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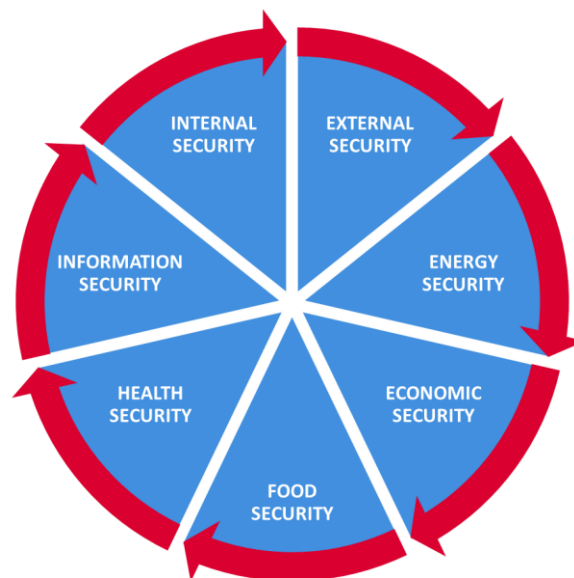
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Polish Presidency priorities

Poland takes over the presidency of the Council of the European Union for the second time. Thirteen years after the first Polish presidency, and twenty years after joining the EU, Poland presents an ambitious presidency programme, the main goal of which is to implement the priorities set around the topic of security.



Polish Presidency – Youth focus

→ European Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with Youth

- Building young people's confidence in the EU project by addressing the democratic deficit, lack of transparency and visibility
- Ensure meaningful youth involvement and dialogue at all stages of EU decision-making by improving existing participation mechanisms and creating new ones

Objectives of the EUYC in Lublin – 2025, 2nd-5th of March

Objectives

To find solutions to improve youth dialogue process, foster a sense of community among young Europeans, and ensure meaningful participation and youth dialogue at all stages of the EU decision-making process.

To facilitate meaningful discussions during the conference to deepen young people's understanding of EU values such as democracy, solidarity, and human rights.

To foster meaningful discussions among young people, youth organisations, policymakers, and political decision-makers within the European Union.

Expected outcomes

Conference report: a comprehensive, final conference report summarising the proceedings, debates, and outcomes, done by the European Researchers with editing team.

Recommendations: recommendations of the delegates on the outcomes of the working groups that will be included in the conclusions of the *Council and of the representatives of the governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on a community of young Europeans based on universal values for a common and secure Europe.*

During the EUYC representatives of the European Commission will lead a **consultative workshop** referring to the Intergenerational Fairness.

More on EUYC objectives and expected outcomes – [here](#).

ABBREVIATIONS

11th cycle	18 months period (01.01.2025-30.06.2026) of the trio Presidency of Poland, Denmark and Cyprus (PL-DK-CY) in the EU Council
Core Team	consists of the Organizing Team, the Lead Facilitators, European Researchers and the Hosting Team Support Person
Content Team	consists of Core Team and group trainers and harvesters
EUYC	European Youth Conference
EUYP	European Youth Dialogue
FRSE	Foundation of the Development of the Education System (FRSE)– Polish National Agency of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes
MEN	Polish Ministry of Education
PROM	Polish National Youth Council

THE CONFERENCE TEAM

- The **Organising team**, composed of representatives of the Polish Ministry of Education (MEN) and Foundation of the Development of the Education System (FRSE) – Polish National Agency of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes, is the “shadow Cabinet” that manages the EUYC in Lublin, present everywhere, ensuring that everything goes well. They are in charge of everything, from registration and dietary allergies to technical equipment. Feel free to approach any of them if the need arises.
- The **Lead Facilitators (National and European)** are the moderators and hosts of the Conference, leading the wider facilitator/harvester team and overseeing the plenary and working group sessions. When they are

not moderating a plenary in the spotlight, they serve as the primary link between the participants and the organising staff, gathering the information from all working groups and they are the main contact points when it comes to the content aspect of the Conference.

