

## Youth Policy Reform through the Lens of a Podcasts Observatory

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**EUPULSE** has successfully coordinated three significant events throughout Europe as the European Parliament Elections draw near, with the goal of enabling youth to have an active role in determining the EU's future.

### Transnational Youth Lab

The Centro de Juventude de Braga in Portugal hosted the You(th) Europe Academy and the official launch of the Youth Podcasts' EU Elections 2024 Observatory from May 13–16, 2024, bringing together youth leaders and activists from all over Europe. As they talked about the role of youth in EU policy reform and came up with creative ways to increase youth participation in the 2024 elections, this event marked a turning point for young Europeans.

#### Highlights of the Event:

- Workshops on EU Institutions and Legislation: Attendees learned about the importance of voting, especially in the European Parliament, and the European legislative process.
- Strategy Sessions: Youth leaders were able to come up with fresh ideas for raising young Europeans' turnout for voting thanks to active discussions.
- Network Building: Participants created a network of committed young leaders ready to promote democratic engagement in their local communities by connecting on a unique platform for collaboration.

These young leaders are working together to build a more inclusive and democratic Europe! We sincerely thank everyone who helped make this event a huge success.



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### Transnational Youth Open Debate: "European Parliament Elections"

The Transnational Youth Open Debate, which took place in Copenhagen from May 27–30, 2024, brought together leaders and young voters to discuss and debate important topics in the next European elections. This event, which was hosted at Mellemfolkelige Samvirke's Freedom & Solidarity Rooms, inspired young people to discuss fundamental democratic issues while offering useful resources for civic engagement.

#### Highlights of the Event:

- Mock Debates: Subjects such as lowering the voting age and requiring voting sparked insightful discussions and critical analysis of the principles underlying EU democracy.
- Voting Toolbox Workshop: In order to equip young voters with the tools they need to understand the voting process, participants created a toolkit.
- Discussion with EP Candidates: Young people had the opportunity to voice their concerns and communicate with decision-makers directly during an interactive Q&A session with candidates for the European Parliament.
- Europa Experience Field Trip CPH: Young voters were given a sense of urgency and duty through an educational excursion that centered on comprehending the European democracy issue.

The event was another turning point in giving youth the ability to shape political outcomes and promote greater democratic engagement. We appreciate the contributions made by all of the partners, attendees, and guest speakers at this thought-provoking event!

