

# **YOUTH POLICY REFORM THROUGH THE LENS OF A PODCASTS OBSERVATORY**

## **Platform Manual**

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# INTRODUCTION

The EUPULSE Smart Platform is an interactive digital space designed to engage young people in European democracy, particularly in the context of the EU Elections 2024. As an EU Elections 2024 Observatory, the platform provides opportunities for youth to interact directly with Members of the European Parliament, participate in discussions and debates, propose policies, track youth goals in the European Parliament elections, and stay informed through podcasts, opinion portals, and updates on recent developments.

## GETTING STARTED

Access to the platform is available through <https://platform.eupulse.eu/>. The platform features an intuitive navigation system with various thematic tabs, providing users with structured access to different engagement areas. Users can interact with content by engaging in discussions, submitting opinions, listening to podcasts, and staying updated with news and developments.



The EUPULSE Smart Platform is an interactive Youth Observatory for EU Elections 2024. It will engage young people in their democracy, featuring a discussion forum, thematic tabs, a podcast area, and a news section.

## PLATFORM STRUCTURE

The EUPULSE Smart Platform consists of five thematic tabs, a discussion forum, a dedicated podcast hosting area, and a section where users can access the latest news and newsletters. Each of these components is designed to enhance youth engagement and facilitate participation in European policymaking processes.

# EUPULSE Smart Platform

The EUPULSE Smart Platform is an interactive Youth Podcasts' EU Elections 2024 Observatory, helping young people engage in EU democracy. It will include 5 thematic tabs, a portal for opinions, direct interaction with experts, and a testimonials section.

[DISCUSSION FORUM](#)

## The EUPulse Podcasts



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# THEMATIC TABS OVERVIEW

Each thematic tab is structured to present podcast episodes covering the respective topic, accompanied by a mini manual that provides essential information and answers to key questions related to the theme. These sections are designed to provide youth with knowledge and insights into European democracy and the policy-making process.

The “Ask the MEPs” section features podcasts discussing frequently asked questions about the role of Members of the European Parliament, their influence on European policies, and responses to commonly raised concerns. The corresponding mini manual offers a detailed explanation of MEPs’ functions, legislative impact, and decision-making processes.

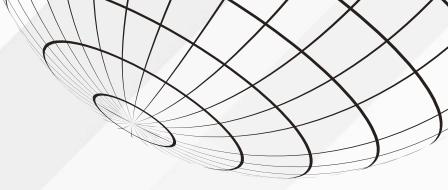
The “Parliamentary Control” section hosts discussions on the workings of the European Parliament, covering topics such as legislative procedures, political accountability, and the role of parliamentary committees. The mini manual explains how the European Parliament operates and how young people can understand its functions.

The “Youth Policy Co-shaping” section presents episodes that analyze policy development and youth participation in shaping European strategies. The mini manual in this section provides insights into the policy-making process, detailing the significance of youth involvement and how young individuals can contribute to future policies.

The “EU Elections 2024 Debate” section includes episodes focused on major election topics, political debates, and electoral processes. The mini manual in this section provides an overview of voter participation, the importance of elections, and guidance on making informed electoral decisions.

The “11 Youth Goals in EP Elections” section tracks discussions on how the European Parliament integrates youth priorities into decision-making. The mini manual provides information on the 11 Youth Goals, explaining their importance and impact on policies at the European level.





In developing the mini manuals for each thematic tab of the EUPULSE Smart Platform, we have utilized credible and reliable sources to ensure accuracy and comprehensiveness. The following resources have been instrumental in informing the content:

### **Ask the MEPs**

#### **Books:**

1. Corbett, R., Jacobs, F., & Shackleton, M. (2016). *The European Parliament*. London: John Harper Publishing.
2. Hix, S., Noury, A., & Roland, G. (2007). *Democratic Politics in the European Parliament*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

#### **Online Resources:**

1. European Parliament – Roles and Powers: European Parliament Official Website
2. About Parliament - European Parliament: European Parliament Information

### **Parliamentary Control**

#### **Books:**

1. Whitaker, R. (2011). *The European Parliament's Committees: National Party Influence and Legislative Empowerment*. Routledge.
2. Corbett, R. (1998). *The European Parliament's Role in Closer EU Integration*. Palgrave Macmillan.

#### **Online Resources:**

1. Legislative Powers - European Parliament: Legislative Processes Overview
2. The Role of Committees in European Policy Making: Academic Analysis

### **Youth Policy Co-shaping**

#### **Books:**

1. Loncle, P., Cuconato, M., Walther, A., & Gayen, M. (2012). *Youth Participation in Europe: Beyond Discourses, Practices and Realities*. Policy Press.
2. Bruselius-Jensen, M., Pitti, I., & Tisdall, K. (2021). *Young People's Participation: Revisiting Youth and Inequalities in Europe*. Palgrave Macmillan.

