



# Study on child participation in EU political and democratic life

Children's participation structures and mechanisms

## International and European

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Youth Network – <https://unctad.org/topic/youth>
- The Commonwealth Youth Council and the Commonwealth Youth Forum- <https://commonwealthyouthcouncil.com/>, <https://commonwealthyouthcouncil.com/commonwealth-youth-forum/>
- European Youth Parliament (EYP) - <https://eyp.org>
- European Youth Forum - [www.youthforum.org](http://www.youthforum.org)
- Better Internet for Kids (BIK) Youth Panel at the Safer Internet Forum (SIF) - <https://www.bikyouth.eu/>; <https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/practice/awareness/article?id=5660405>
- European Youth Week - [https://europa.eu/youth/week\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/week_en)
- Eurochild Children's Council - [www.eurochild.org/eurochild-childrens-council/](http://www.eurochild.org/eurochild-childrens-council/)

## Austria

- Austrian National Youth Council (Bundesjugendvertretung) - <https://bjv.at/>
- Youth Council (Jugendrat) - Fridays for Future - <https://www.familiii.at/schuelerinnen-von-fridays-for-future-gruenden-jugendrat>

## Belgium

- Flemish Youth Council (Vlaamse Jeugdraad) - <https://vlaamsejeugdraad.be/node/1013>
- Youth Forum (Forum des Jeunes) - <https://forumdesjeunes.be/a-propos/>
- Confederation of Youth Organisations (Confédération des Organisations de Jeunesse) - <http://coj.be>
- Flemish youth parliament (Vlaams jeugdparlement) - <https://www.globelink.be/kras>; <https://www.globelink.be/kras-plenum>; <https://www.globelink.be/forum>

## Bulgaria

- National Youth Forum (Национален младежки форум) (earlier known as the National Youth Council) - <https://orgs.tigweb.org/national-youth-council-of-bulgaria-nms>; <https://nmf.bg/about-us/>

## Croatia

- Croatian Youth Network (Mreža mladih Hrvatske) - <https://mmh.hr/o-nama>

- The Network of Young Advisors to the Ombudsman for Children - NYA ) (in Croatian: Mreža mladih savjetnika pravobraniteljice za djecu –MMS) - <https://dijete.hr/pravobranitelj/pravobraniteljica/>
- Children's Association - a national coordinator of the Children's Councils network in Croatia - <https://savez-dnd.hr/childrens-participation/childrens-councils/>
- Youth Council of the Croatian Government - <https://mdomsp.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/mladi-i-volonterstvo/mladi-9015/savjet-za-mlade-vlade-republike-hrvatske-9020/9020>

## Cyprus

- Youth Board of Cyprus (Οργανισμός Νεολαίας) - <https://onek.org.cy/>
- Cyprus Children's Parliament (Κυπριακή Παιδοβουλή) - <http://pccpwc.org/en/Children%20Parliament.html>
- "Youth Parliament" programme (Κοινοβούλιο Νεολαίας) - [http://www.efivoi.gr/?CMD=to\\_programma](http://www.efivoi.gr/?CMD=to_programma)
- Cyprus Youth Council (CYC) (Συμβούλιο Νεολαίας Κύπρου) - <https://cyc.org.cy/en/cyc-statute/>

## Czechia

- National Parliament of Children and Youth (Národní parlament dětí a mládeže) - <https://www.npdm.eu/o-npdm/>
- Kecejme do toho! (Have Your Say!) (an official platform for the structured dialogue efforts in the Czechia) - <http://www.kecejmedotoho.cz/>

## Denmark

- The Danish National Council for Children's (NCC) Child and Youth Panel (Børnerådets børne- og ungepanel), Mini Child Panel (Børnerådets minibørnepanel) and Expert groups (Børnerådets ekspertgrupper) - <https://www.boerneraadet.dk/boerneinddragelse/boerne-og-ungepanelet>, <https://www.boerneraadet.dk/boerneinddragelse/miniboernepanelet>, <https://www.boerneraadet.dk/boerneinddragelse/ekspertgrupper>
- Danish Youth Council's (Dansk Ungdom's Fællesråd - DUF) - <https://duf.dk/dufs-arbejde/demokratikommissionen/>
- Youth People's Festival (Ungdommens Folkemøde – UFM) - <https://www.ungdommensfolkemoede.dk/>

