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Final report of the online consultation 2024 European Election participatory engagement campaign for young citizens

About the project

European society stands at a crossroad. We face war on the continent, rising inflation, an increasingly obvious climate crisis and the pandemic. The next European elections will be crucial.

Our destiny lies in our hands. We need a strong voice to make Europe better - together! A sustainable path for this future can only be taken with young people on board.

Therefore, JEF Europe and Make.org, with the support of the European Parliament, launched the unique, non-partisan, massive and participatory initiative "EurHope" in a collaboration with a coalition of more than 45 academics, civil society actors, European regions, cities and transnational institutions. It outlines the future that the European youth jointly envisages and spearhead the mobilisation of young European citizens ahead of the 2024 EU elections.

The first step of this initiative is an online consultation, this document presents its final results and key findings

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> " *In these dramatic times the voice of young people is loud and clear: we need a better and reformed Europe, with more effective institutions that we can trust. An Europe able to deal with global challenges, to take care of its citizens, to give us Hope for the Future.*"

**ANTONIO ARGENZIANO
JEF Europe President**

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> " *With over 1,5 million votes united, and thanks to more than 45 partners, the EurHope consultation has succeeded in engaging young citizens on a massive scale in the 27 EU countries. The resulting Agenda of Hope is now the ideal support for putting their priorities in the centre of the public debate in the frame of the European election campaign.*"

**ALICIA COMBAZ
Make.org CEO & Co-Founder**

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The campaign coalition

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Project initiators

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Commission européenne
Under the Patronage of the
Vice-President Dubravka Suica

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European Committee of the Regions

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Institutional Voices

> "You have proven your ability to reach out to citizens across all the 27 member states in a multilingual digital environment. And not only that: you have surpassed your own ambitions by going beyond 1 Million votes you were determined to have on board of the campaign. I congratulate you on this significant achievement."

DUBRAVKA ŠUICA
European Commission Vice President for Democracy and Demography

> "The EurHope consultation brought together more than 1.5 million voices, which is a great achievement. The youth has spoken clearly about their concerns and their expectations of the EU. Now, it is time for the EU leaders to hear this message and take action. Youth is our future, and shaping tomorrow's future starts today."

OLIVER RÖPKE
President of the European Economic and Social Committee

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The 3 Phases

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9 MAY 2023	OCT 2023	JAN 2024	JUN 2024

Phase 1
Listen

Phase 2
Engage

Phase 3
Go to vote!

Massive online Consultation

1,5 million young voices

What are your ideas for building together a Europe that can respond to future challenges?

Agenda of Hope

revealed and shared with EU institutions, European civil society and political actors

Online and offline campaign

in the hot phase ahead of the elections

✅ synchronization between citizens, civil society, EU institutions and academics

✅ raised engagement and awareness about European elections

✅ positive impact on turnout amongst young citizens

30 EurHope events on the ground

9 May - Kick-off events
All over Europe

9-10 June - European Youth Event
Invitation to join the platform

10 Nov - Event in Madrid
Presentation of the Agenda of Hope

May 2024 - Closing Event in Brussels (tbc)
Discussion with EU institutions and candidates

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1st section

Our Approach

Diverse & massive participation

EurHope sparked an **unprecedented dialogue** among young citizens in the 27 member countries of the EU, ahead of the 2024 European elections.

We reached out to EU youth <u>in all its diversity</u>.

We ensured to also include voices from minority demographics in our massive offline and online outreach campaigns.

🗳️ **Votes:** **1.500.330**

💡 **Proposals:** **5.069**

🚩 located in 27 EU member states

👄 in 22 languages

⏳ from 15 to 35 years old

🧑 of all genders

🎓 with every education background

The massive consultation united <u>over 1.5 million voices</u>

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The main topics discussed in the entire consultation

What citizens are talking about

% of 4 313 proposals validated**

% of validated proposals relative to the topic

Topic	%
Institutions	22%
Economy	19%
Environment	14%
Human rights	9%
Federalism/Sovereignism	9%
Culture and Values	8%
Education	7%
Migration	7%
Health	7%
Fiscality	6.5%
EU in the World	6%
Security	5.5%
Innovation and Research	5%
Communication and Transparency	5%
Energy and Resources	4.5%
Transport	4%
Judicial System	2%

* The percentages add up to more than 100% because some proposals are part of more than one topic.

** Out of 5 069 proposals submitted, 4 313 were validated by the Make.org moderators according to the moderation rules.

Based on that, we established the…

AGENDA of HOPE

➔ 15 **POPULAR** IDEAS

➔ **Consensus** amongst young Europeans based on their votes

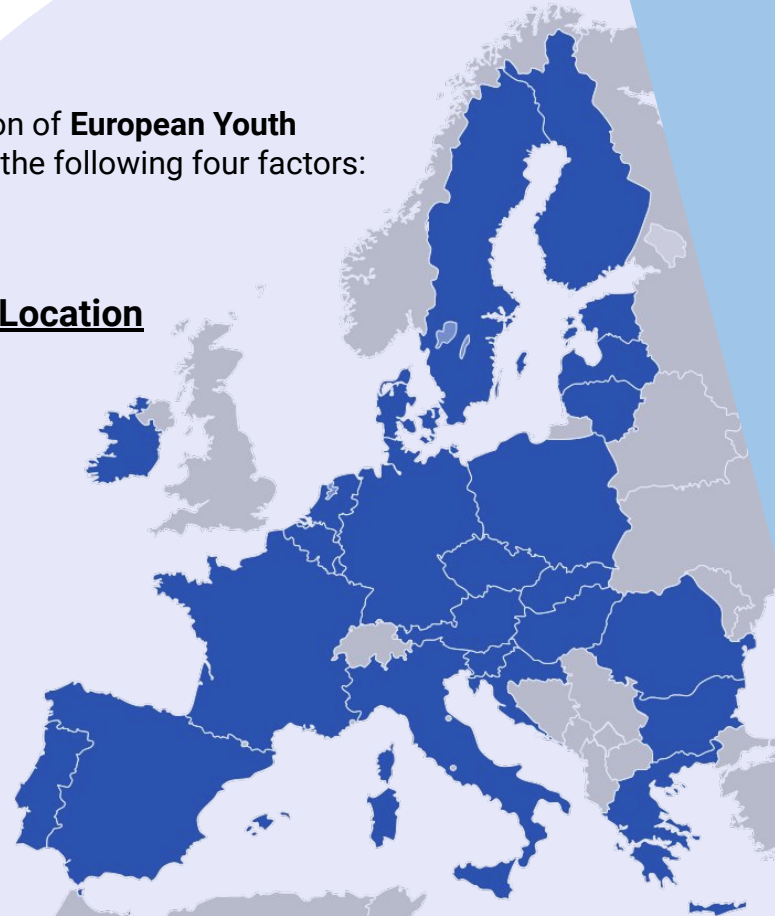➔ Statistically representative

and also identified…

➔ 12 **DIVISIVE** IDEAS

➔ Based on **division** amongst young Europeans in light of their votes

➔ Statistically representative

The AGENDA OF HOPE speaks for all EU youth

We secured **representative** results by mirroring the composition of **European Youth** (age 15-34), based on **Eurostat data** (2022). This data reflects the following four factors:

