

BRING *yvote* TO YOUR CITY

LOCAL **ACTIONS**
ACTIVITY BOOKLET



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INTRODUCTION

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Y Vote, where the heartbeat of European democracy resonates in every word and action!

This booklet **isn't just a guide**; it's **an invitation** to join a movement that transcends borders and ideologies. Y Vote is about more than casting a ballot – it's a call **to action**, a testament to the power of young voices shaping our continent's future.

At its core, Y Vote embodies the belief that change begins with engagement. Every vote, every voice, and every idea matters in shaping the Europe we envision.

As you explore the **Local Actions** outlined in these pages, remember that change isn't solely found in grand gestures. It's in the everyday actions of individuals like you, fostering a culture of civic engagement and inclusivity.

Behind each initiative lies the dedication of the Y Vote project team – passionate volunteers committed to making a difference. Together, we hold the power to shape our collective destiny.

So, dear reader, as you journey through these words, remember that the future of Europe lies in your hands. Your **voice matters**, your **actions count**, and together, we can create a Europe we're proud to call home.

Let's make history **together!**

We are looking forward to seeing your contributions happening all around Europe!

With hope and determination,

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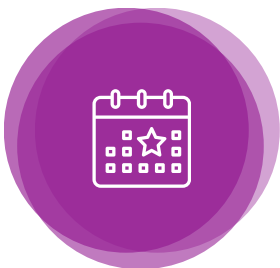
WHAT IS *Yvote* ABOUT?

Y Vote is a **European-wide campaign** by and for young people, designed to motivate youth to participate in the 2024 European Elections. The project is organised by AEGEE-Europe and is already at its 4th edition, after successfully organising activities in 2009, 2014 and 2019. Our objective is to **encourage young people to participate in the 2024 European Elections** by not only exercising their right to vote but also getting involved in civic engagement activities to have a wider impact among fellow Europeans.

OUR AIM IS TO DEVELOP, EMPOWER, INVOLVE.



**PAN-EUROPEAN
CAMPAIGN**



**Y VOTE
CONVENTIONS**



**VOTING GUIDE &
OTHER MATERIALS**



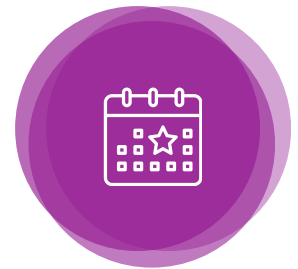
LOCAL ACTIONS



**AMBASSADORS
PROGRAMME**

OUR AGENDA FOR 2024

Y Vote Conventions - we are organising national and European events (Conventions) with thematic workshops and social activities, to give young Europeans space for discussion, allow them to reflect on shared values, on challenges to the democratic process, and learn more about various topics.



Ambassadors Programme - we aim to reach motivated young Europeans who want to get involved and become politically engaged, but do not possess the necessary knowledge or resources to start activities on their own. Following an **Advocacy & Campaigning Bootcamp**, they started civic engagement activities in their communities.

Voting Guide - we are creating an interactive guideline with information on how to vote in the 2024 European Elections in different countries.



Local Actions - we want to encourage individuals or groups of young people to organise various activities at the local level to motivate others to vote, encourage youth to use their voice and foster a European sense of identity and bring the 2024 European Elections closer to their communities.

MORE ABOUT LOCAL ACTIONS

WHAT IS A LOCAL ACTION?

A **Local Action** is an **activity run by young Europeans**, in any format, to motivate youth to participate in the 2024 European Elections and foster a European sense of identity.

Start your Local Action **NOW!** How? Simply follow these steps:

- Find some friends or take the initiative yourself
- Think of a topic that interests you; it can be anything, from fighting climate change to promoting the importance of voting
- Choose an activity: a workshop, a treasure hunt, a pub quiz; the booklet that you're reading right now is full of ideas ready to use! Just scroll down :D
- Fill out **the registration form** to help us keep track of what you're doing. Our team will support you along the way with promotion, inviting speakers or any other advice that you might need
- Bring Y Vote to your city!

Check out **our website** for even more motivation and inspiration for your Local Action.

MEET THE LOCAL ACTIONS TEAM



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IDEAS FOR LOCAL ACTIONS

The **core** of this activity booklet is the actual **collection of ideas** for things you could organise to run a Local Action by yourself. There are plenty of options with different levels of difficulty, materials and or preparations needed, few or many people. Feel free to choose what suits you and your context best.

OVERVIEW

What do the elections mean for You(th)?