## Estonia

- Estonian National Youth Council (Eesti Noorteühenduste Liit) - [www.enl.ee](http://www.enl.ee)
- Youth Participation Booklet – <https://enl.ee/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/ENLi-osalusbooklet-2019.pdf>; <https://enl.ee/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/osaluse-booklet.pdf>
- Participation Café's (Osaluskohvikud) - <https://enl.ee/projekt/osaluskohvikud/>
- Pick Up! (Nopi üles!) - <https://ank.ee/projektid/nopi-ules/>; Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/nopiules>; <http://nopiyles.blogspot.com/p/omaalgatused-2019.html>
- Youth Participation Fund (Noorte osalusfond) - <https://enl.ee/projekt/fond/>

- European Youth Forum (Euroopa Noortefoorum) - <https://enl.ee/valissuhted/euroopa-noortefoorum/>
- Estonian Union of Child Welfare Youth Council - <https://www.lastekaitseliit.ee/organisatsioon/noortekogu-2/>; [www.markalast.ee](http://www.markalast.ee)
- Regional Youth Council (Maakondliku tasandi noortekogu) - <https://enl.ee/noorte-osalus/osaluskogud/>
- Local youth councils (kohaliku tasandi noortevolikogu) - <https://enl.ee/noorte-osalus/osaluskogud/>

## Finland

- The Finnish National Youth Council - The Alliance (Allianssi) (also referred to as the Finnish National Youth Cooperative) - <https://www.alli.fi>
- Lapsiasiavaltuutettu (The Ombudsman for Children) - <http://lapsiasia.fi/lapsiasiavaltuutettu/>
- Nuorten ideat (Ideas by Young People) - <https://www.nuortenideat.fi/fi/>
- The State Youth Council - <https://tietoanuorista.fi/>
- Youth Parliament - <https://opinkirjo.fi>

## France

- Children's Parliament (Parlement des Enfants) - <https://www.parlementdesenfants.fr/tout-savoir-sur-l-operation>
- Children and Adolescent's College (collège d'enfants et adolescents associé aux travaux de la formation spécialisée dans le champ de l'enfance et de l'adolescence du Haut Conseil de la famille, de l'enfance et de l'âge) - <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000033385901&categorieLien=id>
- National Association of Children's and Youth Councils (Association Nationale des Conseils d'Enfants et de Jeunes) - <https://www.anacej.fr/>
- Alsacian Youth Parliament (Parlement de la jeunesse alsacienne) - <http://www.griesheim-sur-souffel.fr/fr/information/85979/parlement-alsacien-jeunes>
- Youth Regional Council for the Greater Est Region (Le Conseil régional des jeunes) - <https://www.grandest.fr/conseil-regional-jeunes/>
- Regional Youth Parliament of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region (Parlement Régional de la Jeunesse de la Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) - <https://www.maregionsud.fr/jeunesse-et-formation/parlement-regional-de-la-jeunesse>
- Children's Municipal Council of Roubaix (Conseil Municipal des Enfants Ville de Roubaix) - <https://www.ville-roubaix.fr/municipalite/participation-des-habitants/conseil-municipal-des-enfants/>
- Children's Municipal Council of Rouen (Conseil Municipal des Enfants Rouen) - <https://rouen.fr/cme#h2-1>
- Children's Municipal Council of Bordeaux (Conseil Municipal des Enfants Bordeaux) - <http://www.bordeaux.fr/p63966/conseil-municipal-des-enfants>
- Youth General Assembly of Ardeche (Les états généraux de la jeunesse d'Ardèche) - <http://agir.ardeche.fr/>

- Local Council of Young People of Issy-Les-Moulineaux (Conseil Communal des Jeunes d'Issy-Les-Moulineaux) - <https://www.issy.com/vie-citoyenne/s-engager-debattre/le-conseil-communal-des-jeunes/le-conseil-communal-des-jeunes>

## Germany

- Deutscher Bundesjugendring (DBJR) - German Federal Youth Council - <https://www.dbjr.de/en/>
- jugend.beteiligen.jetzt – für die Praxis digitaler Partizipation [youth participation now - practices for digital participation] - <https://jugend.beteiligen.jetzt/ueber-uns>

