



Statement on the situation in F.Y.R.O Macedonia

The European Youth Forum and the National Youth Council of Macedonia/F.Y.R.O.M. condemn yesterday's brutal attack on members of the parliament and the level of violence used by the protesters.

What is also concerning is the presence of young people among the protesters, who chose violence as a way of expressing their dissatisfaction, which is a direct violation of democratic and European values.

Yesterday's violence was encompassing towards all groups belonging to one society, including young people too.

Macedonian citizens and especially young people should engage and express their opinions freely, as long as that is based on non-violent and democratic principles. We support their freedom of assembly and freedom of speech and we demand that they restrain from any calls of violence and hate speech.

The level of hate speech and tensions are reaching unprecedented levels and young people, as one of the most vulnerable group, are in a very difficult situation in terms of this matter.

The ongoing political crisis and its frequent violent escalations create negative environment for young people and youth organizations to actively participate in society.

In order to avoid future tensions and for the wellbeing of young people, we call all politicians to urgently find solutions that will unblock the democratic processes and peaceful conditions for proper and necessary development of young people.

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