

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AND EDUCATION (CULT)

Fact Sheet

Brief description of the issue:

The committee's task is to come up with new legislative proposals to increase inclusion, activity and engagement of the youth in the civil society through a safe and secure use of social media in the process.

Key terms:

- Civil Society - all forms of social action carried out by individuals or groups who are neither connected to nor managed by state authorities.
- Extremism - the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and respect and tolerance for different faiths and beliefs
- EU Youth Strategy: the framework for EU youth policy cooperation for 2019- 2027
- EU Youth Dialogue: a dialogue mechanism between young people and decision makers taking place in the framework of the EU Youth Strategy.
- Erasmus+: the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe
- An algorithm on social media - help maintain order and assist in ranking search results and advertisements. On Facebook, for example, there is an algorithm that directs pages and content to display in a certain order.

Main stakeholders and actors:

- EU Youth Strategy: fosters youth participation in democratic life; it also supports social and civic engagement and aims to ensure that all young people have the necessary resources to take part in society. Engage, Connect, Empower.
- EU Youth Dialogue: young people can engage in dialogues with political decision makers and talk about their concerns and demands.

Measures already in place:

- EU Youth Strategy: the framework for EU youth policy cooperation for 2019- 2027
- European Union member states, together with other European countries participating in the EU program Erasmus+, have completed various projects on youth participation in decision-making processes, such as the Model European Parliament, the Model European Union and the European Youth Event.

Stats and graphs:

Figure 5-J: Proportion of young people (aged 16-24) who used the internet to interact with public authorities in the twelve months before the survey, by country, 2010 and 2017

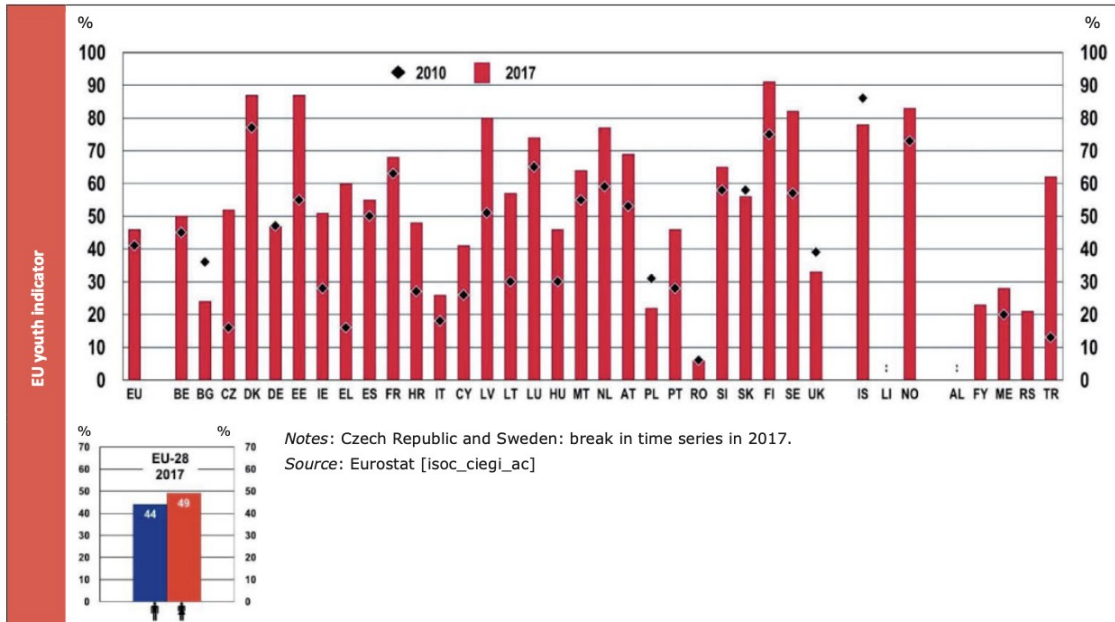
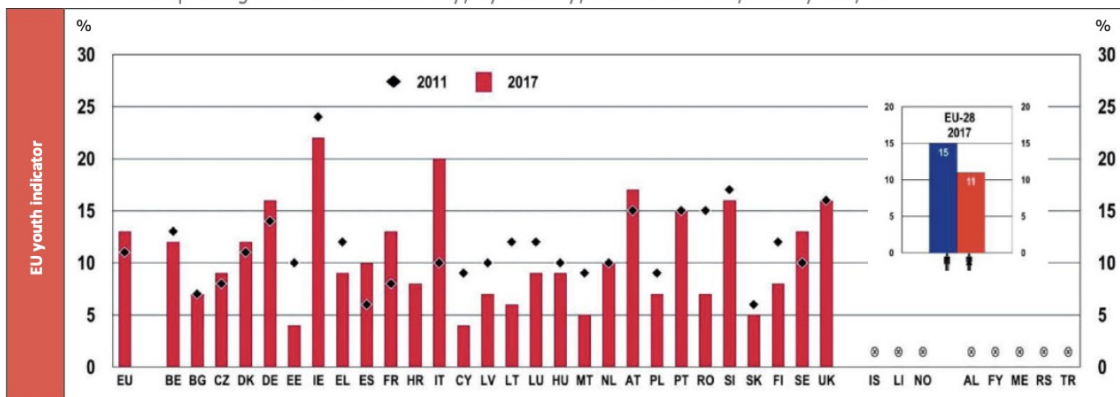
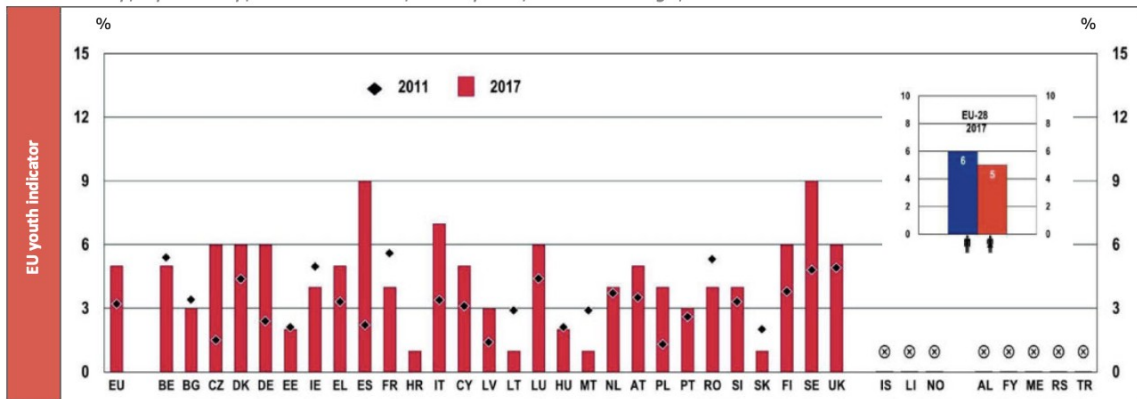


