



THE EUROPEAN  
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WE CAN MAKE  
A CHANGE

# Programme

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## Together we can make a change

**Do you want to be part of that change together with 7000 young people from all over Europe? Then why not register - in the twinkling of an eye - for the European Youth Event and make your voice count!**

The **EYE2016** will offer an exciting mix of hundreds of **new and engaging activities** – from ideas checks, debates and hearings to workshops, ideas labs and digital games. The EYE has something for every taste and interest.

**What's more:** the European Youth Forum, the main partner of the event, will bring its political youth festival **"YO!Fest"** to the EYE, unleashing young people's creativity by combining politics, culture, education and fun in a multicultural festival atmosphere. Co-created for young people by young people, the YO!Fest will include:

- Political debates, interactive exchanges and workshops;
- Live music, theatre, dance and circus performances;
- Games and educational activities.

The EYE will not end as the sun sets each evening. **Live music and artistic performances** will animate the village with a relaxing, informal vibe. Together young people from Strasbourg and around Europe will celebrate the occasion of the EYE, having the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas.

This draft programme is a work in progress, just a taster of what's to come. It will unfold over the coming months as we add inspiring speakers, innovative formats and more activities and workshops organised by EYE partners and youth groups.

### Next steps

**1. Registration for participating groups** opened on October 7, 2015. Registration is open to groups of at least 10 young people aged 16 - 30 so now is the time to form your group and take your chance to participate.

**2. Activity registration for individual participants** will open in March 2016. Each EYE participant will be able to book the activities they would like to attend. By that time the full programme of activities - indoor and outdoor around the European Parliament - will be finalised and you'll be spoilt for choice.



## Activity formats

The EYE will offer a large variety of activities in all kinds of formats during the 2 days from 20 to 21 May 2016. Here is a quick look at the main formats of the programme.

- Debate:* Address an issue in a polarised way and challenge the participants with clear pros and cons. Moderated.
- Digital Games:* Different digital games related to the EYE themes ready to be tried out and played by participants. Some will be followed by discussions with the game developer. Sessions need to be pre-booked.
- Discussion:* Deal with complex subjects and shed light on many viewpoints and angles rather than just two opposing positions regarding a topic. Moderated.
- Hearing:* Experts or young stakeholders affected by the subject of the activity present their cases or arguments from different angles (3-5 min), and then discuss with participants. Moderated.
- Ideas check:* In this new quick-fire format, devised especially for the EYE event, young people will bounce their ideas and proposals off political leaders, who will have two minutes to respond. Moderated.
- Ideas Lab:* What could or should be changed in our today's world? Young Europeans decide both on the agenda for discussion and their concrete proposals for change, before (online) and during the EYE (first in several small working groups and then in the big assembly).
- Question time:* Top-level speakers take and answer participants' questions on their positions, actions and ideas. Moderated.
- Talk:* In a more informal ambience, here the focus lies more on personal stories, views, experiences and ideas than on official policies and statements. Moderated.
- Workshops:* Interactive, more hands-on or specialised activities in smaller groups.

## Programme Overview

### Friday, 20 May 2016

- 10:00 - 10:30 **Opening Ceremony** of EYE 2016
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Opening Plenary Session** in the hemicycle of the European Parliament
- 11:00 - 18:30 **Debates, talks, hearings, idea labs, and workshops** organised by the European Parliament in cooperation with EYE partners and youth groups
- 11:00 - 18:30 **Yo!Village:** political debates, interactive exchanges and workshops, live music and artistic performances, games and educational activities, organised by the European Youth Forum
- 20:00 - 22:00 **EYE in the city welcome event** organised by the City of Strasbourg and the European Youth Forum

### Saturday, 21 May 2016

- 10:00 - 18:00 **Debates, talks, hearings, idea labs, and workshops** organised by the European Parliament in cooperation with EYE partners and youth groups
- 10:00 - 21:00 **Yo!Village:** political debates, interactive exchanges and workshops, live music and artistic performances, games and educational activities, organised by the European Youth Forum
- 18:00 - 19:30 **Closing Plenary Session** in the hemicycle of the European Parliament
- 21:00 - 03:00 **Afterparty with live music** organised by the European Youth Forum

# I. War and Peace: Perspectives for a *peaceful* planet

*"Mama, life had just begun. But now I've gone  
and thrown it all away".*

Freddy Mercury (Bohemian Rhapsody)

## 1. Migration: Across the Universe

Millions of refugees and migrants come to Europe in search of a safe haven and a better life. Keep them out or take them in? What should the spirit and the major components of a new European migration and asylum policy be? Legal aliens or new citizens: how can host societies improve the integration of new citizens? How is migration changing Europe?

