



# EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

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Experiencing • Discussing • Shaping Europe





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# WELCOME TO YOUNG EUROPE

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The European Youth Parliament (EYP) is a peer-to-peer educational programme that brings together young people from across Europe to debate the pressing issues of our time. Our mission is to inspire and empower young Europeans to be open-minded, tolerant and active citizens.

The Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe is the international umbrella organisation of the European Youth Parliament.

# FACTS AND FIGURES





## WHAT WE DO

The European Youth Parliament is a unique educational platform that empowers young people from across Europe to be open-minded, active citizens. It provides participants with a forum to develop and express their opinions on a wide range of topics. By bringing young people from different backgrounds closer together, it also promotes intercultural dialogue and exchange. Through our activities, our EYP participants and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to positively shape the world around them.

The EYP network has an open, safe and welcoming environment - run by young people, for young people. Offering a range of non-formal and peer-led educational activities, the EYP provides young people with the space to grow, learn various skills, as well as to take responsibility for themselves and for others. Every year, more than 3500 young volunteers implement EYP activities across Europe, acting as moderators, organisers and facilitators during events. Moreover, it is young people who jointly steer our organisation at large and shape the future of the programme.



The main activities of the European Youth Parliament are “sessions”. These events bring together over 30000 young people per year to discuss, build mutual understanding, and gain expertise. EYP sessions vary in length, from two hours to ten days. Debates cover a wide range of topics - often related to international politics or human rights, but also including fields such as climate change, health and energy. The EYP does not reflect specific country positions or promote existing policy proposals. In all debates, it is the participants’ opinions that matter. Guided by peer moderators, young people take part in a series of activities:

## TEAMBUILDING



Experience-based methodology is used for outdoor and indoor games and activities in order to form international working groups and set ground rules for cooperation.

## COMMITTEE WORK



Participants convene in international working groups and discuss current European topics, with the aim of proposing solutions in the form of written resolutions.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY



All committees come together to debate their proposed resolutions during the General Assembly, following standard parliamentary procedures.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME



Throughout the session, a cultural programme gives the participants opportunities to get acquainted with each other’s cultures and traditions.



# OUR IMPACT

Solving problems in collaborative and democratic ways



Engaging with current topics and entering into dialogue with decision-makers



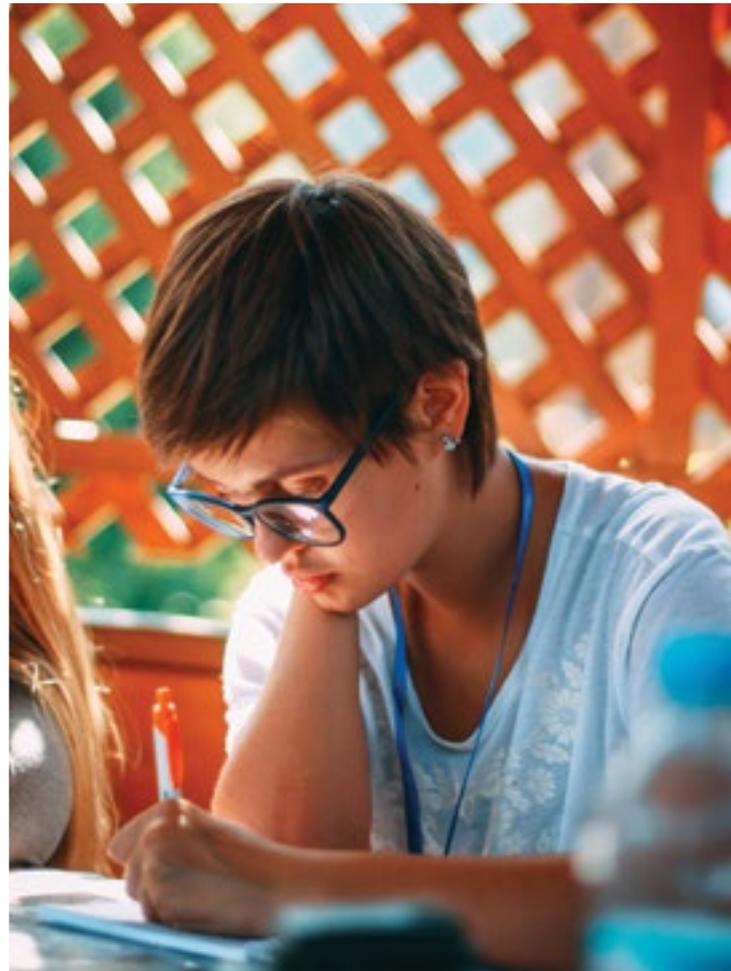
Developing communication and organisational skills