Activities about the policies, promises and possible outcomes of the elections, with the cooperation of your local MEPs.

- What do results mean (for youth)?
- Meetings with members of local administration/MEPs
- Find out what your parties are promising to do
- Europe Tinder Dating
- Critical topics regarding the EU



Out and About

Outdoor actions you can do while moving around.

- Voting together
- Street Action
- Scavenger hunt
- Outdoor activities like hiking or cycling with EU-related discussions



Expert Opinions

Any activity involving expert speakers.

- Invite a speaker about EP/EU
- EU insights lecture or lecture series
- Panel discussion with experts
- Human Library



Bite-sized

Activities which allow you to bond over food...

- Brown bag seminar/meeting
- Europe Café



EUphoria

The “fun” activities...

- EU pubquiz
- Election Night Party
- European Night
- Board game night
- Politicians twister



Online

For those who want to participate in their sweatpants.

- Social Media challenges
- Online sessions/workshops/events
- Podcast - a local or other AEGEEans could start a series online
- Instagram Lives with experts/active youth workers/MEPs



Do it EUrself

If you always wanted to organise an event, this is for you.

- Workshops
- Why is it important to vote?
- Mini Model European Union events
- “Europawoche”



Ballot Ballet

Activities connected to culture and arts.

- Movie Nights
- Artistic events
- Cultural exchange nights



WHAT DO THE ELECTIONS MEAN FOR **YOUTH**?

Activities about the policies, promises and possible outcomes of the elections, with the cooperation of your local MEPs.



What do the elections mean for You(th)?



WHAT DO RESULTS MEAN FOR YOUTH?

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

3-5 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

a room (at your university), places to sit, 20-30 participants, 2-3 speakers in case it's a panel discussion

In this activity, young people engage in a panel discussion or talk aimed at deciphering the significance of EU election results specifically for youth. They explore how election outcomes impact their lives, from shaping policies that affect education, employment opportunities, to addressing environmental concerns. Through interactive dialogue, participants dissect complex political issues, fostering a deeper understanding of the democratic process and encouraging active civic engagement among the youth.

For this, you will have to start about a month earlier, in case it's a panel discussion, by inviting your speakers. Then secure a calm room, for example at your university, prepare the moderation and leave enough time for the advertisement of the event.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Did you know that there are different formats for organising a discussion? Get inspired by checking some on our website, in the **Resources Section**.

If you need ideas of topics to discuss or questions to guide the discussion, you can always contact us for some inspiration!



What do the elections mean for You(th)?



FIND OUT WHAT YOUR PARTIES ARE PROMISING TO DO

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

a calm space, printer, paper, 15-30 participants

Gather the election agendas of the parties of your country, print them, and assign your participants into groups. They will have to analyse and discuss the documents and then present them convincingly to the other groups. In the end you can even make a small competition of whose party would get the most votes based on the introductions.

TIPS & TRICKS:

You can motivate the participants by giving a small prize to the “winner” party and even start a discussion at the end, asking their opinion about what they just presented in the event.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Do you want to learn more about what parties are planning through their manifestos and which ones are closer to your preferences? Y Vote partnered with the European University Institute in Florence and they have now developed and launched the **EUI&I 2024 online tool**. Show it to your participants at the end of this activity and encourage them to check which party is closer to their interests, not only in their country, but also abroad.



What do the elections mean for You(th)?



MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION/MEPS

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

3-4 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

a room, a running MEP or their deputy, 30-40 participants, some water and snacks

Reach out to your local MEPs and invite them for an engaging discussion with the youngest of their possible voters. This way, your participants will be able to engage directly in the political process, discuss community concerns and seek insights into policymaking.

To prepare, research the representatives' backgrounds, understand local issues, and you can even ask your participants to prepare questions in advance. Invite your speaker about 6-4 weeks before the event.

TIPS & TRICKS:

In order to keep your event non-affiliated to any political party, make sure you agree with the speakers in advance that they will not use your event as a way to promote their electoral campaign. They can share from what their party is planning, but they should treat the event as an opportunity to connect MEPs and other decision-makers with young people.

How do you invite a speaker? Check [our guideline](#) on our website.



What do the elections mean for You(th)?



DATING EUROPE

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

a room with seating arrangements, 20-30 participants, Representatives, MEPs, or party members (1 per table), Timer or bell to signal rotation(material/number participants/space)

Participants are divided into small groups and assigned to a table with a representative or a party member of a different party running in the elections. Each group engages in a brief conversation with the representative, asking questions about their platform and goals for the EP election. After a set time (e.g., 5 minutes), a signal prompts participants to rotate to the next table. The process continues until each group has interacted with all representatives.