Age

47 — 15-24
53 — 25-34

Education

basic — 30
intermediate — 43
advanced — 27

Gender

49 — female
51 — male

Location

proportional representation according to sizes of young populations
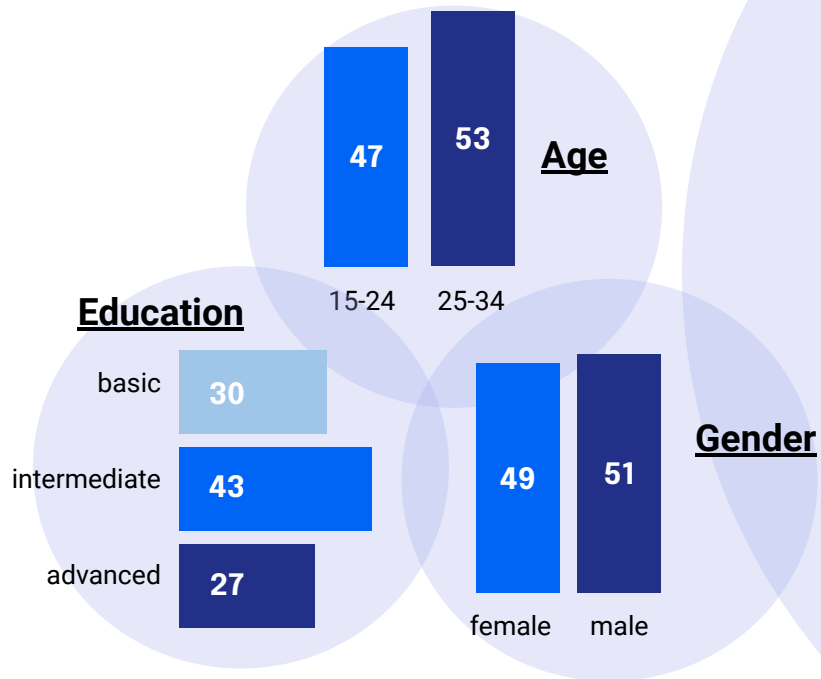
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5 069 SUBMITTED PROPOSALS
*Before being published, proposals submitted by citizens had to be **validated** by the moderators of Make.org, in accordance with the law and our **moderation guidelines**.*

4 313 VALIDATED PROPOSALS

100%

We identified the **consensus zone.**
Proposals with over **60% of votes in favour**.

We also identified the **division zone.**
Proposals with over **60% of votes in favour** and over **15% of votes against.**

rejected proposals
received a majority of votes against

3%

463 **most popular proposals**
have more than **65% of votes in favour** and a significantly **high number of votes**.

397 **most divisive proposals**
have an average of **45% of votes in favour**, of **40% of votes against** and significantly **high number of votes**.

neutral proposals
received a majority of neutral votes

HOPE

Qualitative clustering established
15 popular ideas,
the **AGENDA OF HOPE.**

Qualitative clustering established
12 divisive ideas.

45%

49%

3%

13

How we ensured representativeness of the AGENDA OF HOPE

1.5+ million voices

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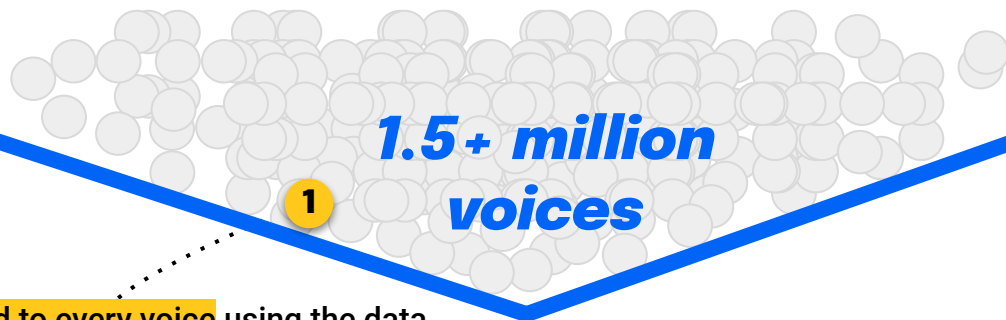
We **listened to every voice** using the data from the massive online consultation.

Thanks to our robust **statistical model** that addresses any **data imbalance**...

2

...we established the **AGENDA OF HOPE,** representative of aspirations of the European youth...

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4 ...accounting precisely for the **distribution of demographics** of the European youth.

Education

Gender

Country

Age

Mirroring Eurostat data (2022)
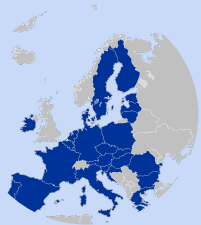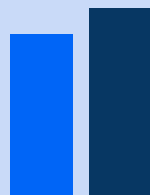
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Results of the consultation

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Democracy & EU institutions

1. Reinforcing transparency and ethical conduct of public officials
2. Strengthening the efficiency of European justice systems
3. Increasing citizen participation and their understanding of the EU

Climate change and environment

4. Developing more efficient and accessible rail transport
5. Strengthening sustainable European industries and recycling
6. Promoting innovation in European agriculture and sustainable farming
7. Increasing the protection of biodiversity within the EU and beyond
8. Accelerating the energy transition and the reduction of carbon emissions

Economy, social justice and employment

9. Promoting easier access to employment, especially for the youth
10. Encouraging "Made in Europe"

EU in the world

11. Strengthening a sovereign EU voice in diplomacy

Health and education

12. Enhancing measures at the European level to improve and coordinate education
13. Strengthening EU action on inclusive and harmonised healthcare systems

Human rights and migration

14. Creating a more efficient European legal framework for immigration

Research and innovation

15. Supporting research, innovation and technology in Europe

These ideas gathered over 65% votes in favour

Divisive ideas

Democracy & EU institutions

1. Moving towards a federal Europe
2. Favouring a Europe where national governments hold more power and the EU has less control
3. Strengthening the powers and competences of the EU

Climate change and environment

4. Empowering the EU to lead the ecological transition
5. Limiting air transportation

Economy, social justice and employment

6. Introducing a tax system that better corrects inequalities
7. Building a more social Europe

EU in the world

8. Establishing a European army
9. Increasing the EU's support to Ukraine

Human rights and migration

10. Substantially reforming the EU's global migration policy
11. Guaranteeing LGBTQIA+ and reproductive rights at EU level
12. Promoting Christian and religious values

These ideas gathered over 45% of votes in favour and over of 40% of votes against
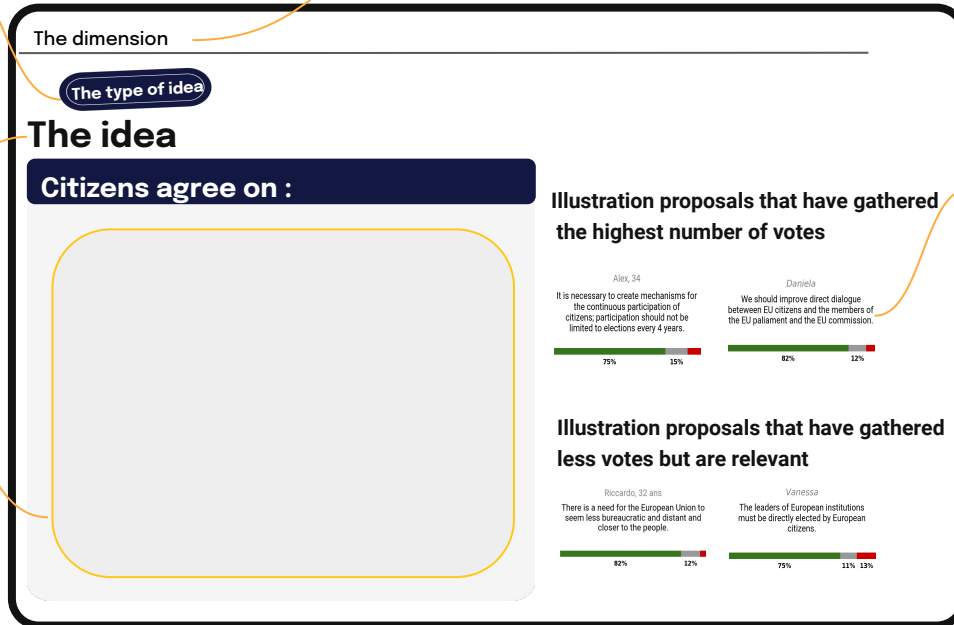
How to read the results ?

The structure outlined below details the presentation of the results in this report. It is designed to help the reader's understanding of the analytical framework and methodology.

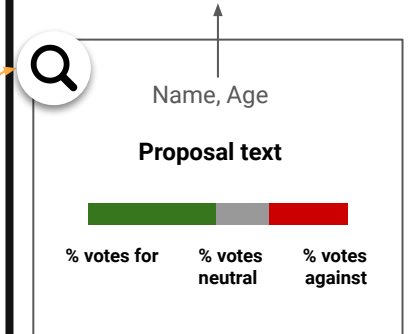Whether it is a **popular idea** or **divisive idea**

The ideas are grouped under umbrella **dimensions**

The dimension

The type of idea

The idea

A sentence that encapsulates the essence of the different proposals that constitute the idea

Citizens agree on :

Participants were invited to indicate their age, but it was not obligatory

Name, Age

Proposal text

% votes for   % votes neutral   % votes against

Illustration proposals that have gathered the highest number of votes

Alex, 34
It is necessary to create mechanisms for the continuous participation of citizens; participation should not be limited to elections every 4 years.
75%   15%

Daniela
We should improve direct dialogue between EU citizens and the members of the EU paliament and the EU commission.
82%   12%

Illustration proposals that have gathered less votes but are relevant

Riccardo, 32 ans
There is a need for the European Union to seem less bureaucratic and distant and closer to the people.
82%   12%

Vanessa
The leaders of European institutions must be directly elected by European citizens.
75%   11% 13%

The in-depth analysis of the idea based on the proposals and the vote patterns.