*Idea check*

## 2. Europe – a global player for peace?

Are we Europeans stuck in our own problems or should we assume a greater responsibility worldwide? How can the European Union speak with one voice, take common action and reach out to people in need?

*Question time*

## 3. Holy books, horrific bloodshed?

Messages of love and hate in the name of God: What is the role of religion in our open society? Can it ever justify violence or does it contribute to tolerance and respect for human rights? How can young people help to build understanding and a sense of community between people of different faiths and origins?

*Debate*

## 4. Cyberattacks: Visible danger, invisible enemy

Cyber-attacks are a new and growing danger to states, companies and citizens. How can Europe fight cyber criminals and terrorists? Can democratic control keep pace with technological innovation?

*Discussion*

## 5. Destination "Holy war" – roundtrip

An alarming number of young Europeans – boys and girls – are leaving their families, having been lured by messages glorifying jihad and the creation of a new Islamic state. What can be done to break this fatal attraction? Why is the Internet a focal point for recruitment? How can we prevent Europeans from joining extremists abroad and from returning eager to stage attacks back home? How can we give young people of different origins a sense of belonging, perspective and value as citizens of Europe?

*Hearing*

## 6. Relations EU-Russia: Breaking bad...

...or keeping the door open for peace? Living next door to Russia and Ukraine: what does it take for EU countries to be good neighbours in bad times? What is the situation and perspective of young people caught up in this conflict? The EU between tough response and soft power.

*Discussion*

## 7. Human rights: Heroes of our time

Courage in Congo: Denis Mukwege, a doctor from the Democratic Republic of Congo, has treated thousands of women and risked his life to end the use of mass rape as a weapon of war. Dr Mukwege, winner of the Sakharov Prize 2014, tells his story (to be confirmed).

*Talk*

## 8. Kidnap and ransom

Kidnapping is a brutal way of fundraising for criminals and terrorists. Victims include growing numbers of women and children. Should European states negotiate with kidnapers? Should governments refuse to pay ransom?

*Debate*

## 9. We are not afraid!

Kalashnikovs vs democracy: What is Europe's answer to terrorist attacks and organised crime? How do we shape democratic life in the space between courage and caution, freedom and security in Europe?

Examples:

- Free movement across the continent or a return to border controls and security checks?
- More surveillance to tackle terror or strict respect of private communication?
- New ways of protecting the lives and human rights of people inside and outside of Europe?

*Ideas lab*

## 10. "This war of mine"

This digital war game is not about the shooters: it's about the victims. The players slip into the role of civilians and experience the horrors of being a victim surrounded by violent conflict.

*Digital game and discussion*

## II. Apathy or participation: Agenda for a *vibrant* democracy

### Partner activities and workshops (first selection)

#### 11. Minority report: a network of solidarity

What are the core elements of integrating minorities in Europe? This workshop is being organized by Roma, Armenian, Jewish and minority youth activists and youth organisations that have started to build a network of solidarity in the past year. The workshop will hold a debate about the position, challenges, interests and potential of minorities in Europe to strengthen peace, solidarity and equality.

*Workshop*

organised by European Union of Jewish Students

#### 12. A journey to tolerance: words don't come easy

This workshop takes you on a journey using body language to explore cultural diversity. It aims to break down gender, cultural and social stereotypes through self-reflection, dialogue, theatre and performance. During this journey, you will learn active tolerance skills needed to live in a multicultural society with conflicts between communities.

*Creative workshop*

organised by Rooftop Theatre Group

#### 13. Peace: we don't want to fight no more

Come with ideas, leave with concrete actions! It's time to believe in Youth's potential and start coordinating our powers, for a sustainable and peaceful Europe. In this workshop, we will share our experiences of the Franco-German Reconciliation and the ongoing Balkan Dialogue, made possible by youth exchanges and initiatives. Get inspired and let's promote creative and powerful action together.