#### **Online Resources:**

1. EU Education, Youth and Sport Policy - European Parliament: European Parliament Study
2. Young People's Participation in European Democratic Processes: European Parliament Study

## EU Elections 2024 Debate

### Books:

1. Corbett, R., Jacobs, F., & Shackleton, M. (2016). *The European Parliament*. London: John Harper Publishing.
2. Hix, S., Noury, A., & Roland, G. (2007). *Democratic Politics in the European Parliament*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### Online Resources:

1. [How Do the European Elections Work? Everything You Need to Know](#): The Times
2. [European Parliament: What Is It and What Are Its Functions?](#): Government Resource

## 11 Youth Goals in EP Elections

### Books:

1. Loncle, P., Cuconato, M., Walther, A., & Gayen, M. (2012). *Youth Participation in Europe: Beyond Discourses, Practices and Realities*. Policy Press.
2. Council of Europe. (2020). *T-Kit 15 - Participatory Youth Policy*. Council of Europe Publishing.

### Online Resources:

1. [European Youth Portal - 11 Youth Goals: Official EU Overview](#)
2. [Communication on the European Year of Youth 2022: EU Youth Engagement Report](#)

These authoritative sources have been carefully selected to ensure that the mini manuals are well-founded and provide valuable information to young individuals engaging with the platform.

# DISCUSSION FORUM

The discussion forum is designed as a dedicated space for youth and experts to engage in meaningful dialogues. It offers open participation where young people can express concerns, propose ideas, and discuss key policy matters. The most engaging discussions may be summarized in newsletters or featured in podcast episodes, further amplifying youth perspectives.

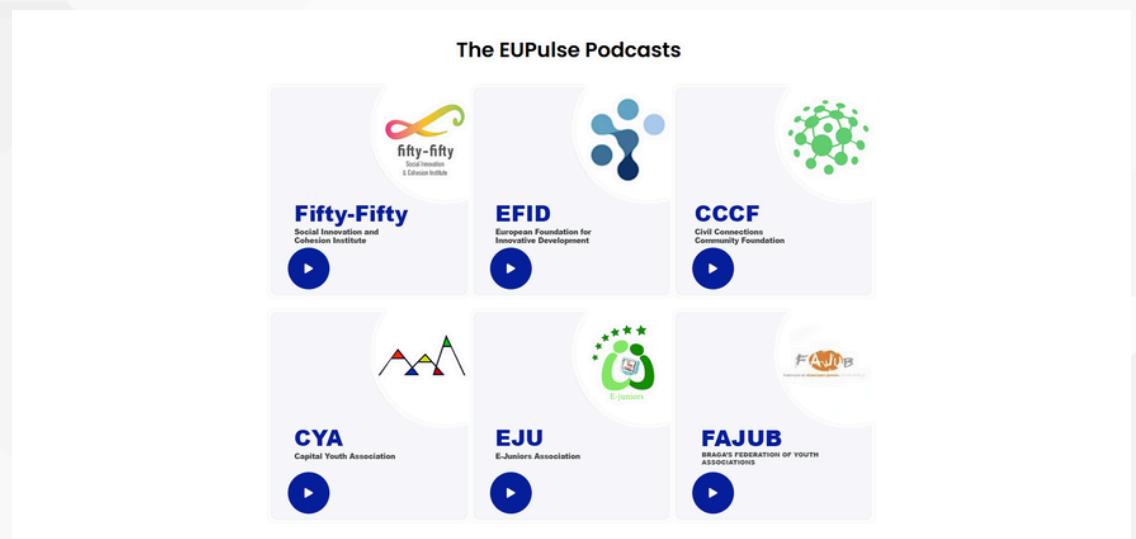
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# TESTIMONIALS SECTION

The testimonials section provides users with the opportunity to share personal stories, experiences, and proposals related to European democracy and youth engagement. This component serves as a community-driven space for exchanging ideas and best practices. Selected testimonials may be highlighted in newsletters, podcast episodes, and event discussions, ensuring a broad dissemination of youth experiences and insights.

# PODCAST HOSTING

The platform features a dedicated podcast section, which hosts episodes covering key topics related to youth participation in European democracy. Podcasts include interviews with MEPs and experts, youth-led discussions on policy proposals and EU initiatives, reflections on ongoing EU political issues, and success stories from youth engagement projects. These episodes serve as an essential resource for young individuals seeking to deepen their understanding of European politics and governance.



# ENGAGEMENT AND INTERACTION

Users are encouraged to subscribe to the newsletter in order to receive updates and announcements on new content and events. The discussion forum enables youth to participate in important policy debates. Through the opinion and feedback portal, users can contribute ideas and provide direct input on policies and issues that matter to them.

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Et tellus, luctus nec ullamcorper mattis, pulvinar dapibus leo.

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The EUPULSE Smart Platform is a dynamic and interactive space that facilitates youth participation in European democracy. By engaging with the platform, young people can contribute to discussions, debates, and policy-making processes while staying informed through podcasts, newsletters, and news updates. The platform serves as a vital tool for fostering meaningful youth engagement and ensuring that young voices play an integral role in shaping the future of Europe.





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