



NO INFORMATION – NO OPPORTUNITIES

There should be substantial increase of EU funding for providing information for the young people about their opportunities in the EU.

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SUMMARY

The European Union has multiple ways of providing young people with opportunities like learning, jobs, mobilities, volunteering, internships, trainings. Those opportunities are also a way in which youngsters have the chance to explore the concepts of democracy, citizenship and participation. Taking part in projects can therefore strengthen young people's sense of involvement, responsibility and intercultural sensitivity both as national and European citizens – values that are crucial to every democratic society. So young Europeans should know their power to contribute and influence the future of Europe.

THE PROPOSAL

The EU is currently experiencing an identity crisis. This crisis can only be tackled through the power of information and education on the topic of European affairs. Because the EU, as any democratic structure, needs its citizens to be actively participating and engaged. This is impossible, unless young people are well-informed about their opportunities. However, currently young European citizens do not have sufficient information about those opportunities provided by the EU. Therefore, they are not encouraged to exercise their civil rights and duty to actively participate.

Solution:

Organizations involved in European programmes for young people and public educational institutions need to receive special funding from the EU dedicated to spreading information about their projects. Through this partnership, different events can be organised, like for example, lectures for students, trainings for teachers, first-hand experience sharing from participants in EU projects, concerts, roadshows, educational videos and platforms. In this way, the EU funding for projects for youngsters will be more efficiently used, and more young people will benefit from it. This proposal aims at distributing the funding according to the principles of equity and transparency. This is to say, there should be a preference for



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applicants from disadvantaged social groups, less developed regions, where the information about opportunities is the least provided.

CLAIM

If you want to be able to explore your opportunities as an EU citizen, start by voting on this proposal!