What would you need to make it easier? Do you miss a toolkit, some specific material, a training or just more accessible information? Do you want to learn how others deal with this challenge? Or maybe you have ideas on how the European Parliament could better support you in your role? If so, then this session is the occasion to discuss your needs and wishes with the unit in charge of youth outreach in the European Parliament!</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	EN
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15:30 - 17:00

LET'S COMMIT TO MORE YOUNG WOMEN IN POLITICS AND DECISION-MAKING IN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE!

**European Parliament Rooms**

Gender inequality persists worldwide, depriving women of their basic rights. Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women will require more vigorous efforts to counter deeply rooted discrimination. This panel session will discuss efforts that contribute to a more favorable cultural and legal environment as well as inclusive structures leading to a higher involvement and influence of young women in political parties in Morocco and Benin. It is promoting an active role of young female members amongst senior members of political parties. The session including female politicians, activists and implementers will discuss various activities and best practical examples raising women's participation in public life and decision-making.

**Speakers and moderators**

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15:30 - 17:00

STEPPING UP ACTION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

**European Parliament rooms**

Is climate change in your mind when you think about your future? How do you learn about climate issues? What does climate change mean for our consumption patterns and lifestyle choices? How can we foster changes in the right direction? Join us to discuss what is the impact of climate change in your daily life, the role of the EU and other stakeholders in tackling climate change and how can you become agents of change on climate issues.

**Speakers and moderators**

**Artur Runge-Metzger**, Director, Climate Strategy, Governance and Emissions from non-trading sectors, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission

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European Commission – Directorate General for Climate Action

**MONDAY, 29 APRIL - Optional activities**

15:00 - 16:30

GUIDED TOUR OF HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY (GROUP 1)

**House of European History**

**Growing up in Europe, 1945 to now**

Guided visit of the temporary exhibition: Restless Youth

In the past 70 years, young people in Europe have gone from being a group to whom history happened, to a group that actually makes history. This exhibition looks at four generations of such young people who came of age at key moments in the European story: the late 1940s, the 1960s, the 1980s and the 2000s. It explores the key experiences of youth; from education and employment, to forging an identity and finding love.

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House of European History

15:30 - 17:00

GUIDED TOUR OF HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY (GROUP 2)

**House of European History**

**Trans-European viewpoint**

Guided visit of the permanent exhibition

This guided visit of the museum will take a trans-European viewpoint exploring the historical memories, diverse experiences and common ground of the peoples of Europe and how these relate to the present day.

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<b>16:00 - 17:30</b>	<b>GUIDED TOUR OF HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY (GROUP 3)</b>	
	<b>House of European History</b>	
	<p><b>Growing up in Europe, 1945 to now</b>                  Guided visit of the temporary exhibition: Restless Youth                  In the past 70 years, young people in Europe have gone from being a group to whom history happened, to a group that actually makes history. This exhibition looks at four generations of such young people who came of age at key moments in the European story: the late 1940s, the 1960s, the 1980s and the 2000s. It explores the key experiences of youth; from education and employment, to forging an identity and finding love.</p>	EN
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<b>16:30 - 18:00</b>	<b>GUIDED TOUR OF HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY (GROUP 4)</b>	
	<b>House of European History</b>	
	<p><b>Trans-European viewpoint</b>                  Guided visit of the permanent exhibition                  This guided visit of the museum will take a trans-European viewpoint exploring the historical memories, diverse experiences and common ground of the peoples of Europe and how these relate to the present day.</p>	EN
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<b>15:00 - 18:00</b>	<b>EU ON WHEELS – BRUSSELS BICYCLE TOURS</b>	
	<b>Quai des Pênières, in front of KANAL centre Pompidou</b>	
	<p>How about exploring Brussels from a new perspective? The guided bicycle tour will take you to the up-and-coming Canal area. The tour is an opportunity to have first-hand experience on how European urban, social and ecological projects improve quality of life and contribute to sustainable development. Three guided bicycle tour of European Regional Development Fund cofounded project near the Canal.</p>	2 tours in EN  1 tour in FR
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## TUESDAY, 30 APRIL

8:00 - 8:30

REGISTRATION

**European Parliament, Atrium Welcome Point**

If you haven't managed to register on Monday, the Welcome Point will be open also on Tuesday

8:45 - 9:45

"THIS TIME ME AND MY FRIENDS ARE VOTING"

**European Parliament Hemicycle**

It takes a village to raise a child, they say... It takes a community to raise a citizen. An active one. In a community - between friends - we support and encourage each other to take part in political life. To go and have a say in what our future will look like.

Are you afraid that your vote is too little to count? What if you could convince all your friends to go vote with you? And they would convince their other friends? What if we brought the entire village to vote with us?

Join this interactive session in the hemicycle of the European Parliament to discuss how each and everyone of us can make a difference.