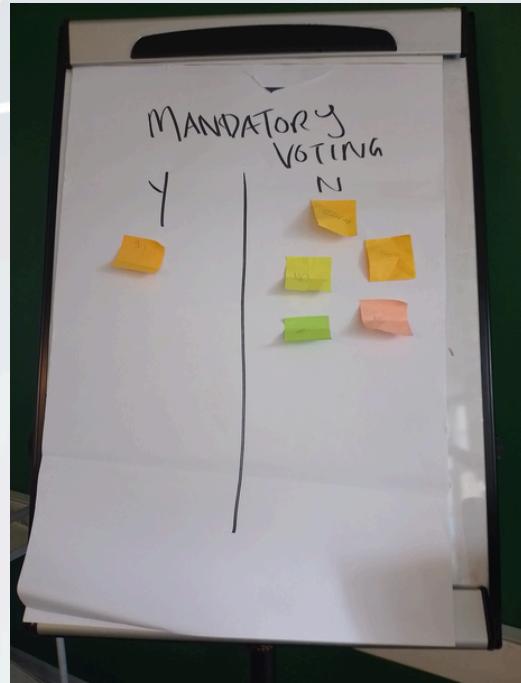


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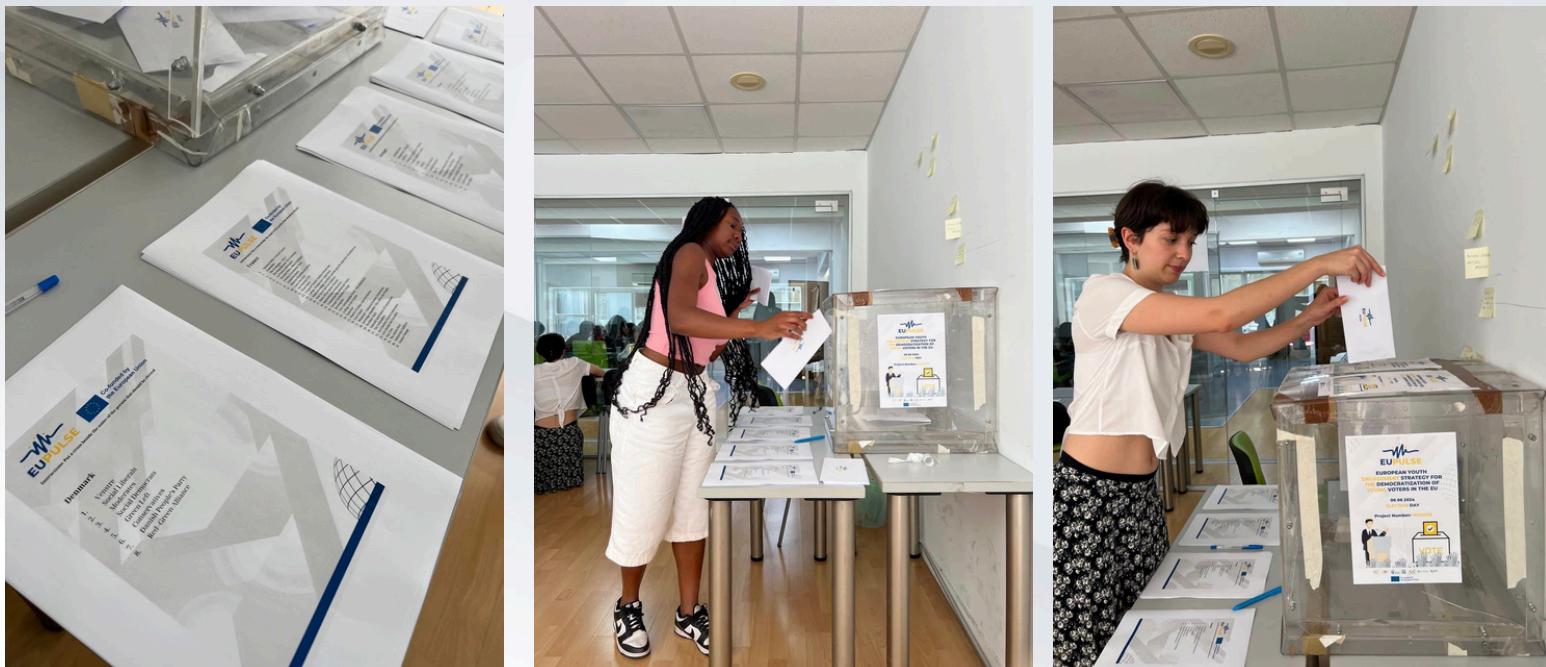
### Hey, Young Voters! It's Time to Make Your Mark on Election Day!

The first day of the European Parliament Elections was marked by an exciting event in Thessaloniki, Greece, on June 6, 2024. This event, which was organized by Fifty-Fifty, the project coordinator for EUPULSE, brought together young voters for an electoral simulation, highlighting the significance of youth involvement in shaping the EU's future.

Why should YOU vote?

- Be the Change: Young people have the ability to shape laws pertaining to important topics like education, digital rights, and climate change. Voting is your opportunity to influence important decisions.
- Shape Your Future: By casting a ballot, you can ensure that policies that address social justice and employment opportunities will take into account your needs.
- Your Voice Matters: Now is the moment to speak up, be heard, and have an impact. Young voices are essential to European democracy.

Young voters gained confidence and enthusiasm to take part in the real elections by experiencing the voting process firsthand through the simulation. By uniting, we are creating history by elevating the voices of young people in the democratic process of Europe!



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