## Greece

- Youth Parliament (Βουλή των Εφήβων) - [http://www.efivoi.gr/?CMD=to\\_programma](http://www.efivoi.gr/?CMD=to_programma)
- Hellenic National Youth Council (ESYN) (Εθνικό Συμβούλιο Νεολαίας) - <http://www.esyn.gr/>
- Youth Councils (Τοπικά Συμβούλια Νέων) - [http://www.dsanet.gr/Epikairothta/Nomothesia/n3443\\_27\\_2\\_06.htm](http://www.dsanet.gr/Epikairothta/Nomothesia/n3443_27_2_06.htm)

## Hungary

- Federation of Children's and Youth Municipal Councils (Gyermek- és Ifjúsági Önkormányzati Társaság, GYIÖT) - <https://gyiot.hu>
- National Youth Council (Nemzeti Ifjúsági Tanács) - <https://ifjusagitanacs.hu/>
- National Student Council and National Student Parliament – (Országos Diáktanács (ODT) és Országos Diáktanács, ODP)) - <http://www.diakonkormanyzat.hu/>; [https://www.oktatas.hu/kozneveles/orszagos\\_diaktanacs/odt\\_ulesek\\_idopontjai](https://www.oktatas.hu/kozneveles/orszagos_diaktanacs/odt_ulesek_idopontjai); [https://www.oktatas.hu/kozneveles/orszagos\\_diaktanacs](https://www.oktatas.hu/kozneveles/orszagos_diaktanacs)
- ADOM student movement, Movement for Alternative Student-centric Education (ADOM diákmozgalom, Alternative Diákközpontú Oktatásért Mogalom) - <http://diakparlament.hu/>; <https://www.facebook.com/diakparlament>
- Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights - <http://www.ajbh.hu/esemenynaptar><http://www.ajbh.hu/esemenynaptar>
- Tata Student Council - [https://tata.hu/805/tata\\_varos\\_diakonkormanyzata](https://tata.hu/805/tata_varos_diakonkormanyzata); [https://tata.hu/19775/diak\\_kozmeghallgatast\\_rendeztek\\_a\\_varoshazan](https://tata.hu/19775/diak_kozmeghallgatast_rendeztek_a_varoshazan); <https://www.facebook.com/TataVarosDiakonkormanyzata/>
- Eger Student Council, #TEger project (Városi Diáktanács, Eger) - <https://www.europegoeslocal.eu/eql-action/youth-work-the-eger-way/?fbclid=IwAR2JF5D88sAx39hjHNGhzE-iySGvkG9piSjlypnCSqXeODW-RjBi22fa03M>; <https://www.facebook.com/hashTEger/>; <http://gyiot.hu/hirek/teger-projekt/>

## Italy

- National Youth Forum (Forum Nazionale Giovani) - <https://www.forumnazionalegiovani.it/>

## Ireland

- Comhairle na nÓg (network of local youth councils) - <https://www.comhairlenanog.ie/>
- Dáil na nÓg (National Youth Parliament) - <https://www.comhairlenanog.ie/dail-na-nog/>
- Comhairle na nÓg National Executive - <https://www.comhairlenanog.ie/national-executive/>
- Foróige Youth Participation Advisory Committee - <https://www.foroige.ie/young-people/youth-participation>

## Lithuania

- The EU Youth Parliament in Lithuania (Europos jaunimo parlamentas Lietuvoje) - <http://eyp.lt/>
- Lithuanian Youth Council (LiJOT) (Lietuvos jaunimo organizacijų taryba - LiJOT) - <https://lijot.lt>
- The Lithuanian National Union of Students (Pupils) - <https://lsp.lt/lt>
- Interinstitutional Child Welfare Council under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania - <https://vaikoteises.lt/protection-of-children/the-lithuanian-child-rights-protection-system-/>

## Luxembourg

- Parlement des Jeunes (Young People's Parliament) - <https://www.jugendparlament.lu/>
- National Youth Council (de Jugendrot) - <https://www.jugendrot.lu/>
- Youth Information Centre (Centre national d'Information pour Jeunes) - [https://www.youth.lu/index.php?option=com\\_youth\\_pages&task=view&Itemid=0&id=6](https://www.youth.lu/index.php?option=com_youth_pages&task=view&Itemid=0&id=6)

## Latvia

- Jaunatnes konsultatīvā padome (Youth Consultative Council) - <https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/jaunatne/lidzdalibas-mehanismi/jaunatnes-konsultativa-padome>
- Jauniešu Saeima (Youth Parliament) - <https://jauniesusaeima.lv/>
- National Youth Council of Latvia (Latvijas Jauniešu Padome, LJP) - <https://www.ljp.lv/>
- „Kafija ar politiķiem” (Coffee with politicians) - <https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/jaunatne/lidzdalibas-mehanismi/strukturetais-dialogs/struktureta-dialoga-labas-prakses-metode>