To prepare, identify and invite representatives, MEPs, or party members to participate at least 6 weeks before the event. Then, once you have an approximate lineup, start promoting the event to attract participants.

On the day of the action, arrange the room with tables and chairs, ensuring each representative has their designated space.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Provide participants with a list of potential questions to facilitate meaningful discussions. Keep the rotations efficient to ensure each group has equal time with representatives. Encourage representatives to be concise and informative in their responses to maximise interaction.



What do the elections mean for You(th)?



CRITICAL TOPICS REGARDING THE EU

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

a room with seating arrangements, 20-30 participants, panel of experts or speakers (2-3 individuals), moderator, audiovisual equipment (microphones, projector if necessary)

The event serves as a platform to delve into pressing issues facing the European Union. In the weeks leading up to the event, organisers invite a panel of experts, speakers, university professors renowned for their insights into the critical challenges confronting the EU. These issues span a spectrum of societal, economic, and political realms, reflecting the diverse and multifaceted nature of EU governance. Each expert or speaker presents their insights on specific EU-related issues, such as migration, economic policies, or environmental challenges. Participants engage in interactive dialogue with the panellists, asking questions and sharing perspectives on the topics presented. To prepare, start identifying and inviting experts or speakers knowledgeable about critical topics regarding the EU, about two months before the planned date. Secure a suitable venue with necessary equipment for the panel discussion, latest by a month before the event. Don't forget to promote the event to attract participants!

TIPS & TRICKS:

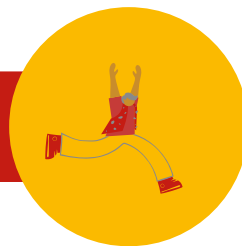
Research current EU policies, reports, and analyses related to the critical topics to deepen understanding and facilitate informed discussion. Consider inviting guest speakers with firsthand experience to provide valuable insights during the panel discussion.



OUT & ABOUT

Outdoor actions you can do while moving around.





STREET ACTION

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

1-3 hours

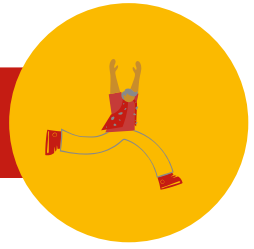
WHAT YOU NEED:

Campaign materials (brochures, flyers, posters), volunteers or campaigners, visible location with foot traffic, optional: Audio equipment for amplification

During street actions campaigners and volunteers hit the streets, sharing information, raising awareness, and encouraging civic participation. These actions create a dynamic platform for dialogue about the upcoming EU elections, making politics more accessible and exciting. Passersby are encouraged to join discussions, ask questions, and become informed voters. It's a grassroots approach to democracy, turning the streets into a lively arena for civic engagement and fostering a sense of community involvement in the electoral process.

In the lead-up to street actions, start coordinating the creation and printing of campaign materials, and identify suitable locations about a month before the planned date. If necessary, brief the local authorities about the action. Volunteers or campaigners should be recruited and briefed on their roles in engaging with the public during the street actions at least two weeks before. Ideally, plan a half a day long workshop for that.





VOTING TOGETHER!

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: really ★

TIME (TO DO IT): depends on the queues at the polls

WHAT YOU NEED: a group of enthusiastic people ready to vote

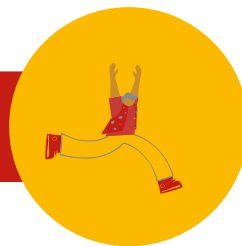
The simplest, yet the most important and impactful activity of all - going voting! Gather your friends and family, find your polling station and go vote together, the more the merrier. Afterwards you can go celebrate.

And don't forget to share it with the world! We will have our own challenge during the Elections Week and you can consider participating. Go and vote, take a selfie, then post it on Social Media and tag us. You can go even further and tag some of your friends to do the same. This way, you will encourage others to vote and reach more people. And, of course, you will be part of the Y Vote Hall of Fame :)

TIPS & TRICKS: If you plan to go and vote with your friends and family while making it a nice event, we have some inspiration from the last edition of the Y Vote Project. One AEGEE Local organised an **Elections Breakfast** where they had a short discussion in the morning of the elections, some coffee and food together, before voting. Others went together **by bike** to the polling station.

How to celebrate? Check what AEGEE-Passau did last edition, by reading their story on **our blog** and getting inspired.