- **Hosting Team Support Person** provides support to the Organising team, the Core Team and, when needed, supports also the wider facilitator/harvester team in working group sessions.
- The **facilitators and the harvesters** are “a power couple” in every working group; they are responsible for the dialogue process in their working group and ensure that the objectives and outcomes of their working group are achieved and presented. When in working groups, they are in primary charge of the flow, as they are there to have your (either youth delegate or ministerial delegate) voice heard and facilitate the discussion between the delegates whilst ensuring the objectives of the conference are fulfilled and the rules are being respected.
- The **European Researchers** are the masterminds behind the methodology of research on youth dialogue and keepers of all the information you might need (or even think of) about the EUYD and youth policy. They use their incredible background knowledge to assist and empower the delegates' recommendations.
- The **Editing Team** are wizards from Polish Ministry of Education (1), Polish National Agency of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes (1), European researchers (2) and PROM – Polish National Youth Council (1) and European Youth Forum (1) who help to rephrase the recommendations of EUYC delegates into language of official EU documents.

Organization and logistics – core principles

The European Youth Conference is organized in accordance with the following core principles: safety, sustainability, accessibility and inclusion.

1. Safety

The EUYC and Meeting of Youth Directors should provide a safe environment where all participants feel welcome and respected. Both events are open and accepting, and racism, homophobia, sexism or any other form of discrimination or aggression will not be tolerated. All stakeholders of both events should be committed to this rule.

2. Sustainability

With climate change very high on the list of young people's current concerns, EUYC event will lead as example and strive to minimise the ecological footprint. 400 trees would be planted to minimize the CO₂ footprint of the conference.

Sustainability also applies at all stages of EUYC planning and implementation. Examples include the selection of venues and catering companies, promotion of more sustainable means of travel (e.g. railways) and the use of public transport. Other areas that were considered are waste management (waste reduction and recycling) and the favouring of local, sustainable and socially responsible goods and services.

3. Accessibility & Inclusion

Polish Presidency and the 11th cycle should be accessible to all. Equity in participation will be encouraged, with possible barriers reduced and/or specific support to overcome such barriers provided. Accessibility comprises both physical accessibility (wheelchair accessibility, etc.) and linguistic barriers (multilingualism, lack of jargon, provision of sign language). The EUYC will be inclusive. With the support of Leading Facilitators (European and National), as well as the Group facilitators, the Harvesters and European Researchers, the event will pro-actively aim

to provide a welcoming environment for a diverse group of participants.

RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

- **Be a delegate:** Remember that you are representing your country or organisation, and as such, it is your responsibility and honour to represent their viewpoints.
- **Be empowering:** Empower others by encouraging them to voice their opinions. Since many delegates speak English as a second language, show your support, be patient and help them feel heard.
- **Be prepared:** It is the responsibility of participants to read in advance about the EUYD, familiarise themselves with previous cycles of the EUYD dialogue and objectives of the 11th cycle.
- **Be mindful:** Before criticising or judging your fellow delegates, remember that many of them come from diverse cultural, political, and occasionally economic backgrounds, realities, and experiences. The perspectives of all parties may be useful in addressing and highlighting different issues. Also please be mindful of the time you take when talking, especially within the Working Groups.
- **Be respectful:** Since the EUYC is a respectful environment, it is mandatory to respect people's personal space, boundaries, and cultures. Also respect one another by waiting for the other person to finish speaking before responding to what they have to say. Disagreements can arise in a dialogue, it is however important in what manner they are tackled.
- **Be present:** Meaningful participation in the working group is the essence of the EUYC, therefore the responsibility of all delegates to be present and participate in their allocated working groups.
- **Be on time:** Being punctual is a form of respect towards your peers. Therefore, try to be on time for all sessions, including working group and plenary sessions.

