

# STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY in the EU: WHAT ROLE CAN EU PROGRAMMES PLAY?



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WHAT DO DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION SOLIDARITY AND VOLUNTEERING MEAN TO YOU?



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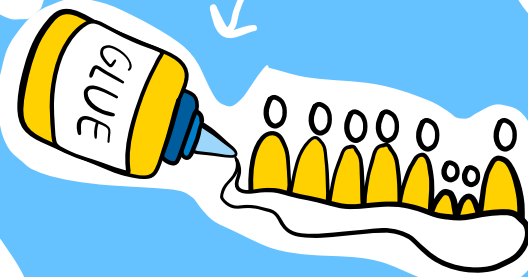


DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION  
WEBINARS  
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION  
EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

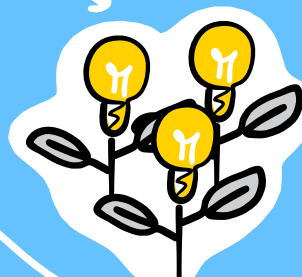
Hello from the hosts!



**KRIŠJĀNIS LIEPA**



INSPIRING STORIES



There are so many shapes and forms of participation



INFLUENCES

Access to finance, knowledge and tools



Validation of ideas



Access to decision makers

Access to cross-border cooperation



Solidarity is like a rainbow...



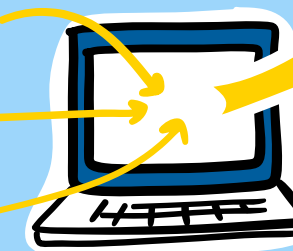
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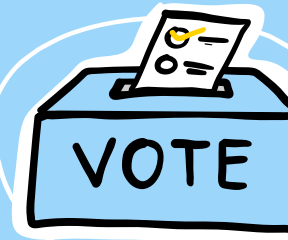
Politicians

Voters

Journalists



'I KNOW WHAT I AM VOTING FOR'



DEBATES



10 years ago... WE WANTED TO MAKE POLITICIANS ACCOUNTABLE

ERASMUS+ BELIEVED IN OUR IDEA!

EDUCATION



WATCHDOG



PROMISES

PANEL DISCUSSION

CHALLENGES

Respecting limited resources and needs of volunteers

Different national (political) realities

Generational divide

To explain an idea and motivate others to work together

Misinformation, fake news

Lack of civic engagement by young people

Learn about different participation opportunities

SOLIDARITY

COMMON VALUE ACROSS EUROPE

CREATING SOMETHING FOR OTHERS

SOLIDARITY IS THE CORE OF ANY PROJECT

CREATING LINK BETWEEN POLICY AND YOUTH REALITIES

**PAULA GEHRS**  
MODERATOR

Taking youth opinions seriously

Promoting priorities of the Programme

Creating campaigns for young voters

Explaining what European Parliament does

Critical thinking and content literacy

Career  
Volunteering  
Promotion

Volunteering grows you wings



ESC OPENS NEW PATHWAYS IN LIFE...

EUROPEERS - COMMUNITY OF FORMER VOLUNTEERS

Involvement of ex-volunteers



Peer-to-peer approach

Storytelling



Empowerment of individuals

Inclusive communities

Positive change

NEW CALLS FOR 2024 LAUNCHED!



POWERFUL INSTRUMENTS TO ENHANCE DEMOCRACY

SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

YOUTH PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

Use these opportunities!

EUROPE - TALKS - SOLIDARITY



EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH  
youth experiencing EU in their lives