SCAVENGER HUNT

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

half a day

WHAT YOU NEED:

Clues or tasks related to civic engagement and EU elections, teams of participants (3-6 members per team), location with various points of interest, a coordinator for each station, prizes for winning team (optional)

Teams embark on a scavenger hunt, decoding clues and completing tasks related to civic engagement. Each challenge offers insights into EU elections, fostering learning and interaction with passersby. The hunt transforms streets into a vibrant hub of civic activity, promoting community involvement. To prepare, find a suitable location, possibly outdoors. Then craft a series of clues or tasks focusing on civic engagement and EU elections. Strategically place challenges across the location.

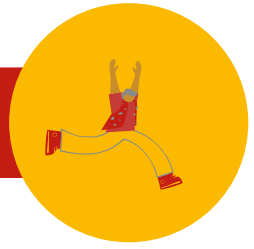
If you need help with creating the list of tasks feel free to reach out to us and we are happy to help you!

TIPS & TRICKS:

Do it in a park or in a forest near you, but make sure that it is a safe location and nobody will get lost.

You can also add some tasks involving local culture, the EU and asking others on the street about the importance of voting.





OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WITH EU-RELATED DISCUSSIONS

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

half to one day

WHAT YOU NEED:

Outdoor location suitable for the chosen activity (like hiking or cycling), participants interested in outdoor activities and EU-related discussions, discussion topics related to the EU (e.g., policies, current events), optional: Snacks, water, and safety equipment for outdoor activities

Mixing exercise and chat helps people bond and understand EU issues better. Get everyone together at the outdoor spot, ready for some adventure and chat. When you arrive at resting and snack points, you can talk about everything from EU rules to what's happening locally. It's a chance to learn and enjoy nature at the same time.

To prepare, find an outdoor spot for hiking or cycling that's easy to get to and safe. Think about possible topics about the EU.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Keep the topics light and interesting, matching everybody's interest. Encourage the participants to share their own thoughts and experiences about the EU, and use everything around you to connect it with the topics. Don't forget to add some interesting energisers on the way. If you need some inspiration, contact us!





EXPERT OPINIONS

Any activity involving expert speakers.





INVITE A SPEAKER ABOUT EP/EU

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

1-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting a speaker (e.g., classroom, auditorium), audience interested in learning about the European Parliament or European Union, guest speaker knowledgeable about EP/EU topics, audiovisual equipment (microphone, projector if needed)

Set in a welcoming venue, the event invites the participants to engage with a knowledgeable speaker who will unravel the complexities of EP/EU matters. Through dynamic discussions and insightful presentations, they will gain a deeper understanding of the roles, functions, and significance of the EP and EU in shaping our collective future.

To prepare, select a suitable venue for hosting the speaker, ensuring it can accommodate the audience comfortably. Identify and invite a knowledgeable speaker who can provide insights into EP/EU topics of interest. Keep in mind that you have to contact the venue and the speakers at least a week in advance. Don't forget to announce the event a before and promote it regularly. Create a sign up sheet to know how many people will attend. About a week before the event, arrange necessary equipment for the event, such as a microphone and projector.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Choose a speaker who can cater to the interests and knowledge levels of the audience, ensuring relevance and engagement. Prepare questions or discussion prompts in advance to facilitate audience interaction during the event.





EU INSIGHTS LECTURE OR LECTURE SERIES

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours each time

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting a lecture (e.g., classroom, lecture hall), audience interested in gaining insights into the European Union (EU), a knowledgeable professor or expert on EU topics, audiovisual equipment (microphone, projector if needed)

In our EU Insights Lecture Series, participants are invited to immerse themselves in captivating lectures delivered by experts. These lectures delve into key aspects of EU governance, policies, and challenges, offering a comprehensive exploration of the EU's role in the contemporary world. Attendees will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of EU-related matters and engage in thought-provoking discussions.

To prepare, start identifying and inviting knowledgeable professors or experts and securing a suitable venue at least a week before the event. Then promote the event to attract participants, and make them fill out a sign-up sheet to help you estimate the participant numbers.

TIPS & TRICKS:

If you need help with a list of questions or how to write an email to invite a speaker, contact us, we can provide those for you.

Also, encourage audience engagement through Q&A sessions and interactive discussions to maximise learning and interaction.





