

## EU Youth Delegates Luxembourg 2019-2020



*Left to right: Armin Thon, Lejla Mujkic and Mathis Godefroid,  
at the EU Youth Conference 2019 in Romania*

“Creating opportunities for Youth” – This was the theme of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the *EU Youth Dialogue* in which we were actively taking part during as EU Youth Delegates for Luxembourg. We had the honour to represent Luxembourg’s youth during the 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue.

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The EU Youth Dialogue is an EU Youth participation instrument that enables young people from all over Europe to discuss subjects that matter to them with policy makers and to take an influential role on European Youth Policy. The 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue was organised under the Trio presidency Romania-Finland-Croatia. Each country organised its own Youth Conference following a different theme. Each theme was based on a Youth Goal. Youth Goals are the outcome of the previous Youth Dialogue process and they represent views of young people from all over Europe. Thus, the theme “Creating opportunities for youth” was connected with three of the EU Youth Goals.

The Youth Goals are now used as a basis for the future EU Youth policy development as well as a basis in the Luxemburgish national implementation process of the EU Youth Strategy and in the National Youth Dialogue.

As Luxembourg’s Youth Representatives we had various duties and tasks. First of all, our role was to represent the Luxemburgish youth during the Youth Conferences in each country. As the conferences were built on different youth goals, our main task was

- to discuss **the future of work** and the challenges and opportunities for young people, connected to the future of work (Youth Goal #7 in Bucharest, Romania)
- To address opportunities for youth through **quality youth work** and youth workers' education and training (Youth Goal #8 in Helsinki, Finland)
- To encourage the creation of conditions which **enable young people to fulfil their full potential in rural areas** (Youth Goal #6 in Zagreb, Croatia. Although, we weren't present at the Conference in Zagreb due to COVID-19)

The aim of these conferences is to serve as a forum for continuous joint reflection and consultation on the priorities as well as the implementation and follow-up on European cooperation in the field of youth. As Youth Delegates, we could actively participate in debates during different workshops, give our opinions as young Europeans and exchange knowledge and good practises with fellow youth delegates.

After the Youth conference in Romania, the outcomes of the conference were used as the basis of the consultation process. This means that each country had to consult their youth on the different subjects that have been discussed and the different questions that have been raised during the conference. Together with the National Working Group of Luxembourg, which consists of several youth organisations and conducts the participation process and enables the implementation of the Youth Goals on a national level, we carried out a survey that would give us an overall view of the **national situation regarding Youth Goals #6, #7 and #8**.

Furthermore, together with the NWG, we decided to simultaneously carry out a second survey based on **Youth Goal #5 "Mental Health and Wellbeing"** – a topic which we chose because of its importance and its necessary improvement on national level. The subject of mental health and wellbeing is also the theme of a panel discussion organised by the National Working Group and which is going to take place in March 2021 *[edit: postponed to May 2021]*.

Finally, after the consultation phase, we worked on the implementation phase. The objective of the implementation phase is to achieve positive change in the youth policy on a local and national level with the help of several national youth organisations which are promoting Youth Goals throughout various activities. One of those activities was the 2019 edition of the "Jugendkonvent/Youth Convention" which took place under the motto of "Youth Goals – Deng Zukunft, Deng Ziler" / "Your future, your goals".

The 7<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the Youth Dialogue has come to an end and with that also our mandate as EU Youth Delegates, leaving place for a new generation of delegates. We are very honoured to have had the opportunity to be a part of the EU Youth Dialogue. Overall, it was a very enriching experience which allowed us to strengthen our skills, gain new knowledge, meet new people that are fighting for the same cause but first and foremost – advocate for young people's rights and, thus, create opportunities for the Youth of Europe and the Youth of Luxembourg.

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*The NWG Luxembourg wants to thank our former delegates for their motivation and engagement!*