

# EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027: Interim Evaluation

The EU Youth Strategy (EUY) 2019-2027 is the framework for EU cooperation in the youth field. It is based on:



- ✓ **ENGAGE:** contributing to democratic life
- ✓ **CONNECT:** participating in exchanges and joint projects
- ✓ **EMPOWER:** playing an active part in society

The European Commission has evaluated the impact of the strategy for the period 2019-2023. An external study supported the evaluation, including through consultations with stakeholders, young people and the public.

The implementation of the strategy is boosted through instruments such as the EU Youth Dialogue, EU programmes such as Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps and the European Youth Portal.

The strategy benefited from intensified cooperation during the European Year of Youth 2022.

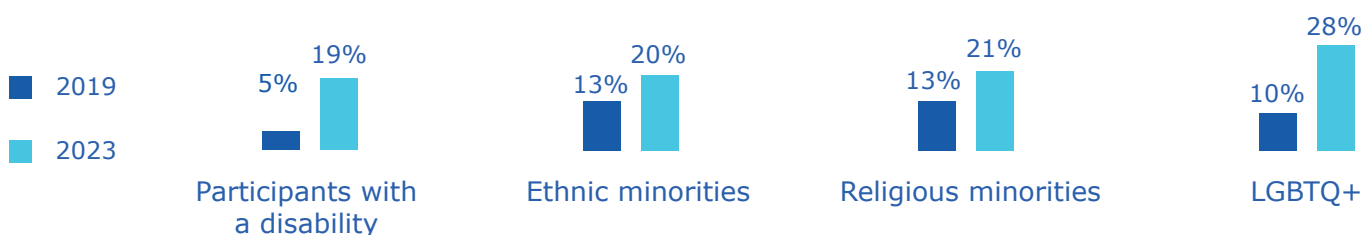
## MAIN FINDINGS

### EFFECTIVENESS & EFFICIENCY

The EU Youth Strategy has:

- strengthened the focus on youth in policymaking and programmes at the EU-level.
- provided support for youth organisations.
- encouraged participation in the EU Youth Dialogue and the EU programmes.
- promoted active citizenship, social inclusion and solidarity.
- remained cost-effective – its benefits outweigh the costs.

The **EU Youth dialogue**, which is the largest EU instrument for involving young people in policymaking, became more inclusive during the evaluation period:



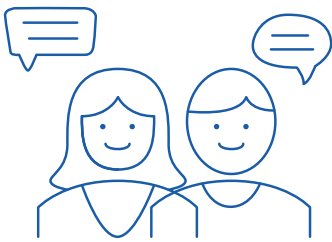
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For **youth work** the European Youth Work Agenda and the EU-Council of Europe Partnership play a key role, combined with Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps.

Civil society organisations stated that the Strategy:

Helped improve the quality and recognition of youth work.

## COHERENCE AND RELEVANCE



The strategy is relevant to challenges faced by many young people such as the cost of living, inclusion, mental health and wellbeing, unemployment, the environment and climate change, digitalisation and participation in policymaking.

The strategy is also relevant for priority areas such as EU values, democracy and international cooperation as well as the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The evaluation also found that the strategy contributes to these policy objectives.

## EU ADDED VALUE



The strategy has helped Member States:

- exchange knowledge and good practices
- develop national and international policies
- tackle youth challenges at the EU and national level

## KEY CONCLUSIONS: WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER



Continue to strengthen the inclusion of the EU Youth Dialogue and strengthen the follow-up at all levels.



Strengthen the online and offline communication to showcase progress.



Accelerate youth mainstreaming and strengthen the youth perspective on policy initiatives with the EU Youth Coordinator as frontrunner.



Simplify Member States' reporting.



Set up a permanent Stakeholder Platform.



Develop key indicators to better measure the long term impact.