**Speakers and moderators**

**Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General, European Parliament

Moderated by **Christina Altides**, European Elections 2019 coordination, European Parliament

All EU languages

Web streamed

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9:45 - 11:15

FLAGSHIP EVENT 'DEMOCRACY AND ME'

**European Parliament Hemicycle**

The week's flagship event will be a moderated debate about democratic participation in its various facets with young people who will be invited to share their own stories.

**Speakers and moderators**

**Tibor Navracsics**, European Commissioner for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

Moderated by **Christophe Robeet**, journalist, France 24

All EU languages

Web streamed

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11:15 - 11:45

COFFEE BRAEK

**European Parliament**

## TUESDAY, 30 APRIL - Break-out sessions II

11:45 - 13:15

CITIZENS VS TROLLS – SECURING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN EUROPE

**European Parliament Rooms**

As the elections move online, so do the threats: hate speech, abuse of personal data, non-transparent political advertising and disinformation campaigns conducted for third countries or private interests. European citizens need to be able to vote with a full

**Speakers and moderators**

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understanding of the political choices they have. This entails more awareness of threats and more transparency in our political process. An open public sphere, secure in its protection from undue influence, ensures a level playing field for political campaigning and electoral processes the public can trust.		(TBC)
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**11:45 - 13:15** WHAT NATURE DOES FOR YOU – WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR NATURE

**European Parliament Rooms**

Join our interactive session and discover the EU Natura 2000 network, the world’s largest coordinated network of protected areas! The session brings together young volunteers who have worked on nature conservation projects and young people living in rural areas in and around protected areas. They will share their practical experiences about living with nature: what nature means for them, how they face the challenge of reconciling their activities with nature! Get inspired, bring your ideas and let’s reflect on how we can do more for nature for our sustainable future!	<b>Speakers and moderators</b> TBC	
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**11:45 - 13:15** HOW SHARING INFORMATION HELPS THE EU TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS

**European Parliament Rooms**

Wonder how an area of 26 countries without internal borders can be the safest region in the planet? Wonder how the EU safeguards the free movement of more than 400 million citizens? From arresting criminals to finding missing children, the Schengen Information System is the centrepiece of information exchange in the EU –and a great unknown to the general public! In this workshop, you will have a unique opportunity to know first-hand what happens when suspected terrorists try to move through Europe, or how border guards and polices share information to prevent the arrival of dangerous criminals to the EU.	<b>Speakers and moderators</b>  <b>Karolina Klizaitė</b> , Legal Officer in Information Systems for Borders and Security unit, Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.  <b>Víctor Rico Reche</b> , Policy Officer in Information Systems for Borders and Security unit, Directorate General for Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission.	EN
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**11:45 - 13:15** A TASTE OF INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY IN ERASMUS+

**European Parliament Rooms**

Inclusion and diversity are important in Erasmus+ youth projects. So what do we really mean with inclusion and diversity? What can it look like in youth projects?  With different activities, cartoons and stories you will get a flavour of inclusion and diversity. Come and experience how you can connect better to different people.  The session will be run by SALTO Inclusion & Diversity and will also present different tools to work on inclusion & diversity yourself.	<b>Speakers and moderators</b> TBC	EN
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11:45 - 13:15

## JUMP INTO THE FUTURE ERASMUS PROGRAMME

### European Parliament Rooms

Do you want to be the first one to find out what are the main novelties of future Erasmus programme beyond 2020? Join this session and you'll hear about youth participation projects, Discover EU, European universities and virtual mobility.

#### Speakers and moderators

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11:45 - 13:15

## THE SECRETS OF DATA FROM ERASMUS+

### European Parliament Rooms

Who says data is boring? Join us as we draw the curtain and reveal ten secrets from ten years of research on young people, Erasmus+, participation, citizenship and democracy. More than 100.000 online surveys and close to 1.000 interviews are the core of our dataset at the RAY Network – the network for the research-based analysis of the European Youth Programmes. What secrets can this dataset reveal?

#### Speakers and moderators

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RAY Network - the network for the research-based analysis of Erasmus+

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## A SEAT AT THE TABLE – HOW (NOT) TO BECOME A DECISION MAKER?

### European Parliament Rooms

You don't need to join a party to influence politics and play the "big league". But you can. Would you dare? How would you change the world? Would you start a petition, digital revolution, rather organise a demonstration, candidate in local elections, start a student club or something else? There are a number of ways how you can become a decision maker. You could make history! However, a number of things can go wrong. Twists and turns, excitement and analysis. We guarantee an exciting game which introduces you to a number of different ways to get your voice heard and also gives you the chance to experience the benefits and weight of being a leader.

Your game masters are the members of the Think Tank on Youth Participation which works to help SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centre to guarantee young people more "seats at the table".