## Malta

- National Youth Parliament (NYP) - [https://knz.org.mt/?page\\_id=1091;](https://knz.org.mt/?page_id=1091;) <https://knz.org.mt/?mec-events=national-youth-parliament-2020>
- National Youth Council (Kunsill Nazzjonali Zgħazagħ) (KNŻ) - <https://knz.org.mt/>
- Council for Children - advisory body to the Office of the Commissioner for Children - <https://tfal.org.mt/en/about/Pages/Council-for-Children.aspx>

## Netherlands

- National Youth Council (Nationale Jeugdraad NJR) - <https://www.njr.nl>
- National Action Committee Students (Het Landelijk Aktie Komitee Scholieren (LAKS)) - <https://www.laks.nl/>
- International Debate Education Association (IDEA) - <https://idebate.org/about-idea-nw>
- FNV Jong - Federatie Nederlandse Vakbeweging (FNV young - youth arm of the Federation of Dutch Trade Unions) - <https://fnvjong.nl/>

## Poland

- Polish Council of Youth Organizations (PCYO) (Polska Rada Organizacji Młodzieżowych) - <https://prom.info.pl/>
- The Annual Children and Youth Parliament (Sejm Dzieci i Młodzieży) - [https://sdim.sejm.gov.pl/sdim\\_2020.nsf/page.xsp/misja\\_educacyjna](https://sdim.sejm.gov.pl/sdim_2020.nsf/page.xsp/misja_educacyjna)
- National Federation of Youth Local Governments (Ogólnopolska Federacja Młodzieżowych Samorządów Lokalnych) - Facebook webpage of the Federation <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Ogólnopolska-Federacja-Młodzieżowych-Samorządów-Lokalnych-208858999133504/about/>
- The Council of Children and Youth of the Republic of Poland at the Ministry of National Education (Rady Dzieci i Młodzieży Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej przy Ministrze Edukacji Narodowej) - <https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja/rada-dzieci-i-mlodziezy-nabor>
- Youth Ecological Council (Młodzieżowa rada ekologiczna) - <https://mre.srodowisko.gov.pl/mlodziejowa-rada-ekologiczna/>; <https://www.lasy.gov.pl/pl/wideo/telewizja-lasow-panstwowych/wideo/mlodziejowa-rada-ekologiczna-nowa-inicjatywa-ms-i-rpd>

## Portugal

- National Youth Council (Conselho Nacional de Juventude) (CNJ) - <https://www.cnj.pt/>
- Youth Parliament (Parlamento dos Jovens) - <http://www.jovens.parlamento.pt>
- National Council for Children and Young People (Conselho Nacional de Crianças e Jovens) (CNCJ) - <https://www.cnpdpcj.gov.pt/projetos-cofinanciados/apoio-a-parentalidade-positiva/conselho-nacional-de-criancas-e-jovens.aspx>
- Youth Participatory Budget (Orçamento Participativo Jovem) (OPJP) - <https://opjovem.gov.pt/>
- Local Youth Participatory Budget (Orçamento Participativo Jovem Municipal OPJM) - <https://op.cascais.pt/orcamento-participativo/op-jovem201920>; <https://jovem.cascais.pt/en/node/470>; <https://www.opjamarante.pt>; <http://cm-alcanena.pt/index.php/viver/juventude/orcamento-participativo-jovem-do-municipio-de-alcanena>
- Municipal Youth Council - Oporto (Conselho Municipal de Juventude do Porto) - <http://www.cm-porto.pt/conselhos-municipais/conselho-municipal-da-juventude>

## Romania

- The National Children's Forum (Forumul Național al Copiilor) - <https://www.salvaticopiii.ro/ce-facem/drepturile-copilului/participarea-copiiilor/sustinerea-programelor-initiate-de-elevi>
- The Children's Advocate (Avocatul Copilului) (Ombudsperson) - [http://www.avpoporului.ro/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=438&Itemid=276&lang=ro-ro](http://www.avpoporului.ro/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=438&Itemid=276&lang=ro-ro)
- The National School Students' Council (Consiliul Național al Elevilor) - <https://consiliulelevilor.ro/despre-noi-2/>
- The Council of Romanian Youth (Consiliul Tineretului din România) - <https://ctr.ro/cine-suntem/>
- The Forum of Romanian Youth (Forumul Tinerilor din România) - <http://forumul-tinerilor.ro/despre/>
- The National Caravan of The structured Dialogue with YOUTH (Caravana Națională a Dialogului Structurat cu TINERII) - <http://forumul-tinerilor.ro/pactulpentrutineri/>

