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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**

**E**URYKA 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.

## A PROJECT COMING TO AN END...

**After three years of research on the new forms of youth political participation, the Euryka project is coming to an end...**

Interested in the project's results? Have a look at the various reports:

- Integrated report on policy analysis (WP1), [here!](#)
- Integrated report on political claim analysis (WP2), [here!](#)
- Integrated report on biographical analysis (WP6), [here!](#)
- Integrated report on social media analysis (WP7), [here!](#)
- Prescriptive report on youth and political change (WP8), [here!](#)

Enjoy the read! More to come [on our website](#).

## EURYKA FINAL CONFERENCE

## **What happened?**

**3 PANELS explored the main dimensions of the Euryka project around 3 topics:**

### **PANEL 1 – YOUTH POLITICAL REPRESENTATION**

Moderated by Madiana Asseraf | European Broadcasting Union

Jennifer Earl | University of Arizona

Anna Clua | Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Michael Piccinino | European Youth Forum

Andrés Tobias y Rubio | Council of the European Union

### **PANEL 2 – YOUTH AND INEQUALITIES**

Moderated by Madiana Asseraf | European Broadcasting Union

Christian Lahusen | Siegen University

Howard Williamson | University of South Wales

Luis Fernandez | Barcelona Youth Council

Eva Reina | European Youth Information and Counselling Agency

### **KEYNOTE DIALOGUE ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

Sarah Pickard | Université Sorbonne Nouvelle

Katrin Uba | Uppsala University

**We were also glad to welcome Giulia Salvatori and Daniele Napolitano, who agreed to come and present their wonderful documentary on youth doing politics in Europe.**

### **DOCUMENTARY**

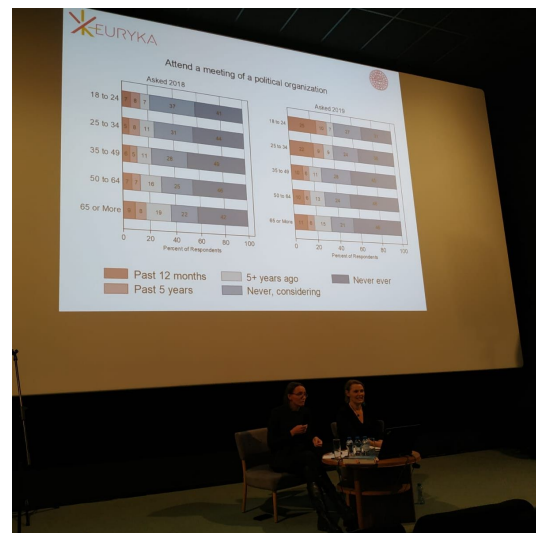
"Political Youth", 20'. Produced by European Alternatives, lead by Valerio Nicolosi, Daniele Napolitano and Giulia Salvatori.

The last decade in Europe has seen young people on the front lines of social and political changes. Unwilling to accept the status-quo, many young people are now inventing a new politics across borders, in the name of social justice and a livable future.

[Watch the full documentary here!](#)

**A warm thank you to all the invited speakers, to our great moderator Madiana Asseraf, to our project advisors, project officer and to the audience for making this event possible!**





## REJUVENATING EUROPE'S DEMOCRACY



**"Protesting, voting and engaged, or despondent, disinterested and dangerous?"** Political stereotypes about young people abound in every society, and in Europe today the young generation is particularly at risk of being talked about by elders and the powerful, rather than attentively listened to and treated as equals.

The policy report '[Rejuvenating Europe's democracy](https://euroalter.com/2020/rejuvenating-europes-democracy)' comes at the end of a significant three year transnational study of the way young people do politics in Europe today, in a context of rising inequalities, entitled EURYKA." *European Alternatives*, January 21st.

More about the policy report here:

<https://euroalter.com/2020/rejuvenating-europes-democracy>

## PRIORITY ACTION ROUNDTABLES

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.



*Roundtable at the University of Geneva. Laurence Difélix (journalist), Jasmine Lorenzini (UniGe), Elodie Hefti (Climate Strike activist), Bastien Ischer (DIP canton de Genève), Marco Giugni (UniGe).*

### **January 2019 - Universitat Oberta de Catalunya**

Youth barriers in accessing the public sphere

### **June 2019 - University of Sheffield**

Youth organisations and youth political participation

### **September 2019 - Sciences Po**

Intérêts, limites et ambiguïtés de la politique de la jeunesse de l'Union Européenne

### **October 2019 - University of Geneva**

Les jeunes apolitiques? Entre discours publics et données de terrain.

### **November 2019 - University of Siegen**

Youth activism: motivations and hurdles (Spain and Germany)

### January 2020 - Scuola Normale Superiore

Forms and places of youth participation in Bologna, yesterday, today and tomorrow

### January 2020 - University of Crete

Youth policies in Greece

### January 2020 - University of Warsaw

To be confirmed

### March 2020 - University of Uppsala

To be confirmed

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### EURYKA Newsletters

- [Issue 1](#), July 2017
- [Issue 2](#), January 2018
- [Issue 3](#), October 2018
- [Issue 4](#), March 2019
- [Issue 5](#), January 2020

### EURYKA Policy Briefs:

- Policy Brief on Youth Policies across Nine European Countries, available [here](#)
- Policy Brief on Young People's Claims in the Media: Evidence from Nine European Countries [here](#)





# PROJECT IDENTITY

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