PANEL DISCUSSION WITH EXPERTS

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting a panel discussion (e.g., auditorium, conference room), expert panellists knowledgeable about the discussion topic, an audience about max. 30 people, microphone, projector if needed

Each panellist will share insights and perspectives on the topic, sparking engaging dialogue among themselves and with the audience. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, share opinions, and gain valuable insights from the panellists' expertise. The discussion will aim to deepen understanding, foster critical thinking, and explore potential solutions or implications related to the topic.

Research the potential panellists and their backgrounds and invite them approximately one or two weeks before the event. In the meantime secure the venue. Promote the event on social media and create a signup form.

TIPS & TRICKS:

If you have the opportunity, host a small refreshments table for informal conversation after the discussion. If you need support on how to contact possible partners for sponsorship, contact our team, we can help you with some advice. We have also lists of questions from previous panels, so reach out to us if you need inspiration.





HUMAN LIBRARY

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue where you can host individual conversations (e.g., library, university), speakers who will act as human "books", about 15 participants, aka "readers", comfortable seating arrangements for conversations

At the Human Library event, participants will have the opportunity to "check out" human "books" for conversations of about 5-10 minutes each. Each human "book" will share their unique story, offering insights into their personal experiences, challenges, and triumphs. The "readers" will engage in meaningful dialogue, asking questions, sharing perspectives, and fostering empathy and understanding. The event aims to break down stereotypes, challenge prejudices, and promote dialogue and connection within the community.

To organise this, reach out to potential speakers from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Ensure a broad range of perspectives and stories. Secure a suitable venue equipped with comfortable seating arrangements where you can have one-on-one conversations. Don't forget to promote the event through various channels.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Provide clear guidelines for respectful and meaningful conversations, emphasising active listening and empathy, to encourage open dialogue and exchange of ideas.



BITE-SIZED

Activities which allow you to bond over food...





BROWN BAG SEMINAR/MEETING

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

1-2 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue with seating arrangements (e.g., conference room, classroom), presenters or speakers knowledgeable about the EU, 20-30 participants, optional: projector, microphones

Brown bag seminars are informal sessions held during lunch, where people bring their own meals and discuss the EU elections or anything related. You can invite guest speakers, like uni professors, experts, MEPs to add diverse perspectives and insights to the mix.

To prepare, find the venue, and a speaker or speakers before the event. Then promote it on your social media, and reach more people.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Invite other youth-led organisations to join your event, reach more people and start an interesting conversation. Find a topic that connects your interests and start from there.

What about the food? You could always collaborate with companies/local vendors to provide some snacks or lunch for participants. All you need is an email, some contacts maybe and the concept of your event.





EUROPE CAFÉ

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2 hours to half a day

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting a café-style gathering (e.g., community centre, cafe, university room), European-inspired decorations and ambiance, 15-20 participants, tables and chairs for seating, refreshments featuring European snacks and drinks.

Transform your venue into a charming Europe Café, where participants can indulge in the flavours and cultures of Europe. The event offers an immersive experience, bringing together individuals passionate about European culture and cuisine. Guests will enjoy a relaxed atmosphere reminiscent of a European café, complete with cosy seating areas and ambient music.

Throughout the evening, attendees can sample a variety of European snacks and drinks, from French pastries to Italian espresso. It's an opportunity to discuss opinions and questions about the upcoming elections.

To organise this event, book a venue before the event and choose a topic of discussion. Plan European-inspired decorations and ambiance to set the scene. Prepare a very short presentation about the topic and advance and some guiding questions. Don't forget to promote the event in advance!

TIPS & TRICKS:

This is an informal event, with an opportunity for learning and discussion. If you need support with the topic, contact us!





EUPHORIA

The “fun” activities...



EU PUB QUIZ

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

an evening

WHAT YOU NEED:

Pub or venue with sufficient seating and not too much noise, a quizmaster to host the event and ask questions, groups of 2-5 people, a projector, answer sheets

At the EU Pub Quiz Night, participants will form teams and compete against each other to answer EU-themed quiz questions. The quizmaster will lead the event, asking questions covering a variety of topics such as EU history, institutions, member countries, and policies.

To prepare, secure a suitable venue, where you can project the quiz and you can hear each other. It can be in a pub, but it is not necessary. Make sure to prepare the questions through a presentation and let the participants know the format, so they can join with friends and form their teams before or during the event.

If possible, don't forget the prizes—everyone loves a little incentive to win! You can look for local partners, the pub itself where you will organise it or ask European Institutions for promotional materials.

TIPS & TRICKS:

If you have a **Europe Direct** or **European Parliament Liaison Office** nearby, contact them for possible prizes with EU-branded merchandise. Do you need help with the quiz? Contact us, because we have lots prepares and we can adapt it to your country if needed.





