

Youth Policy Reform through the Lens of a Podcasts Observatory

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Overview

EUPULSE is an Erasmus European Youth Together program, aiming to strengthen youth engagement in European democratic processes. The project addresses the need for enhanced youth participation and visibility in decision-making, with a focus on the upcoming European Parliament Elections in 2024. It is organised around developing easily accessible, youth-focused interaction tools, such as interactive workshops, digital applications, and podcasts. EUPULSE hopes to accomplish this in order to close the current disparities in young engagement, encourage an informed youth voter, and create a lasting influence on European policymaking.

EUPULSE Objectives

The EUPULSE project focusses on the objective of the EU Youth Strategy, which is to increase youth participation in civic life. It specifically aims to:

- Encouraging young people to learn about and take part in EU decision-making.
- Giving young people the tools they need to shape policy and cast informed ballots is known as empowerment.
- By using podcasts and other platforms to make the EU approachable and relatable for young people, an EU Elections Podcast Observatory successfully "democratises" young voters.
- Establishing forums where young people from diverse backgrounds can express their opinions and be heard is known as inclusivity.





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EUPULSE Results

EUPULSE will achieve its goals by producing a number of important outputs:

- Youth Podcasts Observatory: As part of the "Learn Before You Vote" campaign, young people are invited to take part in a number of podcasts that provide them with a forum to talk about the significance of voting, EU policies, and their outlook on Europe's future.
- Youth Ambassador Program: Trained Youth Ambassadors will promote the project, participate in public discussions, and help their communities understand the EU elections.
- Youth Engagement Campaign: In the run-up to the 2024 EU Elections, the campaign will encourage an engaged and informed youth electorate by utilising social media, seminars, and debates.

The Partners

Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute (Fifty-Fifty)

Based in Thessaloniki, Greece, Fifty-Fifty is a civil society organization committed to promoting social inclusion, education, and youth empowerment through non-formal education and community-based projects. The institute champions intercultural dialogue, lifelong learning, and social entrepreneurship, engaging young people and adults in meaningful initiatives across Europe to foster social cohesion and advocate for human rights.

European Foundation for Innovative Development (EFID)

Operating from Warsaw, Poland, EFID advances innovation in youth, education, and culture, focusing on social economy, environmental sustainability, and lifelong learning. With extensive experience in EU-funded initiatives, EFID works to promote community development and social inclusion across Europe, supporting projects that empower communities and foster a sustainable future.

Civil Connections Community Foundation (CCCF)

Headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark, CCCF is a grassroots organization that strengthens community initiatives across Denmark, Europe, and beyond. The foundation focuses on capacity building, resource mobilization, and policy advocacy, working with marginalized communities to promote youth engagement, social cohesion, and sustainable development. CCCF's expertise in outreach and impact evaluation enhances EUPULSE's sustainability and reach.

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Capital Youth Association (CYA)

Based in Liechtenstein, CYA is dedicated to promoting youth innovation, social entrepreneurship, and cultural exchange. The organization provides a safe space for young people to express themselves, connect with peers across Europe, and engage in non-formal educational activities. CYA has a robust track record in fostering active citizenship and implementing initiatives that support EU best practices and social development.

E-Juniors Association (EJU)

Located in Paris, France, E-Juniors specializes in digital inclusion and skill development for young people, working to bridge the digital gap and promote civic engagement. The organization uses innovative ICT tools to train young people and supports intergenerational learning through projects that encourage active citizenship. EJU's expertise in multimedia tools and digital platforms ensures accessible, engaging resources for participants.

European Dialogue (eD)

European Dialogue is a civic and youth media association based in Slovakia, focused on promoting active citizenship, media literacy, and professional media practices. Actively representing Slovakia in European networks like the European Youth Press and Prisma European Network, eD fosters connections between youth organizations across Europe. As a Eurodesk local multiplier, eD enhances youth engagement in European issues through strategic partnerships and quality youth work.

