

# European Youth Week

## Kick-off event – 12 April 2024

European Parliament in Brussels

### Programme

08.00-09.15	<p><b>Arrival of participants</b></p> <p><b>Security check and accreditation</b></p> <p><b>Welcome breakfast</b> (Room: espace Yehudi Menuhin)</p>
09.15-10.45	<p><b>Welcome and opening plenary session</b> (Room: Hemicycle)</p> <p>Hosted by <b>Dan Sobovitz</b>, Master of Ceremony</p> <p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ by <b>Roberta Metsola</b>, President of the European Parliament (video message)</li><li>▪ by <b>Margaritis Schinas</b>, Vice-President of the European Commission (video message)</li><li>▪ by <b>Iliana Ivanova</b>, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth</li></ul> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> with interactive elements on topics like youth participation, engagement and empowerment, democracy and values, active citizenship, in the context of European elections.</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen</b>: Director-General DG EAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Marcos Ros Sempere</b>, Member of the European Parliament</li><li>▪ <b>Benjamin Dalle</b>, Flemish Minister for Brussels Affairs, Youth, Media and Poverty Reduction</li><li>▪ <b>Tanya Hristova</b>, Committee of the Regions, Chair of the CoR Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC)</li><li>▪ <b>Katrīna Leitāne</b>, President of the European Economic and Social Committee's Youth Group</li><li>▪ <b>María Rodríguez Alcázar</b>, President of the European Youth Forum</li><li>▪ <b>Anna Fratsyvir</b>, Young representative from Ukraine</li></ul> <p>Interactive participation of the audience on specific questions via the voting buttons on the seats in the Hemicycle.</p> <p><b>Artistic activity and closing of the plenary session</b></p>
11:45-12:45	<p><b>1st round of breakout sessions*</b></p>

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12:45 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b> will be provided to all participants (Room: espace Yehudi Menuhin)
14:30 - 15:45	<b>2nd round of breakout sessions</b>
16:30 - 17:30	<b>3rd round of breakout sessions</b>
17:30 - 19:00	<b>Closing reception</b> (Room: espace Yehudi Menuhin)

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**\*Parallel breakout sessions:** The sessions at the kick-off event aim to bring together stakeholders and participants to share strategic topics of interest for young people and display success stories. In total, there is capacity to organise 34 parallel breakout sessions during the day. The capacity of the rooms goes from 30 to 400 participants.

**Marketplace:** The marketplace will run all day in the form of 20 stands inside of the European Parliament, at which youth initiatives, policies and/or EU programmes that concern young people could be presented. Participants will be invited to visit the stands to discuss and voice their visions.

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