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Democracy & EU institutions

Agenda of HOPE

POPULAR IDEAS

- Reinforcing transparency and ethical conduct of public officials
- Strengthening the efficiency of European justice systems
- Increasing citizen participation and their understanding of the EU

DIVISIVE IDEAS

- Moving towards a federal Europe
- Favouring a Europe where national governments hold more power and the EU has less control
- Strengthening the powers and competences of the EU

Popular idea

Reinforcing transparency and ethical conduct of public officials

Citizens agree on :

Bolstering transparency and accountability in EU governance and increasing integrity, as well as responsiveness in EU politics.

Citizens envisage **stricter transparency regulations to temper influence by organised interest groups**. Participants advocate for more limitation on lobbying activities and for the setup of more efficient **institutions to tackle corruption.**

The proposals draw ideas on improving political integrity and accountability by ensuring that individuals with **legal verdicts do not hold public offices**. Besides, legal immunity of representatives is also discussed, with the goal to reduce the risk of **unethical behavior** and **misconduct in politics.**

There is consensus on the idea of **linking the income of political actors to the median income of their constituency**. Participants highlight their **perception that politicians are overpaid** and should share **the same financial responsibilities** as any other citizen.
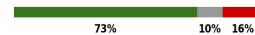
Main popular proposals

Rohnek, 20
We should tie the wages of politicians to the median wage of their country to encourage them to work in the best interest of their people.
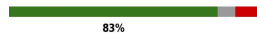77%   10% 12%

Anina
Politicians who have been convicted or are on trial must no longer be allowed to stand for election.
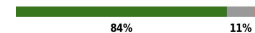73%   10% 16%

Țene Mihai, 29
We need to create an institution to oversee, audit, prosecute and punish all corrupt politicians
83%

Luis, 22
One should introduce stronger transparency rules within the EU to ensure that no lobby group has excessive influence.
84%   11%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Tobias
There should be a ban in Europe on "political immunity" where e.g. politicians who steal money from the state are arrested.
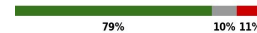81%

Laurent, 22
It is necessary for the European Union to form an anti-corruption body to monitor where the funds received by the government are going.
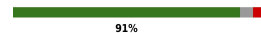83%

Carmen
It is necessary that the salaries of politicians, of those who work in politics, do not exceed 2.5 times the average salary, so that they do not take it for that reason.
79%   10% 11%

Jitka
We should introduce penalties for corruption and to abolish the criminal integrity of politicians so that they can be prosecuted for their actions against the people.
91%

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Popular idea

Strengthening the efficiency of European justice systems

Citizens agree on :

Strengthening the legal framework for **protecting individuals, especially children**, from various forms of violence.

The proposals put forward the need for **stricter measures** to combat crimes against children, including **increasing penalties** for child abuse. There is a significant emphasis on the need **to raise penalties for offenses related to rape and sexist assaults across the EU.**

Additionally, there is a strong commitment to **providing comprehensive support for the victims** of such crimes, ensuring their well-being and recovery are prioritised. **Participants also suggest speeding up procedures and judicial intervention in the field**.

Main popular proposals

Aurelia, 24

We should make an EU-wide criminal registry, so a law officer in one country knows immediately to be dealing with criminals from the EU.

81%

Mitta

We should triple penalties for child trafficking, paedophilia and child abuse from a minimum of 20 years in prison. Children are the future

82%   10%

Cécile, 30

Rape and sexist aggression must be penalized much more severely throughout the EU, and victims must be strongly supported.

84%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Shuka

One should punish pedophilia much more and invest in prevention.

84%   13%

Marina, 25

It is necessary for the law to act now to stop stalking and violence, instead of waiting for something to happen to whistleblowers

84%   11%

Claire, 34

We should have consequences for those who cover up child abuse(all forms). Protect the identity of the child, name and shame the abuser.

76%   14%

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Popular idea

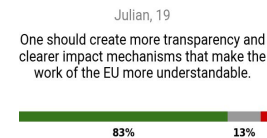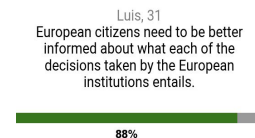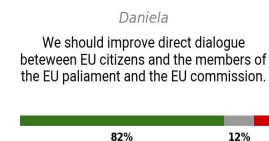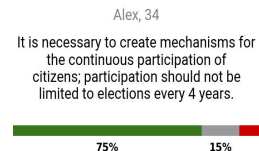# Increasing citizen participation and their understanding of the EU

Citizens agree on :

Actively involving citizens in political decision making processes and better informing them about EU institutions.
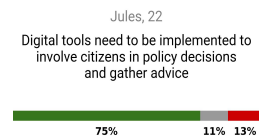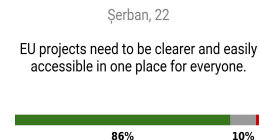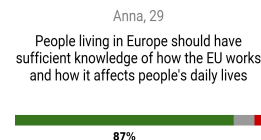
The proposals aim to **reconnect citizens with European politics** by creating **permanent participation mechanisms**. Participants advocate for enhancing a **direct dialogue between citizens and institutions** through **consultations on specific subjects** or digital participation tools : **online platforms or apps** to engage citizens in the political decision-making process. Finally, there is consensus on the idea of system where **all leaders of EU institutions are selected through direct elections.**

There is also agreement on the need for improved transparency and communication about the EU: European citizens should have a **clearer understanding of how the EU operates**. Participants want to make the **EU's work more transparent and understandable.** The EU is asked to **communicate more effectively about its projects**, in order to inform, build trust, and ensure accountability within the Union.

Main popular proposals

Alex, 34

It is necessary to create mechanisms for the continuous participation of citizens; participation should not be limited to elections every 4 years.

75%   15%

Daniela

We should improve direct dialogue between EU citizens and the members of the EU paliament and the EU commission.

82%   12%

Luis, 31

European citizens need to be better informed about what each of the decisions taken by the European institutions entails.

88%

Julian, 19

One should create more transparency and clearer impact mechanisms that make the work of the EU more understandable.

83%   13%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Anna, 29

People living in Europe should have sufficient knowledge of how the EU works and how it affects people's daily lives

87%

Vanessa

The leaders of European institutions must be directly elected by European citizens.

75%   11% 13%

Şerban, 22

EU projects need to be clearer and easily accessible in one place for everyone.

86%   10%

Jules, 22

Digital tools need to be implemented to involve citizens in policy decisions and gather advice

75%   11% 13%

Divisive idea

Moving towards a federal Europe

Citizens are divided on :

Establishing the **"United States of Europe"** to compete with the world's major powers and enhance international influence.

The participants are actively discussing these issues. They have differing viewpoints on whether or not a European federation is desirable. Issues on **centralisation,** as well as **subsidiarity were raised**.

Main divisive proposals

Cristina, 30
It is necessary to form the United States of Europe to have greater geopolitical power and be independent of the U.S.

| 42% | 14% | 42% |
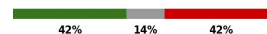
Nicolas, 17
In the long term, a federal Europe is needed to compete with the world's greatest powers.

| 44% | 18% | 36% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Lux
The goal should be to unite Europe as a whole; 27 separated states mean less on the international stage than one large country.

| 43% | 48% |

Matteo
It is necessary for the European Union to be transformed into a true Political Union (Federal State) based on the principle of subsidiarity

| 39% | 13% | 46% |
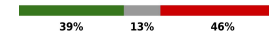
Jef Europe
We should set up an assembly that develops a European Constitution defining the principles of a democratic European Federation.

| 52% | 37% |

Ioannis Iosifidis, 27
We have to move towards a European Integration, to become the United States of Europe, and stop being German-dominated.

| 41% | 16% | 41% |

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Divisive idea

Favouring a Europe where national governments hold more power and the EU has less control

Citizens are divided on :

Devolving greater powers to the member states.