EU PULSE Kick-Off Meeting in France

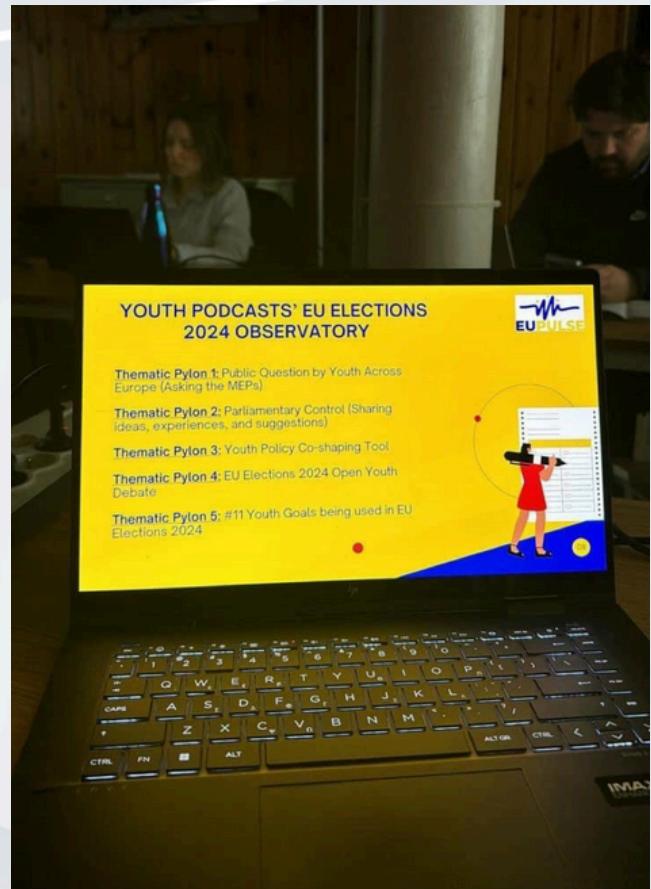
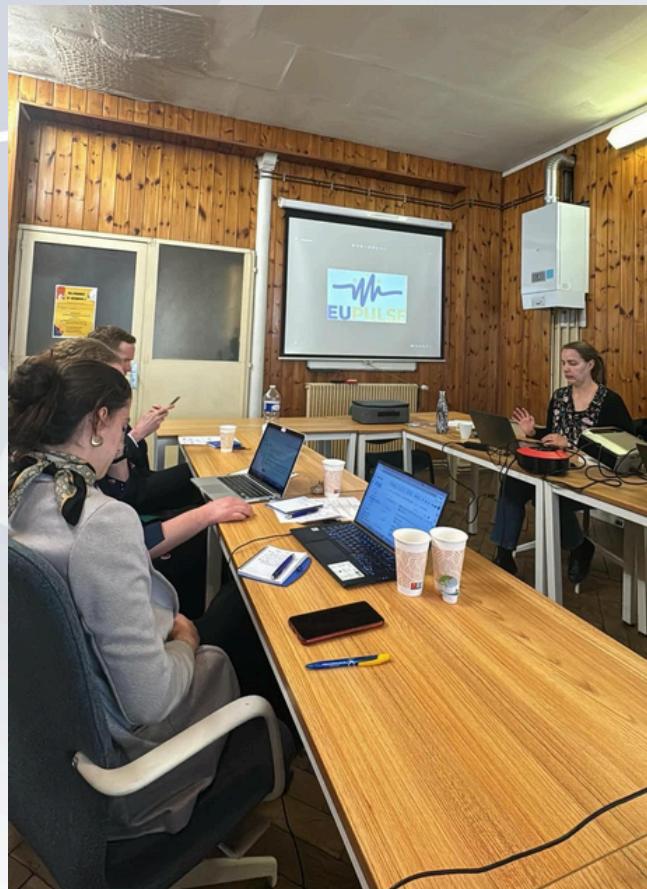
In order to launch the project, the partners met in Paris for the kick-off meeting. This meeting, which was organised by E-Juniors, was centred on establishing the framework for the Podcasts' EU Elections Observatory and improving the project's Youth Engagement Strategy. Under the topic "Learn Before You Vote," young ambassadors expressed their enthusiasm for using democracy to reshape Europe. Together, we talked about ways to make information on EU voting and policy more easily accessible, highlighting the significance of young people's opinions in the EU elections in 2024.

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Looking Forward

To further involve young people in this endeavour, EUPULSE will host a number of participatory events, seminars, and podcasts in the upcoming months. Our next actions include starting community workshops in partner nations and creating a digital platform for the Podcasts' EU Elections Observatory. We encourage all young participants to join us in using their voices and votes to reshape Europe as we strive toward these milestones. Keep checking out for the next edition of the EUPULSE newsletter to learn about the most recent developments in the project and events that are coming up!

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