

## Proposals for a quality EU Youth Dialogue

We, as youth delegates, representatives of INGYO and Youth Councils, had a reflection session and a strong dialogue with ministry and commission representatives to tackle several concerns about the EU Youth Dialogue which were brought up at this conference.

As a result; we call for

- A **coordination group** [steering committee] on the European level is needed in a form of a **permanent body**, ensuring sequence, consistency and common objectives of each of the Cycles.
  1. It should consist of the Trio presidency [involving the National Youth Councils], European Youth Forum, European Commission and other identified actors when relevant
  2. In its mandate, a consensual approach and joint solutions should be the foundation of the process, putting partners on an equal footing;
  3. Improve Quality management;
    - a. Ensure a good handover between cycles and phases of transition
    - b. Establish an evaluation mechanism of the process
    - c. Create a long-term feedback loop and reflection process to make sure the cycles build on each other and learn from previous challenges and good practices
    - d. Offer counselling for new presidencies to learn about the processes and build on already taken improvements
- **Involvement of the National Youth Councils and National Working Groups** in the presidency and governance process.
  1. Consult NYCs and the NWGs on regular basis to ensure their contribution and expertise is recognised:
    - a. NYCs and the NWGs hold the responsibility to include and reach young people through the dialogue and participatory approaches
    - b. NYCs bring the knowledge about non-formal and pedagogical methods how to ensure meaningful youth participation
    - c. NYCs are informed about topics important for youth and needs of youth
    - d. NYCs are low threshold and in close contact with young people
  2. Ensure NYCs get the needed finance for participating in the process and fulfilling the political demand of including wider groups of young people
  3. Ensure the NYCs as representing body of young people are recognised as such
  4. NYCs and the NWGs should be involved and shape the process and methodology of the EU Youth Dialogue and the Conferences
    - a. Making possible a direct constructive dialogue between policy makers and youth on EU level and on a regular basis
    - b. Making sure that the cycle has an overall sequence and the conferences build on each other
    - c. Making the EU Youth Dialogue youth-friendly, accessible, inclusive, participatory and meaningful with regards to policy processes
- **Strengthening National Working Groups**
  1. There should be regular international meetings between the NWGs and other actors, such as the coordinating body, aiming to build the capacity and ensure regular exchange.
- Support a **cross-sectoral approach** for the whole process

We hope that in this way, we can establish a European spirit of working together on a meaningful EU Youth Dialogue and ensure a constantly improving participation of youth on all levels of decision-making. We hope to strengthen the implementation of the Youth Goals and ensure that no ideas will be lost in ineffective structures. We hope for an inclusive and long-term effective European Youth Dialogue. We hope for a better Europe.