Building intercultural understanding  
and friendships across borders



Fostering critical thinking,  
independence and responsibility



Inspiring new ideas



# OUR REACH

Each year, the European Youth Parliament organises over 500 events and brings together around 30,000 participants from across Europe.

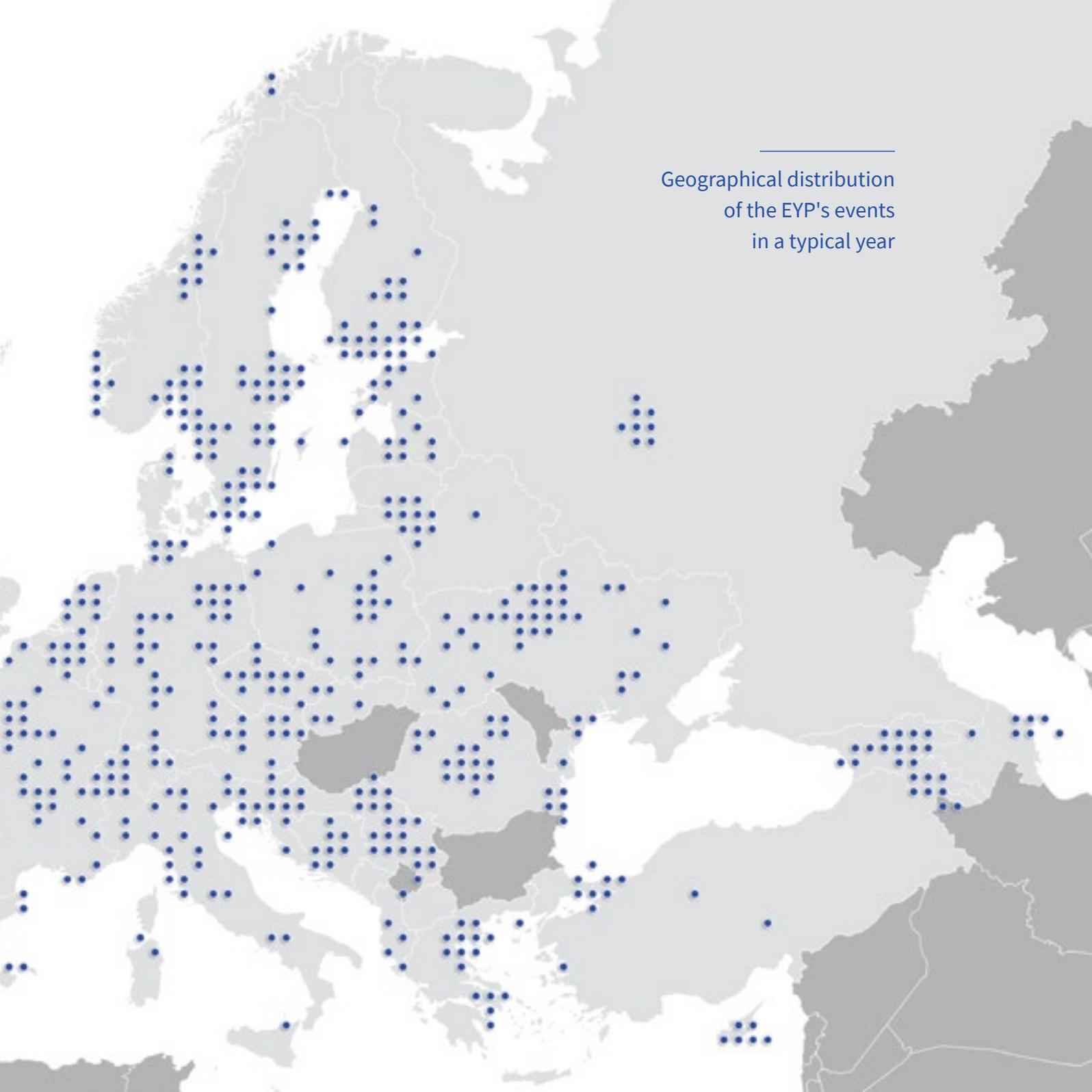
The EYP relies on a lively network of 40 member organisations across Europe - coordinated through a youth-led governance structure and supported by an International Office in Berlin.