ELECTION NIGHT PARTY

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

an evening

WHAT YOU NEED:

a venue with space for mingling and watching election coverage, election-themed decorations, food and drinks for guests, a projector, music and speakers

Get ready to celebrate democracy in style! Plan an exciting Election Night Party complete with themed decorations, delicious food, and plenty of drinks.

The party guests can cheer on their favourite candidates, engage in lively discussions with fellow guests, and enjoy the festive atmosphere. After the results are out you can celebrate the victories or (hopefully not) forget about the defeat during the party.

To prepare, book a venue about two months before the party. Create a signup sheet for participants, determine the entry price, enough to cover the booking expenses or the snacks, and promote the event!

TIPS & TRICKS:

Set up viewing areas with TVs or projectors to watch live election coverage.

Do you need inspiration? During the last Y Vote edition, AEGEE-Passau organised something similar. Read their story and get inspired on [our blog](#).





EUROPEAN NIGHT

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

an evening

WHAT YOU NEED:

a venue, guests (number depending on your hosting capacities), music and speakers

Get ready to embark on a culinary journey across Europe! Plan a vibrant European Night Party where guests bring their favourite traditional dishes and drinks from their countries.

If it happens that you do not have friends from different country, ask each one of them to choose one or do it in groups. This way, they can learn more about the culture of another country, cook together specific recipes or look for traditions from there.

To prepare, book the venue in advance, and make sure you can play music until the late hours or that the place allows for food and alcohol within their premises.

TIPS & TRICKS:

You can include an interactive presentation at the beginning and reflect a bit on the importance of diversity in Europe, especially in the European Union, and how we are **united in diversity**. Don't forget to take lots of pictures!





BOARD GAME NIGHT

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

an evening

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue with tables and chairs for gaming, board games with possible EU topics (can be brought by the participants), snacks and drinks for refreshments, optional: Music or background ambiance

Get ready for a night of friendly competition and fun! Plan a Board Game Night where friends gather to enjoy a variety of games. Start preparing by booking a venue. This can also be a room in your university or in a park in case of nice weather. Gather the games, and make sure that some of them are about EU topics. Promote the event.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Encourage participants to bring a their favourite games to have a bigger selection.

What about som EU-branded board games? Check the **Learning Corner** of the European Commission for board games that are related to the European Union and policies developed at this level.

If you want to play a beer pong game with questions tailored to the 2024 European Elections Campaign, then contact us to make it happen or add fun challenges/questions about the EU during the game.





POLITICIANS TWISTER

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:**TIME (TO DO IT):**

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue with ample space for participants to play Twister, Twister game mat, EU politicians/parties-themed spin wheel or cards

Get ready to twist and turn with a political twist! Plan a Politicians Twister Night where participants engage in a hilarious game of Twister with a political spin. Participants will gather on the Twister mat and take turns spinning the politician-themed wheel or drawing cards with political challenges. From "left hand on a conservative" to "right foot on a liberal," players will contort their bodies in amusing positions while navigating the political landscape.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Encourage participants to dress up as their favorite politicians or wear political-themed attire to enhance the theme of the event.

Please keep in mind that the event should not favor any political party or serve as an affiliation for politicians. It should be a fun way to engage with political participation and encourage participants to learn more about their local, national or European decision-makers.



ONLINE

*For those who want to participate in their
sweatpants.*



Online



SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

maximum half an hour per challenge

WHAT YOU NEED:

Access to social media platforms (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, TikTok), engaging content ideas, prizes or incentives for participants, promotional materials (graphics, videos) to announce and promote challenges.

Engage your audience and create buzz around your campaign with Social Media Challenges. These challenges are designed to encourage participation in the upcoming Elections, spread awareness, and generate excitement among your followers on various social media platforms. Participants can take part in fun and interactive challenges related to the EU, such as photo contests, caption competitions, or trivia quizzes. By leveraging the power of social media, you can reach a wider audience, amplify your message, and cultivate community engagement throughout the electoral process.

To organise Social Media Challenges, brainstorm creative and engaging content ideas that align with your campaign objectives. Develop clear instructions and guidelines for each challenge, including entry requirements and deadlines. Prepare promotional materials to announce and promote the challenges across your social media channels. Consider offering prizes or incentives to motivate participation and increase engagement.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Create your own hashtags for bigger reach and cooperate with similar organisations! And if you don't know how, check our channels and engage with our challenges online.