*Workshop*

organised by Young Thinkers#

#### 14. RealTime World War One: an online time travel

Peace is the biggest achievement of European integration. The founding of the EU was preceded by two world wars, whose size and impact our generation can (luckily!) hardly grasp. We want to show through our Twitter project @RealTimeWW1, how social media can help getting an idea for the omnipresent misery in times of war - and at the same time for what peace is worth.

*Workshop*

organised by International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and Charlemagne Youth Prize winner 2015

*"So I sat quietly, agreed politely.  
I guess that I forgot I had a choice."*

Katy Perry (Roar)

#### 1. Future of Europe: Remember we have a choice!

I used to bite my tongue and hold my breath ... now you hear my voice. Ready to push for democratic change? Which innovations for participation and active citizenship can change Europe for the better? Young people press "play" on democracy-boosting ideas.

*Idea check*

#### 2. Digital citizens: Connecting people to power

How can online participation change laws in Europe? Is politics changing, are we seeing grassroots movements taking over? How can civil society organisations, citizens' initiatives and petitions be linked to the Members of the European Parliament? Are new forms of direct democracy using online referenda the way forward? Can online voting boost voter turnout among young people? Social media – a platform for free speech or a tool for spying?

*Discussion*

#### 3. Fun in the pool or riding the wave?

The European Union is a model in which countries pool power and connect people. Should we dive deeper into this pool striving for an ever closer union? Or rather should we ride the nationalist wave, standing up for the interests of our own country? Is a closer union costing European citizens money, or can the pooling of resources save money for citizens? European integration – running out of puff or ready for the 'next big thing'?

*Debate*

#### 4. 'You say good-bye... and I say hello'

Out or in. cut or connect. Breaking up – or better together? Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union? Britain's EU membership ahead of a referendum.

*Debate*

**Partner activities and workshops (first selection)**

## 5. Social gap: The winner takes it all

A widening gap between the richest and the poorest people – a threat to democracy? One citizen, one vote – or can money and economic power influence political decisions? Parliaments and governments standing between the voice of citizens and the whisper of interest groups.

*Discussion*

## 6. Don't shoot...

...I'm only the comedian.

*Political comedy*

## 7. Golden eye: Who rules tomorrow's Europe?

Democracy in times of big data mining. Is democratic control evaporating into the cloud? What data should be made available to governmental authorities and what should be kept private? Will internet giants and secret services take control of personal data and the life of citizens? Or will the European Parliament have the power to take decisions as guardian of the digital galaxy?

*Talk*

## 8. Democracy ranking: Learning from the top countries

What are the ingredients of a truly open and democratic society? Where are Member States and candidate countries placed on the global index? What can we learn from each other?

*Presentation and brainstorming*

## 9. Human rights: The online pursuit of life, love and happiness

A charter of human rights for the internet age.

*Ideas lab*

## 10. The power of ideas: Games for change

Discover the fun and positive power of digital games with social impact. Meet the next generation of social change makers.

*Digital game and discussion*

## 11. EU Aid Volunteers: We care, we act

Want to get involved and help affected communities in countries all over the world to improve their risk management capabilities and resilience to disasters? Join the new "EU Aid Volunteers" initiative. Support those in need and contribute to humanitarian work.

*Presentation and Discussion*

organised by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

## 12. How to engage young people in combating hate speech

The workshop has the following objectives:

- To present the youth campaign and how young people are acting in the front line for human rights online;
- To introduce and discuss the realities of hate speech online and how they impact directly and indirectly on the human rights and dignity of young people (e.g. cyberbullying);
- To associate the participants with the campaign at national and European levels.

*Workshop*

organised by the Council of Europe

## 13. Youth up!

Debating ideas to improve and increase youth participation in decision-making. Put your ideas for 'youthing-up' politics to your MEP representatives!

*Series of workshops and debate*

organised by the European Youth Forum

## 14. How youth-friendly is politics?

Meet MEPs and decision-makers in an informal atmosphere and start the discussion: How can politics become more youth-friendly?

*Meet and greet*

organised by the European Youth Forum

## 15. The European Union: As good as it gets?

Discovering the EU, how it functions and debating ideas to make the EU work for young people.

*Workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

## III. Exclusion or access: Crackdown on *youth* unemployment

*"People try to put us down.  
Talkin' about my generation."*

The Who (My generation)

### 16. Tweet-up

Exploring the impact and potential of social media with young activists and politicians. Discover how you can have an impact with social media!

*Skills workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

### 17. Know your rights!

Raising awareness of youth rights and empowering young people to protect them through practical games.

*Games*

organised by the European Youth Forum

### 18. Stand up, speak up

Discovering how to reach decision-makers and make your voice heard. Share your tips for campaigning and lobbying success stories!

*Workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

### 19. Europe for the "happy few"...

...or social inclusion for all? Debating the strategy towards a truly inclusive Europe and examining how young people are valued and included in policy-making.

*Workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

### 20. What's your story?

Reflecting on the value and impact of youth work through digital storytelling.

*Workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

### 21. Youth work speed-dating

Discovering the world of youth work and its impact in Europe.

*Workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

#### 1. Youth unemployment: Down to zero?

Young people in Europe are eager to move on, to work and participate, but over 5 million of them are stuck and shut out. How can we reduce youth unemployment to close to zero within 10 years? Will Europe take decisive action for a final crackdown?

*Idea check*

#### 2. Fresh money: What would you do with 300 billion euros?

Europe's investment package – what's in it for the young generation? The most promising projects for opportunities, education, and jobs. How would you invest the money? Explore, select and discuss!

*Discussion*

#### 3. Skills gap: Bridge over troubled water

Despite what you might hear, high marks aren't everything. What you can do is what counts. But how can you show what you know and can do? What do employers want? And how can your skills match what they need? Do schools prepare you for the world of work? And how can your skills and qualifications count?

*Hearing*

organised in cooperation with the European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

#### 4. Don't wait for a dream job-create it

How about becoming your own boss and flying to...wherever you want? How can you get your business off the ground? How can you go from a business idea to an income...and make a living? Empower yourself – share your dreams and your doubts, with successful entrepreneurs and high-level experts.

*Discussion*

organised in cooperation with the European Commission – Directorate-General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

## 5. Erasmus+: Ready for the time of your life?

Join Erasmus+, the intercultural experience of your life – plus language skills and employment opportunities! How could even more young people benefit from this programme? More fun or more focus on professional skills?

*Presentation and networking session*

organised in cooperation with the European Commission – Directorate-General for Education and Culture

## 6. Young connectors: Stairway to the cloud

A new generation of internet pioneers are building bridges to the future...

...connecting scientists across borders

...connecting jobseekers to companies

...connecting business with social impact

...connecting students to on-line universities

Young entrepreneurs and innovators tell their stories. Meet and discuss.

*Talk and networking session*

## 7. Research matters: New jobs on the horizon

A chain of success: education–research–innovation. Scientists and Nobel Prize winners in discussion with young people.

*Talk*

organised in cooperation with the Institut d'Études Politiques de Strasbourg

## 8. Young and jobless: None of my business?

How can business managers work hand in hand with policy makers to offer more high-quality internships, vocational training and jobs? The "Alliance for YOUth" and Members of the European Parliament discuss opportunities with young people.

*Discussion*

## 9. Young migrants: New kids on the block

Standing in the corner, the first day they arrive. How can we support the social, economic and cultural inclusion of young migrants? What can we do in our cities, at schools, the workplace and in sports? Discrimination: what are you going to do about it?

*Ideas lab*

## 10. Papers, please!

The digital game of 'PAPERS, PLEASE' offers players the role of an immigration inspector and a border checkpoint: a nerve-wracking game that may change your attitude towards immigrants.

*Digital game and discussion*

## Partner activities and workshops (first selection)

### 11. Young Patients: Ready, brilliant and able to work!

Young people with chronic conditions face obstacles and stigma in the job market. With appropriate support, they, like all enthusiastic young people, can be assets for employers. The workshop aims to challenge expectations, change attitudes and open a dialogue between experts to explore concrete solutions and develop practical actions for young people and their allies.

*Workshop*

organised by European Young Patients

### 12. EU "youth guarantee": Success story? Really?

Apparently all young people under 25 looking for a first job will get a tailor-made offer of employment, apprenticeship, traineeship or continued education... really? What new policies have been put in place by Member States, which projects have been launched and what is the result? A critical review and a reality check!

