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The question of how to include young people in democratic processes and set up their own agendas

People under 25 have the lowest voter turnout. What measures can be taken to encourage younger people to take a more active interest in politics?

The possibility to actively participate in political elections is confined by regulations such as the age limit. How can this be improved?

The communication between politicians and adolescents is often seen as problematic. What measures of improvement can be taken to bring these groups closer together?

Videos:

Introduction:

- Introductory explanation of the European Parliament:
[What is the European Parliament?](#)
- Explanation of the European voting system and procedure:
[Does your vote matter?](#)

Current issues:

- The main issues of the current voting procedure and the weak points in the electoral system:
[The need of a new voting system](#)
- A video about young people's participation in elections, the causes for the lack of participation and possible solutions (important but refers mainly to the American electoral system!):
[The power of youth voting](#)
- The young generation's opinion on the EU referendum in the UK:
[EU referendum](#)

Articles and pdfs:

- Article on youth voter participation in the European Elections in 2019:
[The turnout of the youth at the European Elections from 2019](#)
- Pdf describing the current situation of young voters among several countries from Eastern and Western Europe:
[Youth voter participation](#)
- Policy paper proposing a "policy framework to advocate for quality youth participation and representation mechanisms in institutions":
<https://www.youthforum.org/policy-paper-quality-youth-participation-and-representation-institutions>
- Paper on a conclusion by the Youth Council advocating to strengthen Youth Voter Participation:
<https://www.youthforum.org/youth-council-conclusions-say-youth-participation-must-be-strengthened>
- Explanation of the Youth Strategy developed by the EU:
[The Youth Strategy](#)