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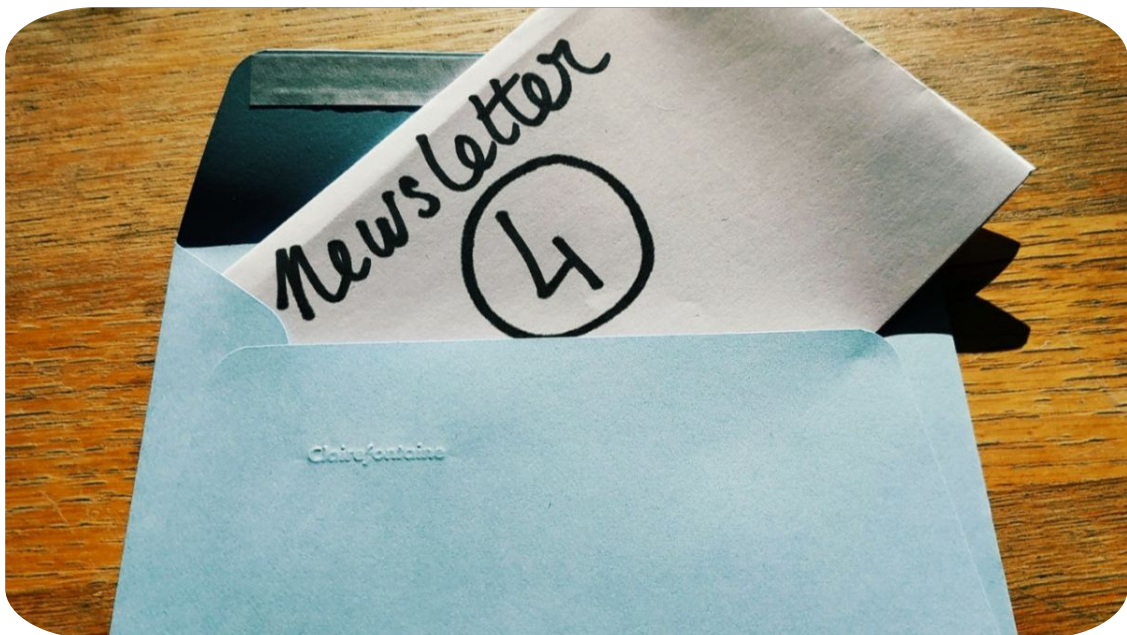
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EURYKA / Reinventing Democracy in Europe : Youth Doing Politics in Times of Increasing Inequalities

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EURYKA is a cross-national research project which provides systematic and practice-related knowledge about how inequalities mediate youth political participation. It suggests novel democratic models to help reimagine a more inclusive European politics.

ABOUT EURYKA

EURYKA brings together researchers and civil society practitioners from nine European countries: France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. With the aim of **strengthening European democratic life**, the project intends to reach a better understanding of the conditions, processes, and mechanisms underpinning how young people do politics: how do they form opinions and take actions to bring about social and political change? At the core of EURYKA's conceptual framework lies the idea of **youth political participation as forms of coping mechanism for dealing with inequalities**. The project, thus, investigates the norms, values, attitudes and behaviors underpinning such mechanisms and how these relates to issues of democracy, power, politics, policy-making, social and political participation (online and offline) and the organization of economic, social and private life.

5th CONSORTIUM MEETING



Taking place at the **University of Warsaw on 15-16 November 2018**, the fifth project meeting of the EURYKA project focused on ongoing and forthcoming research and dissemination activities. The project members discussed the following research-related points:

- WP3, in particular its codebook and the structure of its final reports;
- WP2 and WP5 progress and publication plans;
- WP6: analysis, report and publication plans
- The overall coordination of WP3, WP6 and WP7
- The preparation for the launch of WP7

Then, all teams tackled communication and dissemination issues, as well as the forthcoming events:

- the documentary video (WP8) created by EuroAlter
- the International Scientific Conference (8-10 May, Monte Verità)

- social media, policy brief, newsletters

1st PRIORITY ACTION ROUNDTABLE

What are the priority action roundtables?

Let's discuss together!

The Euryka project will organize nine priority action roundtables with policy-makers, practitioners, and young people, one in each country.

Participants will be asked to discuss research findings and future scenarios in the light of their own practical experiences and expertise. In order to better disseminate the research findings, the priority action roundtables will be organised in the national language.

More roundtables coming soon!



The 31st of January the EURYKA team from the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC) organised a roundtable in Madrid, next to the Congress of Deputies, about the **difficulties that young people**

media in the construction of public discourses.