*Workshop*

organised by the European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

### 13. Apprenticeships – a first step towards a good job and career?

Is university the only way to a good job with a good salary? Or can apprenticeships, which combine school education with training in a company, be a better route for many? Why is it that Europe needs more apprentices?

*Workshop*

organised by the European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

### 14. Young entrepreneurs: a «six-pack» to start

#### a. Start up: I can fly

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Programme is a runway for setting up your first business. Find out how to participate and gain skills, find an experienced business partner to run your project with, build your Europe wide network of contacts... Meet new and experienced entrepreneurs, start your start-up right here, right now!

#### b. You have a great business idea? Come and sell it

Contest for business ideas. Pitch your project idea to a panel of experts. Get valuable feedback. Win a prize. Think about doing the REAL THING for your future business, get expert support – or just come to listen and learn from the others! 10 finalists will be selected to pitch their idea live to the panel of business experts, coaches and investors. If you want to be one of them, register and you will be contacted about submitting the pitch for your business idea in due time.



## IV. Stagnation or innovation: Tomorrow's world of *work*

### c. A Youth Business Plan for Europe

What can we do together to turn the best business ideas into the best businesses in Europe? What do you need to do to become a successful entrepreneur? How can Europe help you? Or maybe you can help Europe as well? Join this interactive World Café-style workshop. We will put similar small groups together, in which we will discuss the challenges involved in making a business plan for Europe.

### d. I changed my life. I am now an entrepreneur

Real life discussion with people who changed their career path into entrepreneurship. Why and how did they do it? What does it really mean to be an entrepreneur day to day? Would they do it again? Everything you always wanted to ask when choosing your career.

### e. I have a business idea. Do I have the skills?

Are you more of a business leader, a social entrepreneur, a freelancer or maybe an intrapreneur? Can you learn to be creative or think strategically? Can you learn to be flexible but deliver according to plan? Try entrepreneurial education – it gives both theory and practice, soft and hard-core skills and a lot more - to help you become a successful entrepreneur.

### f. I have a good idea. Give me the money

The three F's. Three sources of money for your business. Family, Friends and Fools. Or maybe there are some other options... Crash course on crowdfunding, fooling each other with a venture capitalist or being watched over by a business angel? And, by the way, there is money available from the EU too.

*Series of workshops*

organised by the European Commission's DG Grow

### 15. Erasmus+: New opportunities for volunteering

Since 1996, transnational volunteering has been supported by the EU through the European Voluntary Service. Many young people have volunteered in the past but there will be even more opportunities for EVS under the Erasmus+ programme. Join us for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and learn more about what, why and how to get on board!

*Workshop*

organised by the European Commission – Directorate-General for Education and Culture

*"Have you ever wished your life would change?  
Woke up and you lived your dreams."*

Iggy Azalea (Change your life)

### 1. Digital revolution: A fountain of jobs and innovation?

How can Europe create attractive jobs in a connected economy and society? How to...

...boost public and private investments to foster digital champions in Europe?

...empower young people to take advantage of job opportunities in a changing labour market?

...set high standards for consumer and data protection in a European digital market?

...profit from digital progress for a green economy?

Proposals and projects for Europe's digital future

*Idea check*

### 2. Jobs and growth: Mix it right, shake it up!

A stimulating "job booster" cocktail for Europe: what are the best ingredients? Fiscal discipline or new investments – enforced austerity or higher social standards – free competition or state protection: try to find the smoothest blend!

*Question time*

### 3. USA - Europe: Big deal or no deal

What does the biggest free trade deal in the world (TTIP) mean for employment and quality of life in Europe? Will this transatlantic marriage of elephants work to the benefit of both?

*Debate*

### 4. Sharing economy: They come in like a wrecking ball

Creative disruptors in action: they shake up and destroy established business models. They create platforms and apps to connect freelancers to consumers everywhere: taxi, cars, vacation, food, music, etc. What should European lawmakers do to regulate this new economy: encourage innovation or protect workers and consumers?

*Talk*

## 5. Social challenge! Can Europe do better than Silicon Valley?

Silicon Valley – the place for start-ups, creative disruptors, internet champions... and all the talk of opportunities. A society of winners and losers, right? What can we learn from Silicon Valley – and what can we do better in Europe? Why is there no European Google or Facebook? What is our European vision of society and lifestyle in the digital age?

