

EU youth test



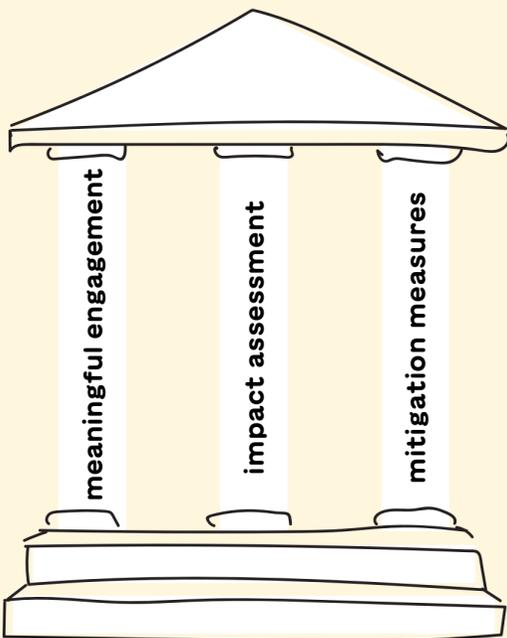
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The European Youth Forum, together with more than 100 member organisations, urges the Commission to adopt a Youth Test. This is a chance to create a long-lasting legacy that will support future generations in living a sustainable life.

The EU Youth Test is an impact assessment tool that will ensure that young people are considered during policy-making processes within the European Union. The Youth Test will enable the EU to create better targeted policies that are impactful; work to reduce inequality gaps; and support current and future generations.

EU Youth Test: With and For Youth

The EU Youth Test is designed to evaluate the impact that any new proposals may have on European youth and identify any mitigation measures necessary to avoid negative impacts. It is based on three pillars:



It supports the mainstreaming of youth by addressing their lack of involvement in policy fields that are not usually considered youth-related, e.g. sustainability, economic policy or infrastructure.

Bringing the missing 25% to the forefront

Young people make up 25% of the whole EU population, and, even though they will live with the consequences and impacts of the regulations designed today, they are underrepresented in political processes and in consultations.

In order to avoid policies that create further disruption and barriers within our society, the impact on youth needs to be addressed. **Youth should have a say when it comes to:**

whether gas and nuclear power should be classified as sustainable energy sources

how to improve and build on the circular economy

how to regulate social media networks

Young people demand proper consultation on all policies that affect them, to ensure that their voices are taken into account in the decision-making process. The Youth Test meets these requirements, while also acknowledging that young people's interests are wide-ranging and go far beyond traditional "youth" topics such as education and mobility exchanges.

Numerous 'Best Practices'

Several Member States have introduced a youth impact assessment tool, either at national or regional level. While these differ in terms of methodology, they all serve the purpose of mainstreaming youth in policy making and ensuring that the impact on their lives is considered. Youth impact assessment tools can be found:

> At regional level

 Flanders

> At Member State level

 Austria

 France

 Germany

> Outside of the EU

 Canada

 New Zealand

Youth mainstreaming in all policies is an aim of the EU Youth Strategy and one of the four key objectives of the European Year of Youth - the Youth Test is a way to both implement this strand of the Strategy and realise this objective for 2022, hence providing a long-lasting legacy.

The European Youth Forum is the largest platform of youth organisations in Europe, bringing together tens of millions of young people from all over the continent. We represent over **100 diverse youth organisations** and platforms, and we are led by young people, who are democratically elected for the roles of President and the Board.

We bring the voices of young Europeans to international fora, and facilitate their participation in policy making. We help young people claim their rights, and we promote the exchange of ideas and experiences.

We believe that **every young person should have a say about matters that concern them**, and we make this a reality.

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