



Youth engagement at the EESC



Youth Climate
and Sustainability
Round Tables



EESC
Youth
Group

Your Europe,
Your Say!



EU
Youth
Test



Youth
Delegate
to COP



Much more to come...

**THANK
YOUth**



Thank
YOUth!



EESC YOUTH GROUP

In July 2023, the EESC established a **Youth Group** with the following mandate:

- I. Develop a methodology for the implementation of the **EU Youth Test** within the EESC;
- II. Develop a proposal for a **permanent body** within the EESC;
- III. Coordinate the EESC's **youth related initiatives**;
- IV. Strengthen the cooperation** with the other EU institutions and external organisations.





- The **Youth Group** has, and will continue to:
 - I. Be a part of several major **youth events**: Belgian Presidency's European Youth Conference, DG Employment's Champions of Excellence, the Commission's European Youth Week and the European Youth Forum's LevelUP!, and partnership events with youth organizations
 - II. Implementing the **EU Youth Test** at the EESC
 - III. Meet with the other EU institutions to advocate for structural and meaningful **youth participation across the EU**



The EU Youth Test at the EESC – APPLY NOW!

The Youth Test is a tool designed to strengthen youth participation and youth mainstreaming in policy-making.

At the EESC, it means that youth representatives can participate in the preparation of the EESC policy recommendations:

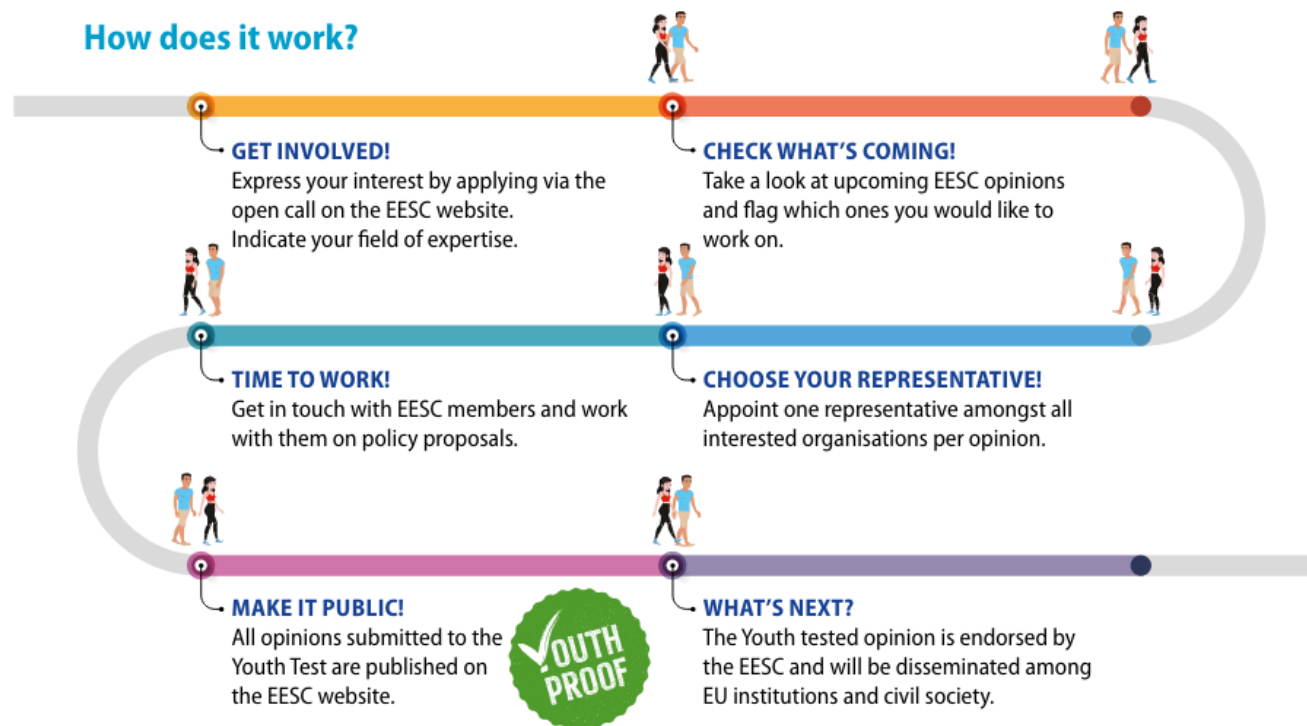
- ✓ Participate in meetings and hearings
- ✓ Provide written contributions
- ✓ Follow the uptake of the opinion





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How does it work?





Discover more on youth engagement at the EESC!



www.eesc.europa.eu/en/initiatives/youth-engagement-eesc



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OUR
FUTURE!



Youth Climate and Sustainability Round Tables

#EUYouthRoundTables



EU YOUTH ROUND TABLES

Each time a group of around **ten youth representatives** meets with a **Commissioner** to discuss a specific topic related to climate and sustainability



Website: europa.eu/!Y4pbw9

They take place twice a year and are hosted by the **EESC** in cooperation with **YFJ** and **GCE**



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EESC Youth Dele



The EESC calls for more ambitious climate action





EESC YOUTH DELEGATE TO COP

The youth delegate has a mandate of **two years** and at the end of each mandate a transparent and open **selection process** is carried out to designate the new delegate



Website: europa.eu/!GcBtxR

The youth delegate is a full member of the EESC delegation **before, during & after** the missions to COP

YOUR EUROPE, YOUR SAY! (YEYS!)



 **Civil Society Week**
European Economic and Social Committee
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#YEYS2024
YOUR EUROPE
YOUR SAY!

6 March 2024

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YOUTH
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DIALOGUES

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YOUR EUROPE
YOUR SAY!

23-24 March 2023
www.eesc.europa.eu/YEYS23

 **European Economic and Social Committee**



YOUR EUROPE, YOUR SAY! (YEYS!)

- **Your Europe, Your Say! (YEYS)** is the annual youth event of the EESC
- Taking place in the run up to the European elections, it brought together 18-25-year-olds from all Member states and the candidate countries to discuss their (youth) priorities for the next legislative term.
- The participants prioritised these 5 recommendations:
 1. Create a youth quota for the elections of the European Parliament;
 2. Approve the directive for due diligence to make Human Rights and environmental considerations mandatory in supply chains and in companies for transparency;
 3. Develop a legal framework for social media to mitigate polarisation and disinformation;
 4. Develop a standardised common strategy on sexual and reproductive rights; and
 5. Special taxation guidelines for goods and services harmful to climate e.g. Luxury goods and use money to fund climate-friendly measures.