



**ENGAGEUROPE**  
**Mobilizing Citizens for the Future of European  
Democracy through Data-driven Advocacy,  
Engagement, and Mobility**

**OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

**Join the ENGAGEUROPE Community!**



# Your voice. Europe's future.

ENGAGEUROPE is looking for motivated young people to create a vibrant youth community where its participants will build real advocacy skills, lead structured citizen consultations, and present citizen-driven policy recommendations.

**Ages 18–30 | EU countries and CERV participating countries | All costs fully covered**

## WHAT IS ENGAGEUROPE?

**ENGAGEUROPE** is a transnational youth participation project co-funded by the European Union's **CERV Program**. The project is led by Center Science and Innovation for Development (**SCiDEV**) in partnership with 8 civil society organizations and universities from Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Spain.

Over the course of the project, we seek to promote meaningful exchanges and structured dialogues among young citizens and stakeholders across Europe, empowering them to articulate their long-term vision for the European Union and fostering deeper understanding of key EU democratic priorities and policy challenges, thus enhancing their active engagement, sense of European identity, and direct contribution to shaping future EU integration processes and democratic governance.

### Specific Objectives of this project

1. To facilitate structured transnational exchanges among young citizens and stakeholders enabling them to actively articulate their long-term vision for the future of the European Union, particularly regarding democratic governance, enlargement, and digital policy challenges.
2. To enhance citizen understanding of EU democratic processes, institutions, and key policy priorities, empowering youth and local stakeholders to meaningfully engage in shaping responses to democratic challenges facing the EU.
3. To foster active civic participation and European belonging, by clearly connecting citizen-generated insights and recommendations directly with EU-level policy discussions, thus promoting democratic engagement, EU identity, and shared EU values.

## ELIGIBILITY

### WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for **motivated young people** who want to move from civic interest to civic action. You do not need to be an expert. You just need to be curious, committed, and ready to show up.

#### You must

- Be aged 18–30 at the time of application

#### We especially welcome

- Young women and non-binary people

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being a resident of one of the six partner countries, EU country or CERV participating countries</li> <li>• Be able to communicate in English (working level)</li> <li>• Commit to the full programme duration</li> <li>• Be motivated to engage in civic and EU-related issues</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth with disabilities (at least 10 places reserved)</li> <li>• Young people from smaller cities or rural areas</li> <li>• Students and early-career professionals in any field</li> </ul> |
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### Our commitment to inclusion

ENGAGEUROPE guarantees accessible venues, adapted materials, and inclusive facilitation for all participants with disabilities. At least 50% of selected participants will be women. All costs including travel, accommodation, meals, and accessibility support will be fully covered.

**Partner countries:** Albania · Serbia · North Macedonia · Croatia · Montenegro · Spain  
and **CERV participating countries:** All EU Member states and [other CERV participating countries](#).

## WHAT DO WE EXPECT

### THE RESPONSABILITIES OF AN ENGAGEUROPE PARTICIPANT

- **Maintain communication with local host organization and the project coordinator** — Participants are expected to be responsive to communications related to event, organizations, etc.
- **Support the outreach of the program among other young people** — Above all, we are trying to build a vital youth partnership model. ENGAGEUROPE participants demonstrate ownership of the program and spread the word about open opportunities to other citizens.
- **Participate in all online and offline activities of the project** — The participants are expected to attend capacity building sessions, online panel discussions as well as in person events.
- **Co-organize citizen consultations, fishbowl discussion and other public outreach activities** — Local host organizations will provide guidance, logistics and outreach support. ENGAGEUROPE participants will lead the preparations and lead the whole conversation.
- **Write citizen informed policy briefs** — Participants that demonstrate consistent levels of motivation, commitment and initiative during the program will be supported to prepare a citizen informed policy brief that will be published and promoted.
- **Represent their country in the project's international activities** — Participants that demonstrate consistent engagement will benefit from mobility and other supporting schemes that will take place across Europe and Western Balkan Countries.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU

## WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

- ⇒ Hands-on experience in organizing citizen consultations, applied research, and influencing policymaking.
- ⇒ Certified advocacy skills, formal recognition of your training in EU policy, data-driven consultation, and public advocacy.
- ⇒ Transnational network, lifelong connections with 60+ peers, mentors, and EU-level professionals across Europe.
- ⇒ International mobility, travel to Albania, Spain, Belgium, and other partner countries, all expenses fully covered.
- ⇒ Leadership experience, facilitating real consultations and dialogue events, building a documented public engagement track record.
- ⇒ Alumni community, ongoing access to the ENGAGEUROPE Alumni Network for continued advocacy and collaboration.

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## YOUR JOURNEY

## WHAT DOES YOUR ENGAGEUROPE JOURNEY LOOK LIKE?

Selected participants will take part in a structured program of activities on a voluntary basis. Participation in these activities will be in person, online or hybrid, and part of the participants will be expected to attend international events based on their performance, motivation, and availability. Here is what the journey looks like:

### 1. Kick-off Forum (June 2026)

Albania · In person — Meet your cohort, connect with policymakers and civil society leaders, and co-shape the project agenda. This is where the community begins.