Online



ONLINE SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS/EVENTS

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



to



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

Access to online communication platforms (e.g., Zoom, Microsoft Teams), engaging content ideas adapted for online delivery, promotional materials (graphics, emails) to announce and promote sessions, technical equipment (webcams, microphones) for presenters.

Adapt your campaign activities to the virtual realm with Online Sessions about the EU and the Elections. You can leverage ideas from previous in-person activities, such as panel discussions, brown bag seminars, or social media challenges, and reimagine them for an online environment. Through interactive online sessions, workshops, or events, empower individuals to engage meaningfully with EU/Elections, all from the comfort of their own homes.

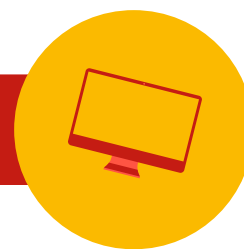
TIPS & TRICKS:

Embrace interactive features of online platforms, such as chat functions, polls, and breakout rooms, to enhance participant engagement and interaction! When promoting the event, shed some light on the accessibility the online setting creates!

If you need help with topics or workshop outlines, you could always contact us by filling the **Local Actions Form**. We can create sessions for you and adapt it to an online format or simply help you with choosing a topic and some guiding questions.



Online



EU YOUTH VOICES PODCAST

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

1 - 3 hours per recording
(depending on the length of your episodes)

WHAT YOU NEED:

Access to podcasting equipment (microphones, recording software), engaging content ideas related to the EU, podcast hosting platform, promotional materials (graphics, social media posts) to announce and promote episodes.

Launch a captivating podcast series focused on the EU, providing a platform for AEGEEans to share insights, perspectives, and discussions on EU-related topics. Each episode can feature interviews, discussions, or solo reflections on various aspects of the EU, such as policies, governance, culture, and youth engagement.

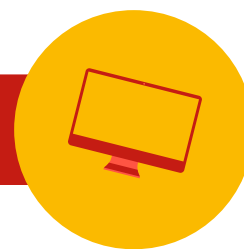
To kickstart your podcast series, gather your equipment and create a plan of the first 4-6 episodes. Invite your speakers and select a podcast hosting platform. Then you just have to record and promote your episodes across your digital channels. Consider collaborating with experts, influencers, or community members to diversify perspectives and enhance the depth of your podcast content

TIPS & TRICKS:

Ask your university, whether they could lend you the equipment. And in case that will not be possible, you could use your phone and online platforms. Do you need help with topics or people to invite? Contact us or think about checking other bodies in AEGEE.



Online



INSTAGRAM LIVES WITH EXPERTS/ACTIVE YOUTH WORKERS/MEPS

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

1 hour

WHAT YOU NEED:

Access to Instagram Live feature, engaging content ideas focused on the EU, expert guests (e.g., MEPs, youth activists), promotional materials (graphics, social media posts) to announce and promote sessions

Host Instagram Live sessions featuring experts, active youth workers, and MEPs. Each session can feature interviews, Q&A sessions, or panel discussions covering a range of EU-related issues, including policy developments, youth engagement, and civic participation.

To organise Instagram Live sessions, contact your chosen experts and schedule sessions based on their availability. Utilise promotional materials and social media posts to announce and promote upcoming sessions to your followers. Before each session, make sure that the technical side is working well!

TIPS & TRICKS:

Interact with your audience in real-time by responding to comments, questions, and reactions during the Instagram Live session. In case you are still unsure how to start an Instagram live, you could always check **this page** or contact us for support, maybe we can do one together.



DO IT EURSELF

If you always wanted to organise an event, this is for you.





WORKSHOP: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO VOTE?

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

around half a day

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting a workshop (e.g., classroom, community centre), presentation materials (slides, handouts), engaging activities to promote active participation, refreshments (optional), 25-35 participants

The workshop aims to deepen understanding, raise awareness, and inspire action by exploring the critical role of voting in shaping the future of society and governance.

To organise it, contact possible trainers and book your venue before the workshop. Prepare engaging presentation materials and activities that highlight the importance of voting in a clear and compelling manner. Structure the workshop to include opportunities for group discussions, reflection exercises, and practical tips for overcoming barriers to voting. Then promote the event through various channels and create a signup sheet for your participants.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Provide resources and information about voter registration, election dates, and voting procedures to empower participants to take action after the workshop.

If you need support with the presentations, the Y Vote team has some prepared, so contact us for it!