The participants are divided on the idea of shifting more power to member states and **reducing the power of the European Commission.**

The results show a division of opinion on whether or not a return to a Europe of more sovereign nations is desirable. It would imply that **each member state retains full autonomy to determine its own policies, encompassing both ideological and economic dimensions**. Such independence would count for both, an ideological, as well as an economical dimension.

Main divisive proposals

Leoš Pavlica, 16

The EU should be transformed into a purely economic organisation, which will not have any influence on the internal policies of the Member States.

| 38% | 13% | 48% |

Noel, 34

We should give more power to the countries and less power to the EU Commission.

| 50% | 15% | 34% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Konrad

There should be a return to a Europe of Homelands, where each country pursues its own independent policy ideologically, as well as economically.

| 42% | 12% | 45% |

Pablo, 26

It should be remembered that each EU country should be separated economically and politically from the EU. The EU has no right to interfere in the affairs of countries.

| 45% | 14% | 40% |

Klaus

We should return to the EEC. Common security and economic policy is okay, the rest belongs to the nation states.

| 41% | 15% | 42% |
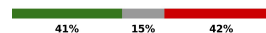
Mit

The EU must be excluded from intervening in the economic decisions of EU countries, whatever their choices. The EU is not a dictatorship.

| 50% | 11% | 39% |

Divisive idea

Strengthening the powers and competences of the EU

Citizens are divided on :

The extent of the **EU's authority over the domestic policies of its member states.**

Participants are divided over proposals **to enhance the EU's capabilities and efficiency,** which could involve **abolishing the member states' veto rights**.

Proposals on concrete cases in which the EU should intervene are also divisive. **An example is the state of the Rule of Law in Poland or Hungary.**

Main divisive proposals

Salvatore, 21

The unanimity principle should be abolished, so that individual countries can no longer prevent important projects for the entire EU.

| 48% | 18% | 32% |

Katalin

The European Parliament must be further strengthened. Its decision-making powers must be increased.

| 40% | 17% | 41% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Igor, 17

The powers of the European Parliament should be increased to counteract the situations we are currently seeing in Poland and Hungary.

| 40% | 13% | 46% |
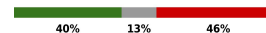
Jef Europe

We should have a European Parliament that enjoys full law-making and budgetary powers in all areas.

| 41% | 11% | 47% |
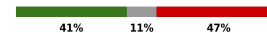
Josu, 31

It is necessary to put an end to the Unanimity Rule, a rule used by countries such as Hungary to hinder the European process with their vetoes.

| 51% | 10% | 37% |

Hristo Kisev, 16

We should not allow some nations to block proposals agreed on by the majority of Europe and its people.

| 49% | 10% | 40% |

Climate change and environment

AGENDA of HOPE

POPULAR IDEAS

- Developing more efficient and accessible rail transport
- Strengthening sustainable European industries and recycling
- Promoting innovation in European agriculture and sustainable farming
- Increasing the protection of biodiversity within the EU and beyond
- Accelerating the energy transition and the reduction of carbon emissions

DIVISIVE IDEAS

- Empowering the EU to lead the ecological transition
- Limiting air transportation

Popular idea

Developing more efficient and accessible rail transport

Citizens agree on :

Creating more sustainable and cost-effective train travel, with a focus on the role of mobility in meeting European environmental and energy objectives.

Participants put forth the development of comprehensive European railway lines as a way to improve cross-border connectivity within the EU. They highlight the critical importance of **establishing robust rail links between all EU member states,** particularly as a means to **facilitate the energy transition** and **achieve carbon neutrality goals.**

The proposals recommend **increasing subsidies for railway services** across Europe to make train travel a more cost-effective alternative to flying. They emphasize the necessity of creating and financially supporting **affordable train journeys**, including **year-round night trains.**

They also stress the idea of using railways as a more sustainable and **efficient means of good transportation**. According to participants, it would lessen the dependency on road freight.

Main popular proposals

Sarah
We should develop & fund affordable night trains & railways throughout to combine our need of mobility and lower carbon emissions

82%   18%

Hubert, 23
European railroad lines should be created so that people can travel by train throughout the European Union.

83%

Zakarias, 17
We need to subsidize train services across Europe to make it cheaper to travel by rail than by air.

78%   13%

Alexandre Pirralho, 25
Rail connections between all EU states are needed to achieve energy transition and carbon neutrality.

79%   10% 10%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Laurent
We need to harmonize and coordinate Europe's rail nework, so that peaople can travel easily by train across the continent.

91%

Jules, 21
We need to develop rail freight within and between European countries as an alternative to road freight.

87%

27

Popular idea

Strengthening sustainable European industries and recycling
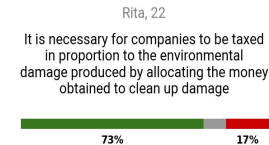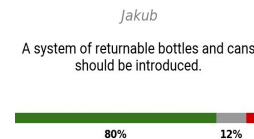
Citizens agree on :

Encouraging **more responsible corporate practices** to reduce environmental harm as well as **funding efforts** to protect and restore the environment.

Participants suggest **introducing penalties or additional taxes for companies with high pollution records** or waste production. These actions could **discourage companies from greenwashing.**

At the same time, these actions would strengthen waste management and circular economy. Citizens call to **improve recycling practices** in first place: **reducing plastic pollution**, and **promoting environmentally responsible actions**. Proposals call for simplifying recycling processes, such as the **implementation of systems for refundable bottles and cans**, and making recycling easier with **clear disposal labels**.

There is agreement on the need to standardise **waste management**, as well as **packaging rules** and improving **citizens' awareness** of environmental rules.

Main popular proposals

Ari
It is necessary to penalize those companies with a high level of pollution or waste production.

74%   11% 14%

Rita, 22
It is necessary for companies to be taxed in proportion to the environmental damage produced by allocating the money obtained to clean up damage

73%   17%

Jakub
A system of returnable bottles and cans should be introduced.

80%   12%

Laura, 21
Waste sorting rules need to be standardized across Europe to simplify recycling.

80%   11%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Rita, 22
It is necessary to tax companies in proportion to the ecological and environmental damage that may have been produced

75%   10% 13%

Sascha, 32
We should create larger fines for businesses that pollute and destroy the environment across all countries.

76%   14%

J
There should be stricter policies against waste disposal at companies, including those that process their waste outside the EU.

76%   13% 10%

Jonas, 29
We should have a unified system for every packaging in Europe, so that everything could be recyclable.

82%   10%

Popular idea

Promoting innovation in European agriculture and sustainable farming

Citizens agree on :

Promoting sustainable and environmentally-conscious agricultural practices while ensuring the livelihoods of farmers.

Proposals aim to **reform the Common Agricultural Policy**, prioritising farmers' self-sufficiency over subsidies.

They highlight the need **to support small-scale agricultural entreprises** to foster eco-friendly products and advocate for chemical-free farming methods. Additionally, they call for the implementation of **stricter controls** on the import of agricultural products that fail to comply with European phytosanitary regulations.

Main popular proposals

Arthur, 18 ans
We need to rethink the Common Agricultural Policy so that farmers can make a living from what they produce, not from subsidies.

81%   12%

Marcin
Small and medium-sized farms should be supported, making agricultural products more environmentally friendly.

79%   10%

Matthew
There is a need to produce bio pesticides and bio fertilisers and to make more use of natural elements, living organisms, in crop production and animal husbandry.

81%   11%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Emilia, 20 ans
The budget for research and implementation of environmental and agricultural innovations should be increased.

74%   13% 12%

Anne Marie
Soils need to be regenerated using innovative methods such as cover cropping, without the use of chemicals.

75%   16%

Luis
It is necessary to prohibit the entry of agricultural products that do not meet the phytosanitary requirements for European products.

81%

Popular idea

Increasing the protection of biodiversity within the EU and beyond

Citizens agree on :

Boosting European policy to protect biodiversity.

