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## **EUROPEAN YOUTH DIARY CULMINATES IN REFLECTION OF YOUTH VOICES ON EUROPEAN POLICIES**

The VISYON project proudly announces the completion of the "European Youth Diary" - a groundbreaking compilation born out of the collaborative efforts of VISYON youth local groups across Europe. The diary stands as a testament to the active engagement of young citizens in discussions about the 11 European Youth Goals, reflecting their thoughts, stories, and recommendations.

The European Youth Diary is more than a collection of stories; it serves as a mirror reflecting the current state of European policies. Comprising the voices of 267 young Europeans, the diary aims to assess the effectiveness of European policies in achieving the 11 Youth Goals and proposes a roadmap for improvements.

### **A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE EUROPEAN YOUTH DIARY**

Divided into 11 chapters, each corresponding to one European Youth Goal, the diary offers a comprehensive overview of the collected interviews. These chapters highlight captivating suggestions, stories, views, and recommendations for improvement. Each section begins with a set of questions posed to interviewees, along with summaries of their answers and noteworthy quotes gathered during the creation of the European Youth Diary.

In addition to presenting the goals and objectives, the diary showcases existing European initiatives related to each goal.

Surprisingly 72% of the interviewees acknowledged that before taking part in this initiative, they had never heard of the European Youth Goals. Only 9% of the respondents claimed to have a solid understanding of these goals, indicating a notable lack of awareness. Remarkably, the vast majority of the respondents (80%) stated a strong desire to be more actively involved with these initiatives despite the general unfamiliarity. Furthermore, 80% of the respondents agreed that the EU's commitments to young empowerment are important and effective, demonstrating the confidence that is placed in the EU's ability to affect change.

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## **ABOUT THE VISYON PROJECT:**

In the vibrant tapestry of Europe's diversity, the VISYON (Values, Ideas and Stories from Youth ON stage) project, funded by the Erasmus+ program, has undertaken a remarkable journey. Bringing together youth organizations from eight European countries—Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, and Spain—the project focuses on empowering young Europeans to engage, express themselves, and support the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy (2019-2027).

The VISYON project's journey commenced with a fundamental mission: to equip young participants with the tools and knowledge necessary to effect change in their communities and beyond. Through local workshops, debates, and training sessions, young individuals were empowered to understand the Youth Goals, engage in critical reflection, and become active citizens. The project aims to prepare them to navigate the modern media landscape while engaging them in the political discussion regarding the European Youth goals through an innovative approach – the creation of short movies, which will be produced and published by the end of the project.

## **AVAILABILITY**

The European Youth Diary is now available for public access and can be obtained through the Official project [website](#).

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