Figure 5-I: Proportion of young people (aged 15-30) who have participated in the activities of organisations aimed at improving their local community, by country, 2011 and 2017, and by sex, 2017



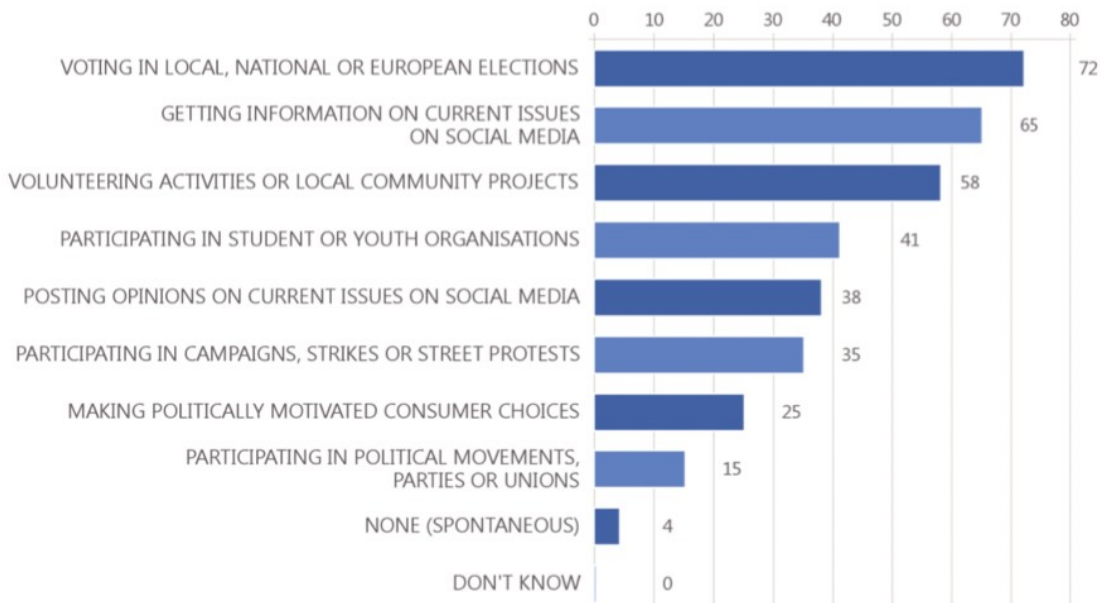
Notes: The question was 'In the last 12 months, have you participated in any [of the] activities of the following organisations: a local organisation aimed at improving the local community?'. Base: All respondents. EU-27 (2011) and EU-28 (2017).
Source: 2011 Flash Eurobarometer 319a 'Youth on the Move', 2015 Flash Eurobarometer 408 'European Youth'.

