

CONFERENCE ON YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN EUROPE

DAY 1- MONDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2025

- 8:45 Arrival at Landhaus St. Pölten & Icebreaker
- 9:00 Opening of the conference
Welcome by:
- *Christian Grønbech-Jensen, Ambassador of Denmark*
 - *Florian Krumböck, Member of the Lower Austrian State Parliament, representing Governor Johanna Mikl-Leitner*
 - *Marcus Melau, Network of Danish Local Youth Councils (NAU)*
 - *Rebekka Dober, YEP- Youth. Empowerment. Participation.*
- 9:30 Key note speech about democracy and Europe
Sigrid Maurer, Member of the National Council and Deputy Chairwoman of the parliamentary group (Die Grünen)
- 10:00 Presentation of the Danish EU presidency
Ambassador Christian Grønbech-Jensen, Embassy and Permanent Mission of Denmark
- 10:30 Panel discussion: Youth participation on local and regional levels in DK and AT
- *Florian Krumböck, Member of the Lower Austrian State Parliament,*
 - *Marcus Melau, Network of Danish Local Youth Councils (NAU)*
 - *Anna Marie Christely, European Youth Delegate, Austrian National Youth Council (BJV)*
 - *Moderation by Mathias Vaa, Deputy Ambassador of Denmark*
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:30 Workshop: Exchange of views on current situation and wishes for the future
YEP
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Democracy Fitness
YEP
- 14:30 Break-out sessions:
- *How do I build a political platform as a young person in the digital age?*
Simon Plank, Editor, Wiener Zeitung
 - *How do we ensure social inclusion and diversity in politics?*
Olivia Lori, Activist and Influencer, European Youth Network

- How do we prevent democratic backsliding in the next generation?
Dr. Julia Partheymüller, Department of Government, Vienna Center for Electoral Research

16:30 Closing Remarks

- *Lejla Visnjic, President of the Austrian National Youth Council (BJV)*
- *Marcus Melau, President of the Network of Danish Local Youth Councils (NAU)*

16:45 Tour through Landhaus St. Pölten

18:00 Reception in Freiraum, St. Pölten
Concert by Roman James

DAY 2- TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2025

9:50 Arrival & Registration at the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), Vienna

10:00 Welcome remarks
Ann-Charlotte Nygård, Head of Sector for National Partnerships and Networks

10:15 Introduction to FRA's work and activities
Marialetizia Leonardo, National Partnerships and Networks

10:30 The rights of the child in the EU: What measures are there to ensure child and youth participation in the EU?
Astrid Podsiadlowski, Head of the Social Rights Sector and Sandra Aigner-Accardo, Project Manager at the Social Rights Sector

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Youth engagement in FRA's work: the new FRA's Youth Advisory Panel
Sabine Springer, Project Manager for FRA's Youth Advisory Panel

11:45 Fundamental rights and participation locally: about Human Rights Cities
Geraldine Guille, Institutional Relations and Policy

12:25 Closing Remarks

12:30 Lunch
Hidden Kitchen

14:00 Arrival at Experience Europe, Vienna

- 14:05 Virtual exchange with EU Commission / Visit to exhibition
Ruard Wallis de Vries, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, EU Commission
- 15:00 Break-out sessions:
- *Roleplay about the European legislative process*
 - *“Bad News Game” about misinformation*
- 17:30 Reception at Haus der Europäischen Union
Welcome by:
- *Patrick Lobis, Head of the EU Commission Representation in Austria*
 - *Christian Grønbech-Jensen, Ambassador of Denmark*
- Speeches by Emma Klint Hansen, Danish Representative to the European Youth Dialogue and Pepe Loibner, Austria’s Youngest District Councillor (Vienna)*
Announcement of the winner of the “Ambassador for a Day” essay competition

DAY 3- WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2025

- 8:30 Arrival & Security at the Austrian Parliament
- 9:15 Guided tour of the Austrian Parliament
- 10:00 Presentation of the Democracy Workshop
- 10.30 Townhall with Austrian MPs
- 12:00 Lunch
Rathauskeller

End of Joint Programme