EXPLORING YOUNG PEOPLE’S VIEWS ABOUT EUROPE AND THE EU
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THE VOICE OF 4500 YOUNG EUROPEANS

74% aged 18-20
55% female
56% in secondary education
44% with entrepreneurship education

A SURVEY IN 21 COUNTRIES

15 countries

9 innovation workshops

1 special event in Brussels

Educating young people, policy makers and business leaders in an exchange on the future of Europe.

YOUTH PRIORITIES FOR EUROPE

Quality education 88%
A safe Europe 80%
Employment 78%

Most important challenges for Europe

Quality education 88%
A safe Europe 80%
Youth unemployment 66%
Climate change 60%
Digital divide 47%
Sex of migration 43%
Youth crime 40%

YOUNG PEOPLE’S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE EU

Young people want to know more about the EU; they feel their voice is not heard

66% feel they should learn more about the EU and school
32% often discuss European and EU matters among their family and friends
18% feel their voice is heard when they vote in EU elections

YOUR PROUD TO STAY ABROAD 87%
THE RIGHT TO WORK ABROAD 85%
EU SUPPORT FOR RURAL REGIONS IN EUROPE 76%
THE FUTURE OF TRAVEL WITHOUT VISA OR BORDER CONTROL 74%
ACCESS TO DECENT HOUSING FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD 67%
EU IN DEFENCE AND SECURITY POLICY 59%
EU BUDGET 58%
EU INCOME IN EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP 56%

WHAT YOU THINK THE EU DELIVERS

Young people feel the most important benefits of the EU are peace and mobility

Study abroad 87%
Peace in the EU 86%
Work abroad 85%

WORK AND MIGRATION 44%
SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY 33%
PRIVATE LIFE 26%

YOUNG PEOPLE’S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE EU

I can explain to my friends how the EU works

STUDENTS WITH ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

STUDENTS WITH NO ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

YOUTH FEELING ABOUT THE FUTURE

Young people with entrepreneurship education experience seem to be more optimistic about the future

I WOULD LIKE TO START A BUSINESS OF MY OWN 45%
I WOULD LIKE TO WORK FOR A MULTINATIONAL COMPANY 53%
QUALITY OF LIFE WILL BE BETTER FOR MOST PEOPLE IN EUROPE BY 2030 43%
IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND A JOB IN 2030 45%
QUALITY OF LIFE WILL BE BETTER FOR MOST PEOPLE IN MY COUNTRY BY 2030 38%

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