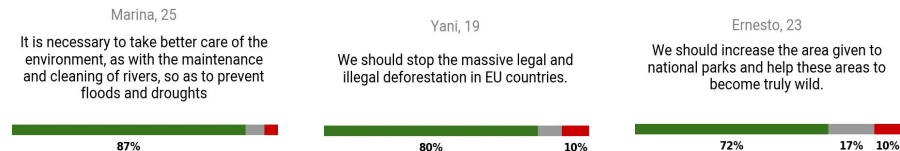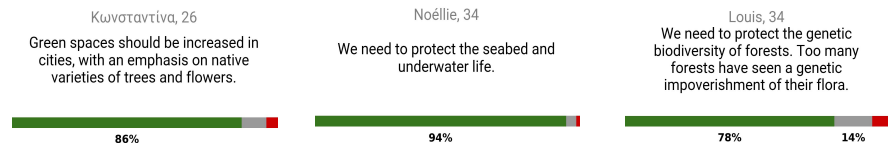Proposals suggest actions in favor of ecological richness. Key suggestions include **halting practices that lead to deforestation**, **increasing the size of national parks** with a commitment to their preservation, **managing and cleansing river systems** to avert both flooding and droughts, **enhancing green spaces in urban areas**, **protecting the genetic diversity** of plants in forested regions, and **ensuring the protection of marine ecosystems**.

Main popular proposals

Marina, 25

It is necessary to take better care of the environment, as with the maintenance and cleaning of rivers, so as to prevent floods and droughts

87%

Yani, 19

We should stop the massive legal and illegal deforestation in EU countries.

80%   10%

Ernesto, 23

We should increase the area given to national parks and help these areas to become truly wild.

72%   17%   10%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Κωνσταντίνα, 26

Green spaces should be increased in cities, with an emphasis on native varieties of trees and flowers.

86%

Noéllie, 34

We need to protect the seabed and underwater life.

94%

Louis, 34

We need to protect the genetic biodiversity of forests. Too many forests have seen a genetic impoverishment of their flora.

78%   14%

30

Popular idea

Accelerating the energy transition and the reduction of carbon emissions

Citizens agree on :

Diversifying energy sources to enhance reliability and decrease reliance on non-EU countries.

The proposals recognise the **importance of renewable energy** but consider that it cannot be the EU's only source of energy. They advocate for the development of other energies, such as **nuclear power, in order to lower greenhouse gas emissions**. The central aim is to **secure a reliable and efficient energy supply**, decreasing reliance on imports and bolstering energy security.

Main popular proposals

Martin, 29

We should not rely solely on renewable sources of energy as they're not always reliable. An alternative (e.g. nuclear energy) should exist.

66%   15%   18%

Jules, 22

Diversification of supply sources should be promoted to reduce energy dependence on external countries

85%

Ewan, 18

We should make more use of nuclear energy due to it's high efficiency and no carbon emissions.

67%   14%   18%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Gabriel, 23

It is necessary to keep nuclear power plants active until new solutions such as nuclear fusion (clean, cheap and sustainable) are found.

78%   12%

Davide, 20

It is necessary to include nuclear power as a stable, low-emission source in the energy mix of countries that use more fossil fuels.

78%   10% 11%

Claire, 34

We should have a greater emphasis on each member state generating their own electricity and not just charging a carbon tax. Future planning.

78%   10% 10%
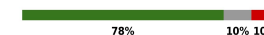
Divisive idea

Empowering the EU to lead the ecological transition
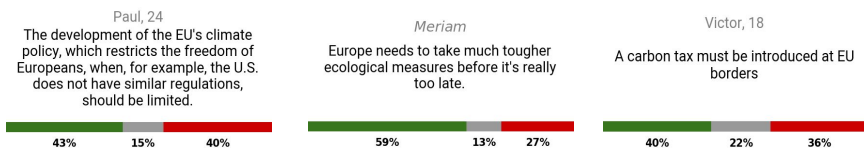
Citizens are divided on :

Implementing stronger ecological policies in the EU.

Some participants tend to oppose the EU's initiatives to step up its action on climate change. **While specific proposals concerning railways, energy, or pesticides find common ground, broader declarations are met with contention.**
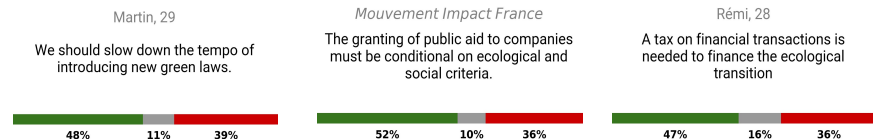
Whenever a proposal is relatively vague and references ecological measures without detailing the specific sector involved, **it becomes a subject of debate.** In these instances, the controversy arises regardless of whether the proposal is for or against such measures.

At the same time, some very specific issues, **such as the introduction of a carbon tax** to combat climate change, do not elicit consensus. It is notable that once a proposal directly links measures with individual impact, this solution sparks controversy.

Main divisive proposals

Paul, 24
The development of the EU's climate policy, which restricts the freedom of Europeans, when, for example, the U.S. does not have similar regulations, should be limited.

43%　15%　40%

Meriam
Europe needs to take much tougher ecological measures before it's really too late.

59%　13%　27%

Victor, 18
A carbon tax must be introduced at EU borders

40%　22%　36%

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Martin, 29
We should slow down the tempo of introducing new green laws.

48%　11%　39%

Mouvement Impact France
The granting of public aid to companies must be conditional on ecological and social criteria.

52%　10%　36%

Rémi, 28
A tax on financial transactions is needed to finance the ecological transition

47%　16%　36%

Divisive idea

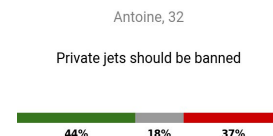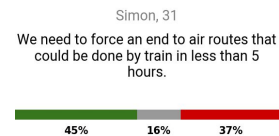# Limiting air transportation

Citizens are divided on :

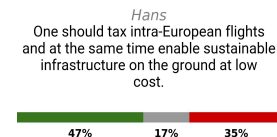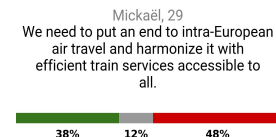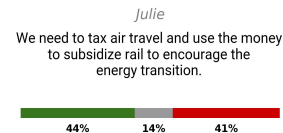Banning private jets and further taxing air travel within Europe.

Participants hold differing opinions on proposals related to air travel. Those include the idea of **prohibiting short-haul flights, limiting air travel to destinations accessible by train within a few hours** or **taxing air traffic in favor of the development of railways.**

The **advancement of rail infrastructure emerges as a widely agreed-upon point in this consultation**. However, **consensus falters when this development is explicitly linked with restrictions on air travel.**

Main divisive proposals

Simon, 31

We need to force an end to air routes that could be done by train in less than 5 hours.

| 45% | 16% | 37% |

Antoine, 32

Private jets should be banned

| 44% | 18% | 37% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Julie

We need to tax air travel and use the money to subsidize rail to encourage the energy transition.

| 44% | 14% | 41% |

Alizée, 22

We need to ban flights of less than 2 hours and create a European rail company to easily serve member countries.

| 50% | 40% |

Mickaël, 29

We need to put an end to intra-European air travel and harmonize it with efficient train services accessible to all.

| 38% | 12% | 48% |

Hans

One should tax intra-European flights and at the same time enable sustainable infrastructure on the ground at low cost.

| 47% | 17% | 35% |

Economy, social justice and employment

POPULAR IDEAS

- Promoting easier access to employment, especially for the youth
- Encouraging "Made in Europe"

DIVISIVE IDEAS

- Introducing a tax system that better corrects inequalities
- Building a more social Europe

Popular idea

Promoting easier access to employment, especially for the youth

Citizens agree on :

Increasing accessibility of job opportunities for young people and **providing simplified education and career paths.**

Participants highlight the need to **standardise training programmes in Europe**. This would ensure that individuals receive more harmonised and relevant education, preparing them with the necessary skills for future job prospects. Special attention is given to the **accessibility of trainings, as well as skills related to new technologies.**

They also propose the development of a **single online platform for young people across the EU** that would provide information about internships, scholarships, and job openings. Such a platform would make it easier for young people to find and access these opportunities.

Main popular proposals

Davide, 35

It is necessary to develop alternative and harmonized training paths at the European level to prepare the population for the jobs of the future
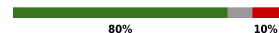
75%   **14% 10%**

Sílvia, 33

It is necessary to create a service or web page that collects internships, scholarships and job offers for young people throughout the EU.