### 2. Online Capacity Building (July 2026)

Online — Deep-dive into EU institutions, democratic processes, digital governance, and the enlargement agenda through structured online training modules.

### 3. Advocacy Lab (September 2026)

Online — Learn hands-on advocacy methods, data-driven citizen consultation techniques, and stakeholder mapping. This is the toolkit you will use in the field.

### 4. European Youth Advocacy Summit (November 2026)

Spain · In person — Intensive face-to-face mentoring with regional and European experts. Practice real advocacy through simulations, scenario exercises, and peer feedback.

### 5. Country Consultations & Policy Hackathons (December-March 2027)

Your country · In person — Lead structured citizen consultations in your own community. Co-facilitate local Policy Hackathons that refine findings into concrete recommendations.

### 6. Brussels Policy Advocacy Summit (April/May 2027)

Belgium · In person — Present your citizen-generated policy briefs directly to EU stakeholders. Make the case for your communities at the highest level.

### 7. Fishbowl Dialogues & "The Europe We Want" (June- September 2027)

Your country · In person — Independently organize dialogue events with wider youth communities on democracy, digital rights, and European identity. Co-produce video series and a youth vision document.

### 8. Final Forum & Alumni Network Launch (September 2027)

Albania · In person — Celebrate outcomes, share best practices, and formally join the ENGAGEEUROPE Alumni Network — your community of practice beyond the project.

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## WHAT WE OFFER

## YOU FOCUS ON PARTICIPATION. WE COVER THE REST.

- **Full travel coverage** — all international and domestic travel to the project activities will be fully funded.
- **Accommodation & meals** — all in-person activities include accommodation and catering at no cost to participants.
- **Accessibility support** — adapted materials, accessible venues, sign language interpretation, and personal assistance available on request.
- **Expert mentorship** — structured mentoring from EU policy professionals, civil society leaders, and experienced advocates throughout the program.
- **Participation certificate** — formal recognition of skills and activities for all completing participants.
- **Online training materials** — full access to all learning resources, recordings, and toolkits developed during the project.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

## HOW TO APPLY

### 1. Complete the online application form

Fill in the application form [here](#). The form takes approximately 15 minutes. You will be asked about your motivation, background, expectations, and availability.

### 2. Selection and notification

All applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. Selection criteria include motivation, commitment, country/gender/disability balance, and diversity of backgrounds.

Application deadline: 03.06.2026, 23:59.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

### Do I need prior experience in EU policy or advocacy?

No. ENGAGEUROPE is designed to build these skills from the ground up. Motivation and commitment matter far more than prior knowledge. We actively welcome first-time participants.

### How many participants will be selected per country?

Each partner country will select 10 participants. Depending on the quality of the applications received from other eligible countries, each partner organization reserves the right to select additional or less participants.

### How will the program evaluate the participants' consistency of motivation and commitment throughout the program?

The consistency of motivation and commitment of the participants of the program will be tracked via multiple methods including the frequency of participation rate in online sessions, quality of input and interventions, feedback from the mentors and demonstrated proactiveness within the program.

### How much time will the program require?

Participants should expect a meaningful time commitment over the project period, including online training sessions, in-person mobility activities (typically 3–5 days each), and local consultation work. An estimate of the time required within the programme is 2-10 hours per week.

### I have a disability. Can I still participate fully?

Absolutely. We have reserved at least 10 places for youth with disabilities and are committed to providing fully accessible venues, adapted materials, and any additional support needed. Selected participants will be required to indicate their accessibility requirements in a separate form.

### I am from a small town or rural area. Is this program relevant to me?

Yes, we especially encourage you to apply. One of our goals is to bring underrepresented voices into EU-level discussions. Your perspective and local knowledge are exactly what makes citizen consultation meaningful.

### What happens after the project ends?

All participants who complete the programme will be formally inducted into the ENGAGEUROPE Alumni Network, a lasting community for continued advocacy, peer learning, and collaboration beyond the project's duration.

### Who should I reach out to if I have additional questions?

In case you have further questions reach out to Center Science and Innovation for Development (SCiDEV), the lead of the project.

Email: [info@scidevcenter.org](mailto:info@scidevcenter.org)

## About the project

The project “Mobilizing Citizens for the Future of European Democracy through Data-driven Advocacy, Engagement, and Mobility” (ENGAGEUROPE, Project No. 101253265) is led by the [Center Science and Innovation for Development \(SCiDEV\)](#), Albania, and implemented in partnership with [University of Shkodra “Luigj Gurakuqi”](#) (Albania), [Youropia Cultural Association](#) (Spain), [Center for Comparative and International Studies – CCIS](#) (Albania), [Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro –](#)



[AYDM \(Montenegro\)](#), [Balkan Center for Constructive Policies – SOLUTION \(North Macedonia\)](#), [Youth Initiative for Human Rights – YIHR Croatia](#), [Youth Educational Forum – YEF \(North Macedonia\)](#), and [Youth Initiative for Human Rights – Serbia](#).

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