Figure 8-C: Participation of young people (aged 15-30) in non-governmental organisations active in the domain of climate change/environmental issues, self-reported participation in the 12 months preceding the survey, by country, 2011 and 2017, and by sex, EU-28 average, 2017



Notes: Question: 'Have you in the past year participated in any activities of the following organisations?'
 Answers: 'An organisation active in the domains of global climate change/global warming' (2011), 'An organisation active in the domain of climate change/environmental issues' (2017) (multiple answers possible).
 Base: all respondents, % of 'yes' answers by country, EU-27 (2011) and EU-28 (2017).
 Source: Flash Eurobarometer 319a, 'Youth on the Move', 2011 and Flash Eurobarometer 455, 'European Youth', 2017.

Q6 Have you ever participated in the following activities? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)
 (% - EU)



Base: all respondents (N=10,786)



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SOCIAL & CIVIC PARTICIPATION



Three in four young people have been
ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SOME FORM OF
ORGANISED MOVEMENT OR VOLUNTEERING

Young people who participate the most (or least) are those ...



58%
TOOK PART IN **VOLUNTEERING**
ACTIVITIES OR LOCAL
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

... still
studying
62%

... who are
manual
workers
42%

...with
experience
of mobility
67%



41%
PARTICIPATED IN
STUDENT OR YOUTH
ORGANISATIONS

... still
studying
47%

... who are
manual
workers
30%

...with
experience
of mobility
51%

... involved in
volunteering
56%



35%
TOOK PART IN
CAMPAIGNS, STRIKES
OR STREET PROTESTS

... still
studying
41%

... who are
manual
workers
29%

...with
experience
of mobility
44%

... involved in
volunteering
42%

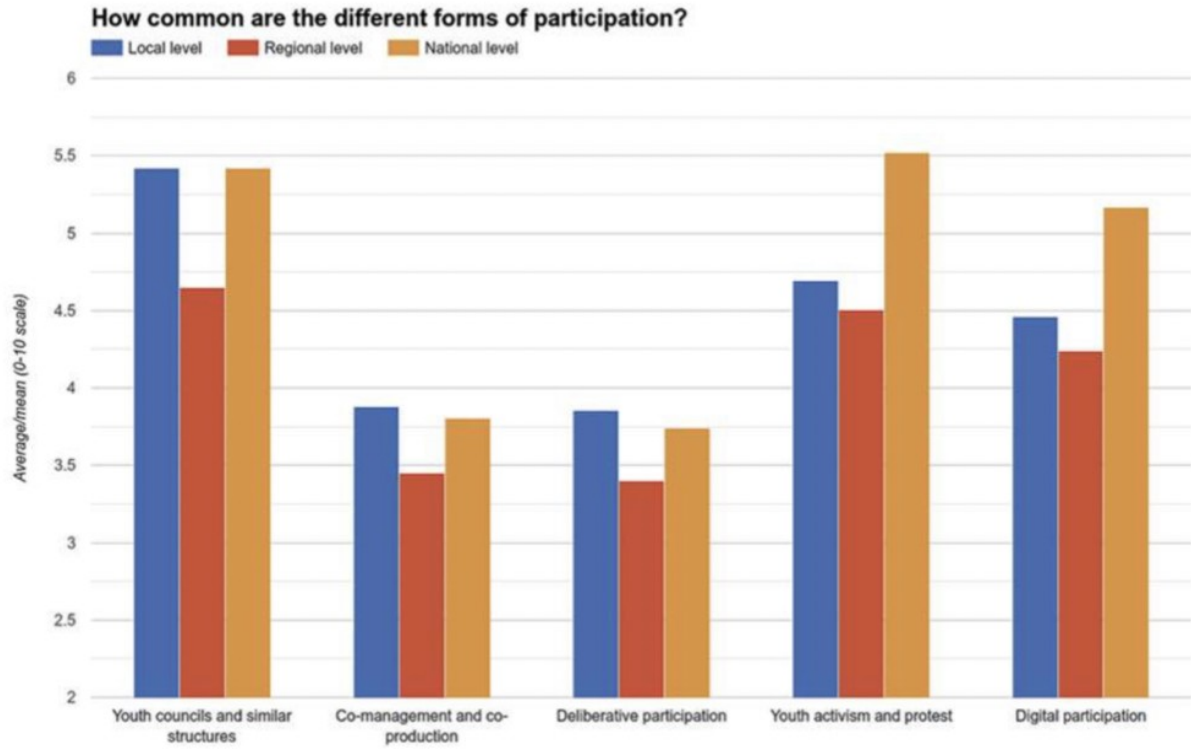


15%
PARTICIPATED IN
POLITICAL MOVEMENTS,
PARTIES OR UNIONS

... living in
large cities
21%

small &
mid-size towns
12%

... involved in
volunteering
22%



Source: New and innovative forms of youth participation in decision-making processes, CoE