## Slovakia

- Youth Council of Slovakia (Rada Mladeze Slovenska) - <https://mladez.sk>
- Association of Regional Youth Councils [Asociácia krajských rád mládeže] - <https://www.akram.sk/projekty/nase-projekty/vyd-village-youth-dialogue>
- Slovak High School Student Union - <https://www.studentskaunia.sk/projekty>

## Slovenia

- Child parliament (Otroški parlament) - <https://www.zpms.si/programi/otroski-parlamenti/>
- Youth Council of Slovenia (Mladinski svet Slovenije) - <https://mss.si/>
- Participativni proračun [Participatory Budget] - <https://danesjenovdan.si/participativni-proracun/>
- Youth Councils of Local Communities - <https://mss.si/sodelujemo/mladinski-sveti-lokalnih-skupnosti/>

## Sweden

- The Ombudsman for Children in Sweden - <https://www.barnombudsmannen.se/barnombudsmannen/publikationer/arsrapporter/vem-bryr-sig/>
- Youth Policy Council (Ungdomspolitiska rådet) - <https://www.regeringen.se/artiklar/2019/05/amanda-lind-motte-ungdomspolitiska-radet/>
- The National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations (Sveriges Ungdomsorganisationer, LSU) - <https://lsu.se/>
- Sveriges Förenade Studentkårer (Swedish National Union of Students) - <https://sfs.se/>

## Spain

- The Council of Youth of Spain (El Consejo de la Juventud de España) - <http://www.cje.org/es/que-es-cje/>

- Local Children Councils - <https://ciudadesamigas.org/municipio-amigo-infancia/participacion-infantil/>
- Children's Councils in Catalonia - <https://ciudadesamigas.org/consejos-de-infancia-cataluna/>
- Regional children's parliaments are organised as part of the UNICEF Child friendly city initiative - information about the meeting in the Castilla y León region: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/bullying-drogodependencias-y-sostenibilidad-desafios-para-la-infancia-ciudades-amigas-castilla-y-leon/> and regional children's parliament: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/ods-participacion-infantil-parlamento-castilla-y-leon-desigualdad-sostenibilidad/>; information about the meeting in the Castilla-La Mancha region: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/la-infancia-castilla-la-mancha-se-moviliza-planeta/>; information about the meeting in the Canary Islands region: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/no-estan-solos-los-ninos-y-ninas-de-canarias-buscan-hacer-viral-un-video-de-apoyo-a-la-infancia-refugiada/>; information about the meeting in the Andalusia region: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/usa-poder-tus-derechos-encuentro-andaluz-consejos-de-infancia/> and regional children's parliament: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/derechos-infancia-dia-universal-del-nino/>; information about the meeting in the Valencia region: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/torrent-consejos-de-infancia-comunidad-valenciana/>; information about the meeting in the Extremadura region: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/infancia-de-extremadura-ciudades-amigas/>; information about the meeting in the Murcia region: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/los-consejos-sirven-para-expresar-libremente-nuestras-opiniones-sobre-las-cosas-que-nos-afectan-directamente/>; information about the regional children's parliament in the Balearic Islands: <https://ciudadesamigas.org/es-hora-de-rendir-cuentas-agenda-2030-parlament-infantil-baleares/>; a guide how to hold an online children's parliament: [https://ciudadesamigas.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/guia\\_parlamento.pdf](https://ciudadesamigas.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/guia_parlamento.pdf)

## United Kingdom

- UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) - <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/>
- Commissioner for Children and Young People – Scotland - <https://cypcs.org.uk/about/commissioner/>
- Commissioner for Children and Young People - Northern Ireland - <https://www.niccy.org/about-us/>;
- Children's Commissioner – England – <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/>
- Children's Commissioner – Wales - <https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/about-us/advisory-panels/>
- NHS England Youth Forum - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/participation/get-involved/how/forums/nhs-youth-forum/>
- British Youth Council - <https://www.byc.org.uk/aboutus>