*Discussion*

## 6. Science or fiction: Will robots rise to power?

Will robots and super-intelligent computers threaten or save the future of humanity? Will ever smarter computers take away many of our jobs – and even our thinking? Or will they always remain under human control? A ride to the future between fascination for science and respect for human values.

*Talk*

## 7. Patents, pirates and fair play

How do we want to play the game of innovation in the Internet era?

- “Candy crush” for consumers, featuring free and open access to knowledge, music and research for all?
- “Monopoly” for innovators, including exclusive use of European patents, penalties for copycats, copyright fees and rewards for creators, writers and musicians?
- What should the rules of fair play be in a digital society?

*Hearing*

## 8. Tax evasion: Stairway to heaven

Multinational companies shift profits around using hidden stairways to a tax free heaven. Legal practice or mockery of solidarity? How can the European Union fight tax evasion, tax fraud and reduce speculation?

*Question time*

## 9. Smart workplace: The relativity of space and time

Employment in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – how is the job market changing in the digital era? A new flexibility regarding how, where and when you work in a digital universe. A different workplace and working culture: better for the boss or for the employee? Easier or more stressful life for parents with small children?

*Ideas Lab*

## 10. Data dealer: Grabbing people’s private data

This sharp, clever game is all about personal data and privacy and is the most amusing way to learn the depressing news about your vanishing privacy. Play the part of a data dealer and see what it’s like to grab and monetise people’s private data. Are you able to protect your own data or do you expect regulation from the European Parliament?

*Digital game and discussion*

### Partner activities and workshops (first selection)

## 11. Into the dragon’s den

Exploring youth entrepreneurship and its place in Europe’s future. Does your idea have what it takes to make Europe a better place?

*Workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

## 12. Young cooperators, business beyond profit

This workshop will investigate what is the added value of cooperatives and how they can contribute in shaping a more sustainable economy.

*Workshop*

organised by Cooperatives Europe network of Young Cooperators

## V. Collapse or success: New ways for a *sustainable* europe

*“One life, but we’re not the same.  
We get to carry each other, carry each other.”*

U2 (One)

### 1. Climate: High priority for low carbon

Will Europeans take disruptive and decisive action to stop a future climate collapse? Will a turn to a low-carbon economy derail or boost sustainable growth? Will it cost or create jobs? How will new technologies change the future energy landscape? How can Europeans continue to provide the natural resources and ecosystem services for the needs of future generations of life on the planet?

*Idea check*

### 2. Hunger games

Hunger, disease and extreme poverty in the world are not inevitable – the rules of the game are unfair. How can we empower people living in poverty to create their own sustainable solutions? Can we bring hunger down to zero within a generation? Initiatives for better access to decent food, clean water and basic healthcare for all.

*Hearing*

### 3. Survival: Can you manage to live on less than €2 a day?

Experience the life of people struggling with poverty every day.

*Simulation and discussion*

### 4. Splash – protect our oceans!

Oceans are the largest ecosystems on Earth. Our survival depends on clean and healthy oceans. How can we manage to protect them – and the animals living in them – for all of us and future generations?

*Debate*

### 5. Fair trade: Shopping with a little added love?

The consumer has the power or so it is said: are you ready to pay a fair price in order to bail out workers and small farmers from extreme poverty? Are you ready to stop unfair labour practices and human-rights abuses at the opposite end of the supply chain? Examples from local initiatives and non-profit organisations.

*Talk and discussion*

### 6. Animals and us: Time for a new relationship?

We agree: animals have rights. We disagree: what rights? Happy cows: should the EU stop factory farming and put animals back on extensive land-based farms? Happy taxpayers: no EU subsidies without high and ambitious standards for animal welfare? Happy monkeys: no animals for medical tests?

*Talk*

### 7. Whatever it takes... for the Euro to survive

The off-road endurance rally to a successful and sustainable monetary union.

*Question time*

### 8. From plate to planet

A famous cook presents her/his campaign on food education at school.

*Talk*

### 9. The 360° strategy: Moving things around in a circle

In a traditional economy, there is a straight line from production to consumption to waste. Now Europe is transitioning towards a resource-efficient and regenerative circular economy without waste. You take on the part of a European decision-maker.