#### Speakers and moderators

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11:45 - 13:15

## SOCIAL ECONOMY, DEMOCRACY AND YOU

### European Parliament Rooms

Social economy is made of different stakeholders focusing on generating social and societal impact rather than profit. It defends participatory democracy by encouraging citizens to raise their voices and

#### Speakers and moderators

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	opinions through digital participation. It also helps strengthening local communities.		
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<b>11:45 - 13:15</b>	<b>WOMEN IN RESEARCH</b>		
	<b>European Parliament Rooms</b>		
	<p>Women are still underrepresented in science, technology and research fields in Europe, even though at school they do as well as boys in science and maths. Europe needs young people to tackle today's and tomorrow's problems in the world. Therefore, making science education and careers attractive for young people, and specifically for girls and women, is crucial to address future challenges of European societies.</p> <p>After presenting STEM education's progress and plans, speakers will talk about research career opportunities, training and mobility. Women in science will be in the focus with researchers who will share their way into science, experience and background. Interesting and inspiring!</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	EN
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<b>11:45 - 13:15</b>	<b>HUMAN LIBRARY</b>		
	<b>European Parliament</b>		
	<p>Come and meet our "books" – participants of Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps, Discover EU, European Institution trainees, the winner of Juvenes Translatores contest and other young people that benefited from European Union provided opportunities. Read their stories and learn how to find the best mobility opportunity for you. The Eurodesk Human Library is a place where real people are lent out to readers. A place where questions are expected, appreciated and answered.</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	EN
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<b>13:15 - 14:15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
	<b>European Parliament</b>		
<b>14:15 - 15:45</b>	<b>FLAGSHIP EVENT "MAKING A CHANGE MEANS THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS"</b>		
	<b>European Parliament Hemicycle</b>		
	<p>Commissioner Navracsics will host a debate to gauge the impact and transformational effect of the European Solidarity Corps for young people, NGOs and local communities. The event will illustrate the impact of the European Solidarity Corps as one of the flagship initiatives of the EU. It will show how much it has already achieved in the first 2 years of its existence, allowing young people to learn and experience what it is like to be volunteer or contribute to society as a trainee or young worker. It will also illustrate the societal needs addressed thanks to the Solidarity Corps.</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p><b>Tibor Navracsics</b>, Commissioner for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission</p> <p>Participants of European Solidarity Corps projects</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Christophe Robeet</b>, journalist, France 24</p>	All EU languages

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<b>16:00 - 16:30</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>  <b>European Parliament</b>

## TUESDAY, 30 APRIL - Break-out sessions III

<b>16:30 - 18:00</b>	<b>BUILDING A EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS COMMUNITY</b>			
<b>European Parliament rooms</b>				
Be part of the future European Solidarity Corps network. How, just join the European Solidarity Corps alumni/participants/registrants who developed an action plan on their network at a kick-off meeting in March and who will present their concept to you at the European Youth Week. You will have the possibility to comment and shape your future network. Be part of it and step on board.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Speakers and moderators</td> <td rowspan="2">EN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TBC</td> </tr> </table>	Speakers and moderators	EN	TBC
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<b>16:30 - 18:00</b>	<b>NETWORKING FOR EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS ORGANISATIONS</b>			
<b>European Parliament rooms</b>				
Are you a newcomer organisation to the European Solidarity Corps? Perhaps been involved in offering volunteering opportunities already earlier? Or are you new in this, but interested to become the European Solidarity Corps participating organisation? Come to this session to find out what the Corps offers to organisations and meet your potential partners.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Speakers and moderators</td> <td rowspan="2">EN</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Robert France</b>, Head of Sector for the European Solidarity Corps, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</td> </tr> </table>	Speakers and moderators	EN	<b>Robert France</b> , Head of Sector for the European Solidarity Corps, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
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<b>16:30 - 18:00</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EU AND BEYOND</b>			
<b>European Parliament rooms</b>				
Are you interested to become a volunteer? Want to experience living abroad doing good, learning language, getting new friends and do not know where to start with? Come to this session to find out what opportunities for young people provides the European Solidarity Corps and EU Aid Volunteers initiative.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Speakers and moderators</td> <td rowspan="2">EN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TBC</td> </tr> </table>	Speakers and moderators	EN	TBC
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<b>16:30 - 18:00</b>	<b>A NEW WORLD OF WORK – WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?</b>		
<b>European Parliament rooms</b>			
Globalisation, digitalisation, automation: buzz words with a profound impact on the way we work.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Speakers and moderators</td> <td>EN</td> </tr> </table>	Speakers and moderators	EN
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<p>Technological progress allows for more flexibility. Thanks to our laptops, smartphones and tablets we can work when we want, where we want. But insecurity is also on the rise. Robots and machines could take over between 37% and 69% of today's tasks (depending on the Member State) in the future. And non-standard forms of employment such as platform work, temporary and part-time contracts have become more common.</p> <p>What impact will technological change have on the way you will work in the future? What skills will you need to thrive in a new working environment? And what impact will all these new developments have on your personal wellbeing?</p>	<p><b>Kathrin Riedler</b>, Policy Officer for Youth Employment, European Commission</p> <p>Moderated by Nora Ganescu &amp; Stien Michiels</p>	
<p>Organised by European Commission - Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>		