75%   **14% 10%**

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Louis, 34

We need a Europe that is more attuned to changes in the job market and new technologies, by promoting training.

80%   **10%**

Alo

We should increase work freedoms for EU/EEA citizens. e.g. a European citizen card to be able to work in the EU without bureaucracy.

74%   **11% 13%**

Goga, 28

It is necessary to invest in training geared toward professional practice, emphasizing technologies.

75%   **16%**

Anima, 30

We should have a minimum standard for some jobs in all of Europe.

75%   **16%**

Popular idea

Encouraging "Made in Europe"

Citizens agree on :

Strengthening Europe's industrial autonomy and resilience, promoting homegrown capabilities and innovation, as well as reducing dependencies on foreign markets.
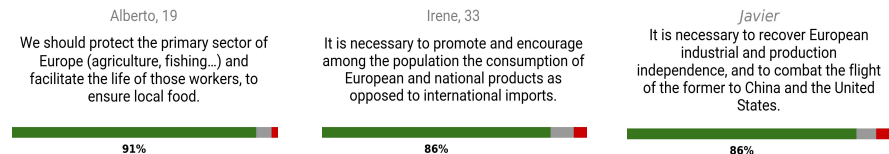
Participants recommend encouraging "Made in Europe" initiatives and prioritising European expertise, by safeguarding **Europe's primary industries**. They also argue for **the enhancement of living standards for agricultural workers.**

Popular proposals also suggest **to boost the consumption of domestic and European products**. According to participants, this could be done by **encouraging people to choose and support products from Europe** and their own country, rather than relying on imports from other markets, such as US and China.

Main popular proposals

Romain, 33

We must encourage "made in Europe" and give priority to European skills and solutions whenever possible.

80%   10%

Jan

We need to relaunch our industries and pool our resources so that we are no longer dependent on the Asian, American or Russian blocs.

85%   15%

Jan

We need to pool our strenghts and ideas to ensure our industrial independence (energy, batteries, medicines, etc.)

86%   14%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Alberto, 19

We should protect the primary sector of Europe (agriculture, fishing...) and facilitate the life of those workers, to ensure local food.

91%

Irene, 33

It is necessary to promote and encourage among the population the consumption of European and national products as opposed to international imports.

86%

Javier

It is necessary to recover European industrial and production independence, and to combat the flight of the former to China and the United States.

86%

Divisive idea

Introducing a tax system that better corrects inequalities

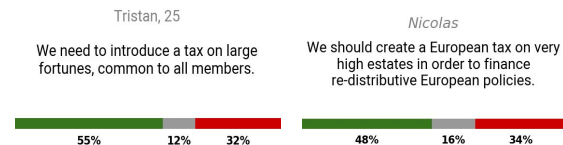## Citizens are divided on :

Introducing **new taxes at the European level**, particularly targeting wealthy individuals, substantial inheritances or large corporations.

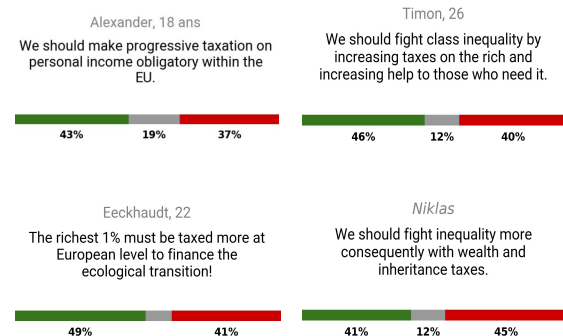**The participants brought forth a large array of solutions regarding taxation.** Each proposal on that topic sparked division. They include : taxes on large fortunes; on inheritance; progressive income tax; taxation of the richest 1%...

The different uses to which this money was put did not alter the voting dynamic. Whether it is to finance European initiatives, the ecological transition or the reduction of inequalities, the proposals are controversial.

Main divisive proposals

Tristan, 25

We need to introduce a tax on large fortunes, common to all members.

| 55% | 12% | 32% |

Nicolas

We should create a European tax on very high estates in order to finance re-distributive European policies.

| 48% | 16% | 34% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Alexander, 18 ans

We should make progressive taxation on personal income obligatory within the EU.

| 43% | 19% | 37% |

Timon, 26

We should fight class inequality by increasing taxes on the rich and increasing help to those who need it.

| 46% | 12% | 40% |

Eeckhaudt, 22

The richest 1% must be taxed more at European level to finance the ecological transition!

| 49% | | 41% |

Niklas

We should fight inequality more consequently with wealth and inheritance taxes.
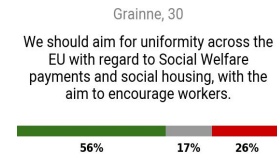
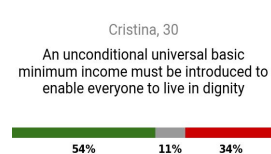| 41% | 12% | 45% |

Divisive idea

Building a more social Europe
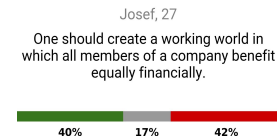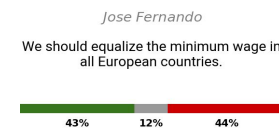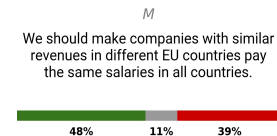
Citizens are divided on :

The idea of enhancing social policies within the EU and prioritising the well-being of its citizens over economic market goals.

Participants engage in discussions about social benefits in Europe, such as **the introduction of a Europe-wide minimum wage** and a universal basic income. Proposals also debated the idea to provide affordable housing, as well as the streamlining of pension levels across Europe.

Main divisive proposals

Cristina, 30

An unconditional universal basic minimum income must be introduced to enable everyone to live in dignity

| 54% | 11% | 34% |

Grainne, 30

We should aim for uniformity across the EU with regard to Social Welfare payments and social housing, with the aim to encourage workers.

| 56% | 17% | 26% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Moustafa, 31

Europe must no longer be based on the economic market, but on the well-being of European citizens.

| 45% | 18% | 36% |

M

We should make companies with similar revenues in different EU countries pay the same salaries in all countries.

| 48% | 11% | 39% |

Jose Fernando

We should equalize the minimum wage in all European countries.

| 43% | 12% | 44% |

Josef, 27

One should create a working world in which all members of a company benefit equally financially.

| 40% | 17% | 42% |

EU in the world

POPULAR IDEAS

- Strengthening a sovereign EU voice in diplomacy

DIVISIVE IDEAS

- Establishing a European army
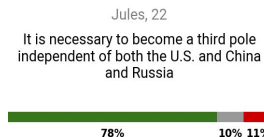- Increasing the EU's support to Ukraine

Popular idea

Strengthening a sovereign EU voice in diplomacy
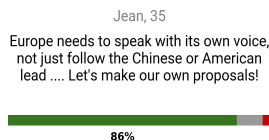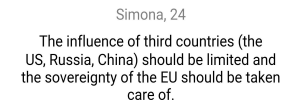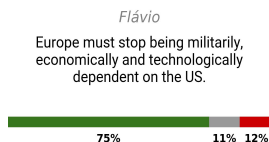
Citizens agree on :

The importance of the EU making **its own important decisions without being influenced by major global powers** like the United States, China, and Russia.

The goal for the participants is to **bolster the EU's stability and autonomy**, positioning it as a distinct force free from the sway of other nations. This strategy seeks to enhance the **EU's self-sufficiency** in navigating global affairs and safeguarding its own interests. According to participants, the EU should become an independent global actor.

Main popular proposals

Jules, 22

It is necessary to become a third pole independent of both the U.S. and China and Russia

78%   **10% 11%**

Michal, 32

The EU needs to make its own decisions about Europe, without pressure from the big powers (USA, CHINA RUSSIA). A strong and stable EU needs to be promoted.

83%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Flávio

Europe must stop being militarily, economically and technologically dependent on the US.

75%   **11% 12%**

Simona, 24

The influence of third countries (the US, Russia, China) should be limited and the sovereignty of the EU should be taken care of.

80%   **12%**

Jean, 35

Europe needs to speak with its own voice, not just follow the Chinese or American lead .... Let's make our own proposals!

