

# DRUM ROLL... AND THE WINNER IS FOR EYC2020: AMIENS!

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**The winner of the European Youth Capital 2020 has been announced as Amiens, France!**

As [European Youth Capital](#) (EYC) 2020, Amiens will aim to empower young people by shaping and transforming the city in many innovative ways. A strong belief in the European project and the ambition to create greater cohesion and interaction between youth and educational, cultural and economic institutions were key aspects of Amiens' winning proposal.

The announcement of the winner of EYC 2020 was made at the Award Ceremony in Cascais, Portugal, EYC 2018. In attendance were Youth and Sports State Secretary, João Paulo Rebelo and representatives from previous and upcoming EYCs.

This year's ceremony is also especially significant as it marks the start of a year-long celebration of 10 years of the EYC title. The ceremony also took place just ahead of the European Youth Forum's Council of Members, which brings together more than 150 young delegates representing youth organisations from all over Europe.

**Luis Alvarado, President of the European Youth Forum:**

"Congratulation Amiens! You have shown significant commitment to work together with young people from all backgrounds and bringing the European project to the local level. We can not wait to come to Amiens."

**Brigitte Fouré, Mayor of Amiens**

"We are so proud and delighted to be awarded the European Youth Capital 2020. I would like to thank the Jury for supporting us and bringing the Youth Capital title to the city of Amiens. We are ready to work hard to make this a memorable experience for the youth in our city and every young person coming to Amiens in 2020. It's a unique and exceptional occasion to develop the European spirit. 'Unis dans la diversité'

The finalists for the EYC 2020 were:

Amiens (France)  
Chişinău (Moldova)  
Klaipėda (Lithuania)  
Timisoara (Romania)  
Villach (Austria)

An independent, high-level jury, convened by the European Youth Forum, chose Amiens from a shortlist of five finalist cities for the European Youth Capital (EYC) 2020 title. The Jury includes representatives from

The Committee of the Regions  
The European Parliament  
The Council of European Municipalities & Regions  
The European Youth Forum  
The Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE)  
The Advisory Council of Youth of the Council of Europe  
The European Economic & Social Committee  
The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)  
The Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe  
ARUP  
The International IDEA  
Euractiv

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## ABOUT THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM



The European Youth Forum is the platform of youth organisations in Europe. Independent, democratic, youth-led, it represents 104 National Youth Councils and international youth organisations from across the continent. The Forum works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives, by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations towards the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations. For more information, visit [www.youthforum.org](http://www.youthforum.org)

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## THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL

The European Youth Capital title promotes the meaningful participation of young people in society through the promotion of new ideas and projects. During an EYC year, the host city holds events and projects designed to demonstrate the active, essential role that young people and youth organisations play in society.