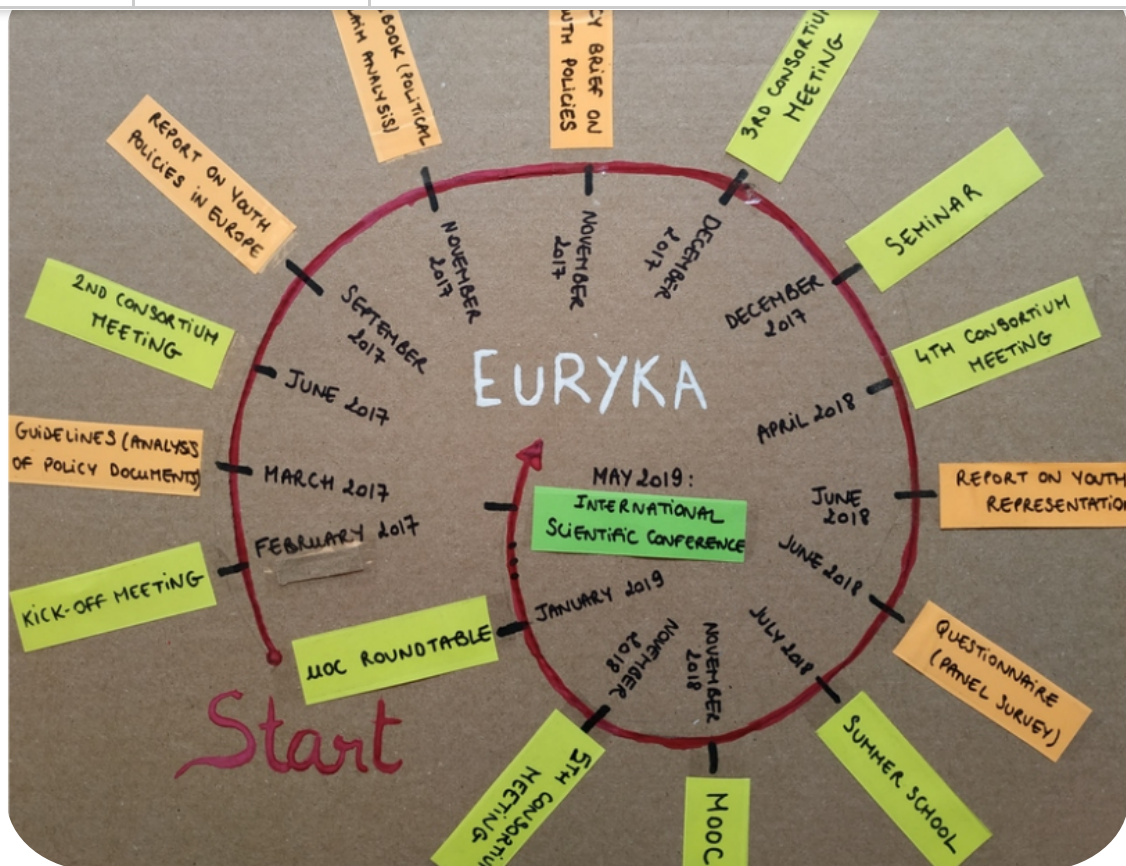
The debate was based on a case study conducted within the framework of the EURYKA project (on the dissolution of the CJE - Spanish Youth Council, you can find the full article [here](#)) that derived from the research field performed in WP2 of the project (full report [here](#)). This research analyses political claims in nine European countries' mainstream media, and among others:

- how young people and their particular ways of doing politics are dealt with in the media;
- how visible "organised youth" is (or not) in the public domain;
- what claims are made for new democratic models;
- what type of social and political change they propose in each country.

The invited speakers of the roundtable were [Gema García Albacete](#) - assistant professor at Social Science Department of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and advisor of the EURYKA project, [Ricardo Ibarra](#) - former president of Consejo de la Juventud de España (CJE) and [Beatriz Talegón](#), a journalist who participated in the CJE dissolution debate on social networks.

- One of the main conclusions of the debate was that it could be useful to **generate recommendations for the media to address youth issues** (for instance, supported by the WP2 research findings).
- Another subject that were discussed was the idea of **voting at the age of 16 instead of 18** in order to bring awareness on politics to younger people, as not being able to vote tends to reduce interest and awareness on political parties' programmes and actions.

EURYKA'S BIRTHDAY: RETROSPECTIVE



February 2017 | [Kick-off meeting](#)

March 2017 | [Guidelines for the Analysis of Policy Documents](#)

June 2017 | [2nd consortium meeting](#)

September 2017 | [Report on Youth Policies in Europe](#)

November 2017 | [Codebook for the Political Claims Analysis](#)

November 2017 | [Policy Brief on Youth Policies](#)

December 2017 | [3rd consortium meeting](#)

December 2017 | [Seminar](#)

April 2018 | [4th consortium meeting](#)

June 2018 | [Report on youth representation in the media](#)

June 2018 | [Questionnaire for the Panel Survey](#)

July 2018 | [Summer School](#)

July 2018 | [MOOC](#)

January 2019 | [UOC roundtable](#)

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UPCOMING - May 2019 | International Scientific Conference



CODER WORKSHOP



On **February 7th and 8th**, researchers from all nine participating universities gathered in Barcelona for a two-day workshop.

i.e. the mapping and qualitative as well as quantitative assessment of youth organizations across countries.

One part of this work package is a website coding following the approach of "Action Organization Analysis" that aims at **identifying and comparing the characteristics of civil society organizations**. The goal of the workshop was to build a common understanding of the mapping and coding instructions and the variables in the codebook. In addition and building on the experience of the present researchers, the variables were discussed and adjusted where deemed necessary.

In the aftermath, further training sessions were carried out to increase the inter coder reliability, i.e. the consistency of website coding across teams and individual coders. With the actual data collection scheduled to start soon, **EURYKA hopes to provide researchers and practitioners with a unique assessment of the supply side of youth participation: youth-oriented and youth-led organizations and their characteristics.**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

EURYKA Newsletters

- [Issue 1](#), July 2017
- [Issue 2](#), January 2018
- [Issue 3](#), October 2018

EURYKA Reports:

- Report on [Youth Policies in Europe](#)
- Report on the [Representation of young people and youth-related issues in the media](#)

EURYKA Policy Briefs:

- Policy Brief on Youth Policies across Nine European Countries,

SAVE THE DATE!

- **EURYKA International Scientific Conference**, Monte Verità, **8-10 May 2019**. You can find the programme [here](#).
- **Semaine de la Démocratie** (dissemination event), University of Geneva, **30 September - 15 October 2019**. Check out the programme of the last edition [here](#)!



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