86%

Gabriel, 23

It is necessary not to be dominated by the pressures of the United States, in order to make the best decisions for Europeans.

83%

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Divisive idea

Establishing a European army

Citizens are divided on :

The proposal for a **unified European army in response to geopolitical challenges,** aiming to make the EU independent from external forces.

Opinions are strongly divided on **whether or not a European army should be created** in place of national armies. Proposals on this idea highlight that it would reduce the dependence on the US for strategic military assets.

Main divisive proposals

Lukáš Valenta, 17

We should create a united European army to help us counter foreign influences from Russia, the US and the PRC.

| 54% | 14% | 31% |

Maya, 20

We should set up a common European army in the face of uncertain global politics.

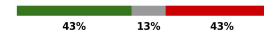| 50% | 14% | 35% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Mr.

We should start a slow but sure process to unite the EU in certain necessary areas, like having one army.

| 50% | | 41% |

Mäx, 27

One should introduce a European army and establish a common European foreign policy.
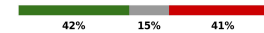
| 43% | 13% | 43% |

Nicola

It is necessary to create a European army instead of individual armies; we would reduce the purchase of military arsenal from the U.S. by self-producing

| 45% | 12% | 41% |

Davide, 35

It is necessary to form a common European army to defend ourselves against the enemies of democracy and freedom

| 42% | 15% | 41% |

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Divisive idea

Increasing the EU's support to Ukraine

Citizens are divided on :

On the EU's position toward the Russian aggression against Ukraine and the possibility of an EU membership for Ukraine.

Participants do not reach a consensus on this topic as due to the presence of conflicting viewpoints.

There is no agreement regarding the rise of military support for Ukraine, be it in terms of financial assistance or the direct provision of military equipment.

Beyond military support, the participants **also disagreed on whether or not Ukraine should join the EU after the war.**

Main divisive proposals

Damien, 26

We must stop financing the armament of Ukraine, which is helping to aggravate the risk of war between the EU and Russia.

| 39% | 17% | 42% |
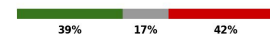
Jules, 22

It is necessary to start negotiations to facilitate Ukraine's accession to the EU as soon as the war ends

| 39% | 19% | 40% |
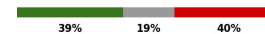
Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Felix, 18 ans

One should continue to support Ukraine in the form of weapons.

| 43% | 18% | 37% |

Sebby, 30 ans

Ukraine should to be admitted to the EU as soon as realistically possible.

| 35% | 18% | 46% |

Mitta

EU involvement in NATO (US) wars should be stopped. EU citizens' money should not be spent on wars like Ukraine.

| 46% | 12% | 42% |

Thomas, 32 ans

It is necessary to help Ukraine more strongly and decisively, as its citizens are dying for European values and for wanting to be part of the EU.

| 44% | 16% | 39% |

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Health & Education

POPULAR IDEAS

- Enhancing measures at the European level to improve and coordinate education
- Strengthening EU action on inclusive and harmonised healthcare systems

Popular idea

Enhancing measures at the European level to improve and coordinate education

Citizens agree on :

The need for educational reforms in the EU.

Proposals stress, for example, the importance of ensuring **high-quality education by increasing teachers' salaries and modernising training methods**.

Participants highlight the necessity to adjust teaching methods to the current job market. They propose to move forward by **facilitating collaboration between schools and companies**. This would provide students with more practical knowledge and experience.

Participants emphasise on the need for improved **economic literacy for children**, with a focus on everyday life decisions. Those would cover areas like responsible spending, budgeting, and understanding tax documents.

Finally, they recommend guaranteeing **free education for all EU citizens**, from early childhood to university, as well as promoting accessible and inclusive education across the EU.

Main popular proposals

Timon, 26

We should guarantee free education for every EU citizen. No matter if it is preschool or University.

76%   15%

João, 31

It is necessary to change teaching methods to meet the current realities of the labor market.

75%   16%
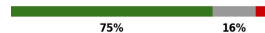
Oll, 33

A high level of education should be ensured, including by raising salaries and modernizing the way future teachers are trained.

83%

Zuzana, 20

We should teach kids more about finances: how to reasonably spend them, how to create a proper budget, and what tax documents actually look.

86%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Samuel, 22

We should support the partnerships between secondary vocational education schools and companies so that the students receive more expertise.

83%
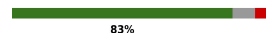
Oll, 33

Ensure access to education and proper supervision of compulsory education so that every child can complete at least elementary school

90%

Popular idea

Strengthening EU action on inclusive and harmonised healthcare systems
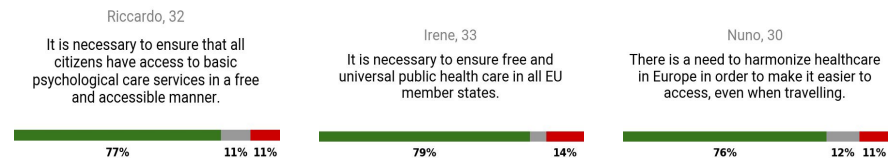
Citizens agree on :

The imperative for **comprehensive and accessible healthcare services across the EU.**

Citizens advocate for the establishment of **universal and free public healthcare across all EU member states**. They call for the harmonisation of healthcare systems to ensure accessibility, even outside their state of residence.
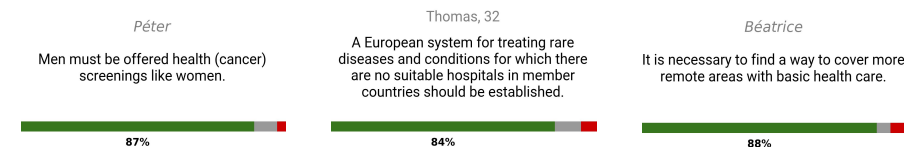
The proposals also tackle healthcare disparities, highlighting the essential need for **access to fundamental healthcare services even in the most remote or isolated regions**. Additionally, they underscore the importance of gender equality in healthcare, asserting that men and women should be offered equal opportunities for preventive care. Lastly, they recommend establishing a European-wide system to tackle and manage **rare diseases**, considering that specialised hospitals might not be available in every member state.

Participants also call for the accessibility of basic **psychological care services** for all citizens.

Main popular proposals

Riccardo, 32
It is necessary to ensure that all citizens have access to basic psychological care services in a free and accessible manner.

77% 11% 11%

Irene, 33
It is necessary to ensure free and universal public health care in all EU member states.

79% 14%

Nuno, 30
There is a need to harmonize healthcare in Europe in order to make it easier to access, even when travelling.

76% 12% 11%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Péter
Men must be offered health (cancer) screenings like women.

87%

Thomas, 32
A European system for treating rare diseases and conditions for which there are no suitable hospitals in member countries should be established.

84%

Béatrice
It is necessary to find a way to cover more remote areas with basic health care.

88%

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Human rights & migration

AGENDA of HOPE

POPULAR IDEAS

- Creating a more efficient European legal framework for immigration

DIVISIVE IDEAS

- Substantially reforming the EU's global migration policy
- Guaranteeing LGBTQIA+ and reproductive rights at EU level
- Promoting Christian and religious values

Popular idea

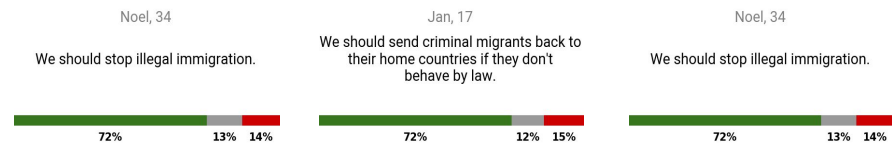# Creating a more efficient European legal framework for immigration

Citizens agree on :

Limiting the number of illegal immigrants in the EU.

They advocate for **ending unauthorised immigration**, by advocating for the establishment of more regulated and lawful pathways for migration. They also call for **law enforcement measures to safeguard the well-being of migrants**, particularly those impacted by migrant trafficking or those being victim of other illegal activities, such as mutilation or forced marriages.

The proposals also call for the repatriation of migrants who engage in criminal activities, sending them back to their home countries if they fail to comply with the EU's and member states established laws and regulations.

Main popular proposals

Noel, 34

We should stop illegal immigration.

