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The most important part of the EU Youth Conference in Ghent took place in **working groups** in which participants supported by the editing team designed ideas on the future of inclusion in Europe, creating **6 recommendations**.



Member States and European institutions are urged to enhance support for young people facing poverty and financial exclusion through measures like promoting **affordable housing**, improving **job accessibility**, and enhancing **financial literacy**.

Additionally, there's a call to ensure **accessible and youth-friendly healthcare**, including mental health services, and to bolster **funding and training for educators** to foster inclusive learning environments while improving **youth media literacy**. Furthermore, promoting inclusive education and youth work and implementing policies to **combat discrimination** and biases are emphasised, with a focus on **involving young people in policy development** processes. Initiatives such as dismantling systematic discrimination and fostering continuous learning about diversity are underscored, suggesting a **collaborative approach between policymakers and young people** to address these challenges comprehensively and inclusively.

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Furthermore, the working groups prepared **34 implementing measures** to provide concrete examples of initiatives that could support making the abovementioned recommendations a reality.

The implementing measures **in the domain of structural barriers** included: conducting research to enhance mobility for young people in border regions; providing subsidies for youth housing through the Independent Youth programme; empowering European youth in rural and outermost areas digitally; offering free public transport to all youth; utilizing Vacancy Tax as financial incentives for social youth housing; and establishing high-quality financial literacy standards for all youth in the EU.

The implementing measures **in the domain of health and mental wellbeing** included: ensuring access to a psychologist in every school; incorporating diverse research groups in the criteria for health research funds; supporting education and initiatives for youth mental wellbeing; including health as a ground of discrimination within legislation; and implementing a mental well-being training programme for educators and youth workers.

The implementing measures **in the domain of formal education and schools** included: integrating non-formal education led by NGOs into formal civic education; establishing legal frameworks for nationwide and inclusive regional student representative bodies; enhancing anti-discrimination practices in vocational education and training (VET); initiating joint educational initiatives with school students of diverse backgrounds; providing streamlined funding for young people facing fewer opportunities in education; and implementing lifelong teacher training on inclusion.

The implementing measures **in the domain of non-formal and informal education and youth work** included: promoting professionalized youth work across Europe through structural investments and trainings; ensuring capacity building and continuous dialogue between youth workers and stakeholders; increasing access to funding opportunities at the local level; implementing youth-centered participatory budgeting; establishing mobile youth work initiatives; and formalizing recognition of volunteer youth work.

The implementing measures **in the domain of information** included: conducting youth information and critical thinking workshops in schools; exploring reliable news sources and promoting verifiable information; launching campaigns for quality information and media literacy to empower youth; establishing inclusive youth spaces serving as information hubs; and systematically ensuring that EU information is made accessible and inclusive for all.

The implementing measures **in the domain of discriminatory attitudes and cultures** included: incorporating inclusive language in EU policy documents; promoting continuous learning to foster acceptance and awareness of diversities; adopting an intersectional and representative approach across all strategies; ensuring equal rights by implementing the Youth Test at all levels; allocating EU funding for intergenerational spaces within European municipalities; and preventing prejudice through acceptance of minority groups and promoting self-reflection through education.

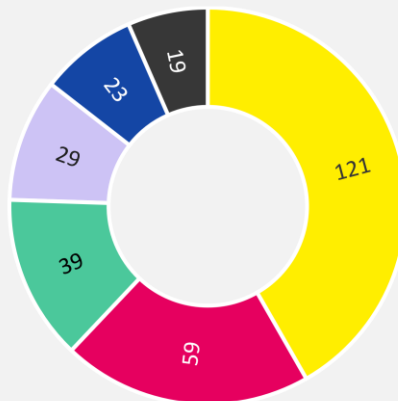
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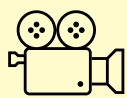


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