**16:30 - 18:00** BUILDING BRIDGES ONLINE THROUGH ERASMUS+ VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

<p><b>European Parliament rooms</b></p>		
<p>Technology is revolutionising our capacity to communicate. We are globally connected in unprecedented ways. At the same time, our diverse societies and communities trigger polarisation and divisions, pointing to the need to invest in dialogue between the young people. Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange uses modern technologies to bridge divides and build intercultural understanding. More than 25,000 young people from European and Southern Mediterranean countries are debating online with the help of trained facilitators. Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange expands and enriches the Erasmus+ programme, and helps young people develop soft skills that are increasingly demanded in the labour market. Debates usually take place as part of higher education degrees and youth projects.</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p>TBC</p>	<p><b>EN</b></p>
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**16:30 - 18:00** ERASMUS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS: START-UP WITH US!

<p><b>European Parliament rooms</b></p>		
<p>Develop your entrepreneurial capacity, acquire skills, find an experienced business partner and mentor, establish a Europe-wide network of contacts. Meet new and experienced entrepreneurs from the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme. Find out how to join the club. Start your start-up today!</p>	<p><b>Speakers and moderators</b></p> <p><b>Ms Katerina Nejdlova</b>, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Project Manager, European Commission</p> <p><b>Mr Giancarlo Ostuni</b>, New Entrepreneur, Co-founder of Sagelio Project</p> <p><b>Ms Yagmur Masmaz</b>, New Entrepreneur, Co-founder of Greenstory</p> <p><b>Mr Florian Piette</b>, New Entrepreneur, Co-Founder of Day by Day Brussels</p> <p><b>Moderated by: Mr Marco Iacuitto</b>, Deputy Secretary-General, Belgo-Italian Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p><b>EN</b></p>
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16:30 - 18:00

#SHARINGISCARING – WHAT IS HAPPENING ON YOUTH POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE-EAST AND BEYOND?

**European Parliament rooms**

A lot is happening on how young people get politically and democratically involved – and the innovative initiatives are not just coming from the EU, but also from Africa and the Middle East. This session brings together young people from Africa, the Middle-East and the EU, involved in the Africa-EU partnership and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation. They will discuss and share their experiences and best practices on different ways that young people can become more democratically savvy and influential at all levels from local and national to regional and international – not just as voters and citizens, but also as political candidates, decision makers and agenda setters. How can we learn and become inspired by each other and what can the EU and others do to ensure youth inclusion?

Speakers and moderators

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16:30 - 18:00

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS THE BIODIVERSITY CRISIS TO SAVE THE PLANET?

**European Parliament rooms**

Biodiversity loss is as great a threat for our future as climate change and it is all happening faster than even the pessimists have predicted. There is an EU Biodiversity Strategy aimed at halting the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The EU has created a strong legal framework – the Birds and the Habitats Directive - to help countries to work together in order to protect Europe’s most threatened and vulnerable species and habitats. However, more efforts are urgently needed!

Speakers and moderators

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CUTTING THROUGH THE NOISE: HOW TO BECOME A DISINFORMATION AVENGER

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Is your news feed infested with false stories, comments by trolls and other misleading content? This session, led by disinformation experts from the European External Action Service and the European Commission, will focus on what disinformation is – a complex phenomenon with many facets that nobody is immune to. Throughout this interactive presentation you can learn of ways to become more aware of and resilient to fake news, using evidence-based materials and best practices in positive communication.

Speakers and moderators

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## 29-30 APRIL – ACTIVITIES

MONDAY  
from 11:00  
TUESDAY  
all day

### Yo!Fest

#### European Parliament Esplanade

The biggest youth political festival in Europe is taking place outside the Parliament. Join the European Youth Forum, youth organisations from around Europe and the European Commission for a two-day programme of activities and entertainment.

For the full programme and more information visit [www.yofest.eu](http://www.yofest.eu)

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### Market square

#### European Parliament

European Commission and its partners will showcase actions, projects and programmes for young people. Come and learn about:

- Youth guarantee, EURES jobs, Europass
- European elections
- Erasmus+
- European Solidarity Corps
- European Youth Card
- Galileo Global Satellite Navigation System
- Eurodesk
- Road Trip project
- Development cooperation.. and more!

ALL DAY

### Exhibition

#### European Parliament Esplanade

Showcasing exemplary projects on democracy from Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.

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### EUandME pop-up cinema

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