72%   13%   14%

Jan, 17

We should send criminal migrants back to their home countries if they don't behave by law.

72%   12%   15%

Noel, 34

We should stop illegal immigration.

72%   13%   14%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Simona, 24

The efficiency of deporting illegals should be increased.

74%   12%   12%

Francisco, 18

There is a need to control illegal immigration more strictly and ensure that immigrants are well integrated into our societies.

80%   13%

Simona, 24

Refugees and immigrants who perform FGM or force marriage on underage children should be expelled from Europe.

85%

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Divisive idea

Substantially reforming the EU's global migration policy
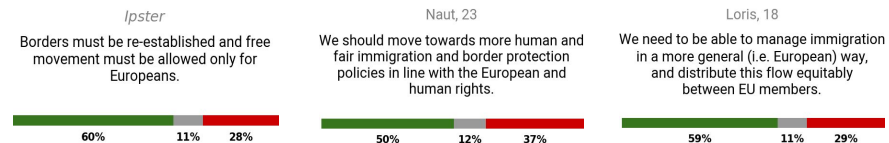
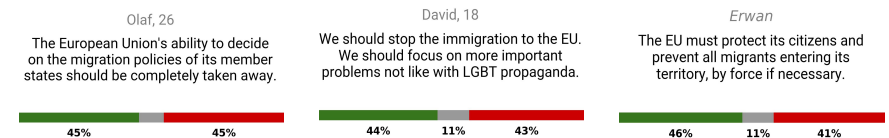## Citizens are divided on :

The EU's migration policy.

While there is consensus on the need to control illegal immigration, **the picture is more diversified when it comes to migration in general.**

Proposals related to migration in a wider context (beyond illegal migration) tend to be controversial. Supranational policies such as **reinforcing borders or creating a common registration process for immigrants** spark great division.

Main divisive proposals

Ipster
Borders must be re-established and free movement must be allowed only for Europeans.

60%   11%   28%

Naut, 23
We should move towards more human and fair immigration and border protection policies in line with the European and human rights.

50%   12%   37%

Loris, 18
We need to be able to manage immigration in a more general (i.e. European) way, and distribute this flow equitably between EU members.

59%   11%   29%

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Olaf, 26
The European Union's ability to decide on the migration policies of its member states should be completely taken away.

45%   45%

David, 18
We should stop the immigration to the EU. We should focus on more important problems not like with LGBT propaganda.

44%   11%   43%

Erwan
The EU must protect its citizens and prevent all migrants entering its territory, by force if necessary.
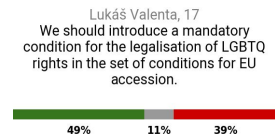
46%   11%   41%

Divisive idea

Guaranteeing LGBTQIA+ and reproductive rights at EU level
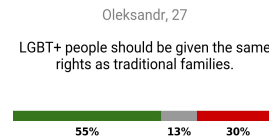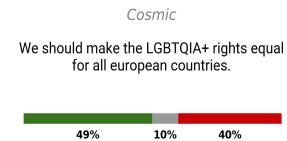
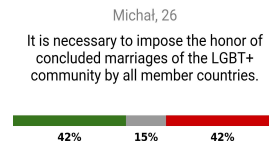## Citizens are divided on :

On the idea of establishing certain **fundamental rights at the EU level**, such as **the right to abortion** and **LGBTQIA+ rights**.

The proposals calling to ensure these rights across the EU are controversial. Among them is the idea that the harmonisation and extension of LGBTQIA+ rights should be a condition for EU membership. Participants also discuss the concept of standardizing same-sex marriage laws throughout the EU.

Main divisive proposals

Clara, 20
Certain fundamental rights should be secured at EU level, such as the right to abortion or LGBTIAQ+ rights.

58%   33%

Lukáš Valenta, 17
We should introduce a mandatory condition for the legalisation of LGBTQ rights in the set of conditions for EU accession.

49%   11%   39%

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Michał, 26
It is necessary to impose the honor of concluded marriages of the LGBT+ community by all member countries.

42%   15%   42%

Cosmic
We should make the LGBTQIA+ rights equal for all european countries.

49%   10%   40%

Oleksandr, 27
LGBT+ people should be given the same rights as traditional families.

55%   13%   30%

Jeanne, 23
We need to protect the rights of trans people across Europe, to prevent legislative offensives against their rights.

46%   14%   39%

Divisive idea

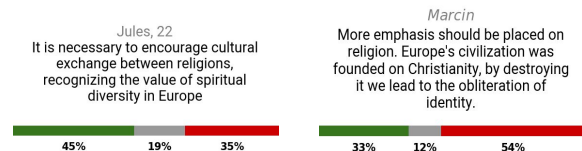# Promoting Christian and religious values

Citizens are divided on :

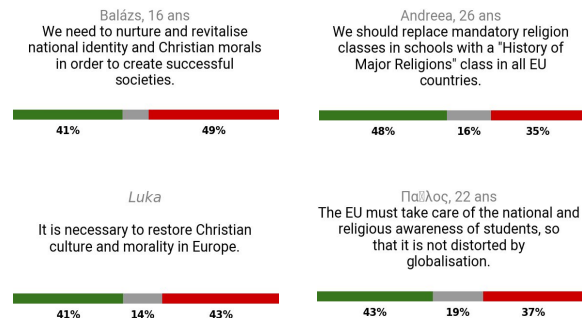The importance of **Christianity in shaping European identity.**

The participants **agree neither on the idea of preserving Christian values** in Europe **nor on the need to protect the religious** awareness of European citizens.

No consensus can be identified in light of this subject: whether it is on proposals to give Christianity precedence over other religions within the EU, or on the contrary, the idea of encouraging more religious diversity.

Main divisive proposals

Jules, 22
It is necessary to encourage cultural exchange between religions, recognizing the value of spiritual diversity in Europe

| 45% | 19% | 35% |

Marcin
More emphasis should be placed on religion. Europe's civilization was founded on Christianity, by destroying it we lead to the obliteration of identity.

| 33% | 12% | 54% |

Other divisive proposals to illustrate the idea

Balázs, 16 ans
We need to nurture and revitalise national identity and Christian morals in order to create successful societies.

| 41% | | 49% |

Andreea, 26 ans
We should replace mandatory religion classes in schools with a "History of Major Religions" class in all EU countries.

| 48% | 16% | 35% |

Luka
It is necessary to restore Christian culture and morality in Europe.

| 41% | 14% | 43% |

Παῦλος, 22 ans
The EU must take care of the national and religious awareness of students, so that it is not distorted by globalisation.

| 43% | 19% | 37% |

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Research & Innovation

POPULAR IDEAS

- Supporting research, innovation and technology in Europe

Popular idea

Supporting research, innovation and technology in Europe

Citizens agree on :

The need to **prioritise research and innovation in Europe to remain competitive** on the global stage and **effectively tackle future challenges.**
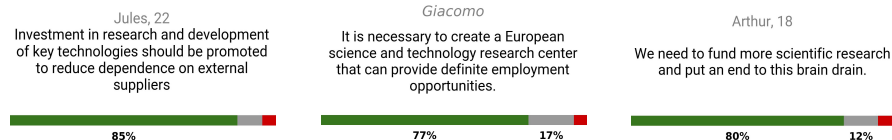
Participants emphasise the need for **a fundamental shift toward enhancing innovation**, reinforcing self-sufficiency in key industries, and driving forward technological progress. These proposed actions are believed to be key in **reducing Europe's reliance on imports.**

They also propose the establishment of **a European research center,** dedicated to scientific and technological innovation, with the goal of creating new job opportunities in these sectors.

Main popular proposals

Ivan, 30

We should subsidies high-tech industry in the EU to reduce reliance on imports.

76%   14%

Louis, 34

We need to build a Europe of research and innovation to face up to foreign competition and meet the challenges of tomorrow.

87%

L

We should massively produce electronic components, including chips, in the EU, to stop depending too much on other countries.

78%   13%

Other popular proposals to illustrate the idea

Jules, 22

Investment in research and development of key technologies should be promoted to reduce dependence on external suppliers

85%

Giacomo

It is necessary to create a European science and technology research center that can provide definite employment opportunities.

77%   17%

Arthur, 18

We need to fund more scientific research and put an end to this brain drain.

80%   12%

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