*“After traveling to an EYP session, I realised that Europe is not determined by geography. Europe is in our mentality, in our culture and in our minds. It’s our connecting point.”*

**Lesya, 20, Ukraine,  
travelled to an EYP session in Armenia**



Geographical distribution  
of the EYP's events  
in a typical year

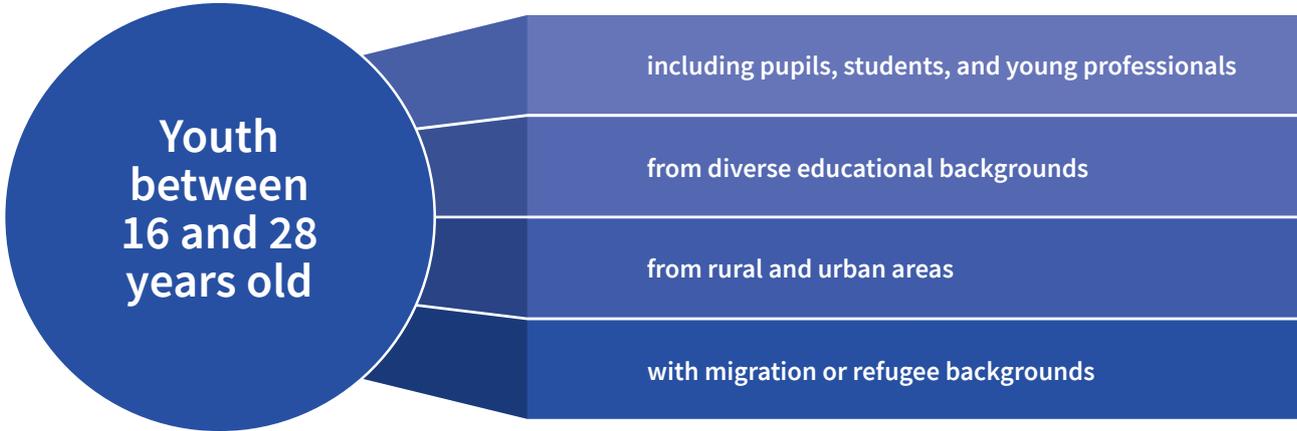


# A PROGRAMME FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

The European Youth Parliament embraces and celebrates the diversity of the European continent, and is open to all young people across Europe. We want to reach youth from all regions, backgrounds and cultures, and strive to make our activities more accessible

to those who are facing obstacles. Our ambition is to provide a welcoming and safe environment for participation, learning, and for taking responsibility.





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## Youth between 16 and 28 years old

including pupils, students, and young professionals

from diverse educational backgrounds

from rural and urban areas

with migration or refugee backgrounds



*“No matter what your background is,  
everyone is welcome and everyone  
is given an opportunity to participate  
in the European Youth Parliament!”*

**Carlota, 20, active volunteer in Portugal**



# BECOME A PARTNER

To implement our programme, we cooperate with partners at international, national and local levels. Our recent partners have included the European Commission, UNHCR, Mercator Foundation, innogy Foundation for Energy and Society, and the European Savings Banks Group.

There are numerous ways to **become our partner**. In order to explore potential synergies, please don't hesitate to contact the EYP's International Office via **info@eypp.org**, or contact the EYP in your country.

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The Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe acts as the international umbrella organisation of the European Youth Parliament, ensuring continuity and supporting the EYP with a strong and reliable institutional framework. The Foundation's mission is to empower young people from all backgrounds to be active European citizens contributing for a pluralistic, democratic society and mutual understanding.



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