- **Be a team player:** Try to include everyone in the discussion. It is important to let everyone contribute to the conversation. Working groups, if possible, should strive to reach consensus in their work, aiming to incorporate all of the participant's views and experiences.
- **Be professional:** Concentrate on the conference's themes as well as your working group's theme and discuss as many **aspects of these themes** as you can. While doing it, make sure you respect the length and form of output that is expected of you: when you are asked for one bullet point, do not prepare a one-page poem! Understanding the complexity of your group's topic and attempting to devise solutions in accordance with it are two of the discussion's objectives.
- **Be sensitive:** Try to be always aware of your own perspective and perhaps privileges when discussing sensitive aspects of the working group's topic. Every delegate faces different difficulties in their own home. Since some delegates have greater privileges than others, something that is important or a relevant political or social topic in your state may not be as important to others in their own surroundings. Every topic has a proper forum and moment for discussion.
- **Be supportive:** If you see or hear anything inappropriate politely address it or ask a member of the organising team for assistance.
- **Be youthful:** Probably the most important rule, we are here to have fun and represent young people all around Europe. Make sure to enjoy the EUYC as well.

TRANSPARENCY RULES FOR THE EDITING TEAM

The Editing Team is a critical component of the EU Youth Conference (EUYC), responsible for refining and consolidating the output of the ten working groups into a text that can be inserted into the Council documents, especially the Council Conclusion on European values.

All team members should take the following transparency rules into consideration in order to ensure that the final Council document is a true reflection of the collective efforts of all working groups, presented in a clear and coherent manner.

Composition and role of the Editing Team

The team will consist of a member of the National Youth Council of Poland, a member of the European Youth Forum, two members of the Polish Presidency team and the two European researchers. The outcome of the conference should reflect the collective efforts and collaboration of the Editing Team while bearing in mind the specificities of the Council's drafting procedures for official documents.

Information on the Editing Team at the EUYC

At the beginning of the event the team and their task will be presented to the participants in order to familiarise them with their tasks and their presence at the Working Groups.

Collaboration with the Working Groups

The Editing Team will collaborate closely with each Working Group's harvesters, who must promptly deliver the group's output. This is crucial, as the Editing Team will begin working immediately after the groups finish. To ensure the team has sufficient time and content, harvesters should record the discussion results clearly, concisely, and as quickly as possible.

Implementation measures

Each of the Working Groups 1-4 are to identify one key issue within the given theme, and related to this main issue also elaborate on one desired social change, and maximum of two implementing measures. Please note that if a Working Group deviates from the assigned topic, their output cannot be considered by the Editing Team. Additionally, if more than one desired social change or 2 implementation measures are submitted, only the first key message and the first 2 implementation measures will be taken into account.

Fidelity to the original content

The primary responsibility of the Editing Team is to ensure that the core messages and recommendations from the Working Groups are preserved. While rephrasing and adjusting language for clarity and consistency, the underlying intent and substance of the content should not be altered.

Adherence to Council language and format

While editing the recommendations as the outcome of the Working Groups, the Editing Team should ensure that any additions do not make the Council document overly lengthy or cumbersome. The text should remain clear, concise, and consistent, avoiding unnecessary complexity. Additionally, the text needs to align with the agreed language of the Council. This includes terminologies, maintaining consistency in tone, style, and format.

Communication on the adjustments

Changes made to the recommendations can include a brief explanation of the reasoning behind the adjustment, particularly if the language was modified for clarity or to align with Council standards. If any content requires clarification or further information, the team should promptly reach out to the respective Working Group to ensure accuracy and avoid misinterpretation.

Information on the final text of the Editing Team

At the concluding panel of the Conference, the Editing Team will present the final text, crafted from the key messages and implementation measures provided by the Working Groups.

Potential Text Revisions of the Council

Please note that the text included in the Council document may still change, as Member States can request adjustments during Working Party negotiations. Nevertheless, the Editing Team will endeavour to produce a text that most appropriately aligns with the required format and content of the Council.