*Ideas lab*

### 10. Digital game: Pollution challenge!

In this game (SIMCITY EDU) you play the role of the mayor of a city managing pollution problems, employment needs and a better quality of life for citizens.

*Digital game and discussion*

## Across themes Special *format*

### *Partner activities and workshops (first selection)*

#### 11. Sustainable Development - goals for Europe?

Discovering the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and how young people can engage in making them happen.

*Workshop*

organised by the European Youth Forum

#### 12. No kids please, we are Europeans

The crusade for environmental sustainability has become one of the most significant paradigm shifts of the present. The EU has put itself at the forefront of eco-friendliness. However, the demographic trends in many EU countries cast doubt on the sustainability of society as such. Participants will investigate in an interactive fashion how the concept of sustainability can be extended to population structures.

*Workshop*

organised by MoveOnEurope

#### 1. Living Library

Challenging stereotypes and prejudice through the borrowing of human 'books'.

Organised by the Council of Europe

#### 2. YO! Quest

Using instant and interactive technology to connect and engage with all EYE participants on a wide variety of topics.

Organised by the European Youth Forum

## Official EYE partners



### European Youth Forum

The European Youth Forum is the platform of youth organisations in Europe, representing 99 National Youth Councils and International Youth Organisations. The Forum works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives, by representing and advocating their needs and interests.

The European Youth Forum is the main EYE partner, to make sure that the event is organised not only for young people, but also by young people. The Forum supports the EP EYE 2016 team in preparing the event, outreaching to young people and youth organizations across Europe as well as contributing with several activities to the overall programme of the event. In addition, the European Youth Forum is organizing the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the YO!Fest, its annual political youth festival, for the second time in the context of the EYE.



### City of Strasbourg

Strasbourg, seat of the European Parliament, but also of the Council of Europe and of the European Court for Human Rights, has a privileged place at the heart of Europe.

On the occasion of the European Youth Event, the City of Strasbourg offers a welcome to the EYE participants in the old city; organises an open air concert in the city centre; and supports the entire event.



### European Youth Press

The European Youth Press (EYP) is an umbrella organisation of young journalists in Europe to which more than 60.000 journalists under the age of 30 are affiliated.

The aim of the EYP and its member organisations is to inspire young people to become involved in the media and play an active part in civil society by fostering objective and independent journalism.

During the European Youth Media Days, 120 young journalists from across the EU Member States will be in charge of the daily multi-media coverage of the EYE 2016. The EYP's final report will be handed over to the Members of the European Parliament in September 2016.



### European Commission

The European Commission is the EU's executive body and represents the interests of Europe as a whole (as opposed to the interests of individual countries).

The Commission – namely the Directorate-General for Industry and Enterprise, the Directorate-General for Employment, the Directorate-General for Education and Culture and the Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid - will contribute with a number of panel activities and workshops to the programme of the event.



### Council of Europe

The Council of Europe is an international organisation promoting co-operation between all countries of Europe in the areas of legal standards, human rights, democratic development, the rule of law and cultural co-operation.

The Council of Europe will contribute to the programme of the EYE with activities organised by its Youth Centre.



### Institute of Political Sciences (IEP) of Strasbourg

Created in 1945, the Institute of Political Sciences (IEP) of Strasbourg "Science Po Strasbourg" is a renowned public university which is part of the network of nine institutes of Political Sciences in France. The IEP selects graduates and students and leads them into civil servant and private sphere careers.

The IEP Strasbourg has mobilised its students to become volunteers to support the smooth flow of the EYE. It also organises a debate as part of the EYE panels.



### Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen / European Charlemagne Youth Prize




Alongside with the "Charlemagne Prize Discussion" and "Charlemagne Prize Forum on Europe", the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen organises the "The European Charlemagne Youth Prize". The prize aims to encourage the development of European consciousness among young people, as well as their participation in European integration projects. It is awarded to projects undertaken by young people which foster understanding, promote the development of a shared sense of European identity, and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community. "The European Charlemagne Youth Prize" is awarded jointly and annually by the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.

The Charlemagne Youth Prize will organise a workshop related to the Twitter project RealTime WW1.



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