MINI MODEL EUROPEAN UNION EVENT

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

1-4 days

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting the event (e.g., conference room, university campus), simulation materials (e.g., agendas, role assignments), knowledgeable facilitators or moderators, participants (the number depends on the venue capacities and what exactly you'll simulate), microphones and speakers (optional)

Mini MEU Events simulate the workings of European institutions, such as the European Parliament, Council of the European Union, and European Commission, allowing participants to take on the roles of EU policymakers, diplomats, and stakeholders. Through simulations, debates, and negotiations on topical EU issues, participants will gain insights into the complexities of EU governance, policy-making processes, and the challenges of consensus-building in a diverse political landscape.

To organise the Event, carefully plan the agenda and find the venue a few weeks before the date or choose one you have used before in other events. Then promote the event in two steps: first, for the chairs and facilitators, and second for the participants. Then promote the event. Send a confirmation to the participants with their roles two weeks before the event.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Provide resources and information about voter registration, election dates, and voting procedures to empower participants to take action after the workshop.





EUROPE WEEK

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

5-7 days

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting various activities (e.g. university campus), a diverse range of EU-related activities and workshops, promotional materials (posters, flyers), volunteers to help organise and run the events, 60-100 participants

Celebrate the spirit of European unity and cooperation with a European Week, a week-long series of events, workshops, and activities dedicated to promoting awareness and engagement with EU-related topics. From discussions on EU policies and initiatives to cultural showcases and interactive workshops, each day of "Europawoche" presents opportunities for learning, reflection, and celebration of European identity and citizenship.

To organise the event start planning a diverse range of activities and workshops before. Collaborate with local institutions, NGOs, and EU networks to co-create and co-host events that highlight the multifaceted dimensions of European integration and cooperation. Promote the European week online and on campus. Recruit volunteers or ask some friends to assist with event organisation, logistics, and facilitation.

TIPS & TRICKS:

As the 2024 European Elections are approaching, you could always combine some activities from this guideline to organise it during the week.



BALLOT-BALLET

Activities connected to culture and arts.





MOVIE NIGHT

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-3 hours

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue with audiovisual equipment (e.g., projector, screen, speakers), EU-themed movies, 30-50 participants snacks (optional).

In these movie nights you will show thought-provoking films that explore themes related to European culture, history, politics, and society.

To organise Movie Nights with an EU Twist, curate a selection of EU-themed films that align with your campaign objectives and resonate with your target audience. Secure a venue equipped with audiovisual equipment to facilitate movie screenings. Then promote the Movie Nights through various channels and create a sign-up sheet for your participants. Consider offering refreshments or themed snacks to enhance the movie-watching experience and create a welcoming atmosphere for attendees.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Collaborate with local film clubs, cultural organisations, or EU embassies to access a wider range of people and EU-themed movie selections.

We recommend you to contact the **Social Equity Interest Group (social.equity@aegee.eu)** because they have a 'how to organise a movie night' guideline that could also be useful for the event.





ARTISTIC EVENTS

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

2-5 hours, depending on the event

WHAT YOU NEED:

An EU-themed artistic event (e.g., exhibitions, ballets, concerts), 20-30 participant

Whether it's visiting an art exhibition featuring works by European artists, attending a ballet performance interpreting European folklore, or enjoying a concert celebrating the musical traditions of different EU countries, artistic events offer a captivating and immersive experience for attendees.

To find your preferred events, keep an eye out for event listings, announcements, and promotions through various channels, including social media, cultural organisations, and local venues. Look for opportunities to explore EU-themed artistic events in your community or nearby cities and plan your attendance based on your interests, preferences, and availability.

TIPS & TRICKS:

Take advantage of special promotions, discounts, or ticket packages for students and young people.





CULTURAL EXCHANGE NIGHT

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:



TIME (TO DO IT):

an evening

WHAT YOU NEED:

Venue suitable for hosting cultural exchange activities (e.g. university campus), 25-30 participants, refreshments featuring traditional dishes or drinks from different cultures.

These events provide a platform for individuals from diverse backgrounds to exchange stories, traditions, customs from diverse cultures. You can plan programs from cultural presentations and performances to interactive workshops and discussions, while enjoying the diverse snacks.

To organise cultural exchange nights, coordinate with participants representing different cultural backgrounds to plan and prepare presentations, performances, or activities before. Promote the event on social media and community networks. Make sure that the participants bring the typical snacks from their cultures.

TIPS & TRICKS:

AEGEE has lots of experience in organising cultural exchanges. Therefore, you could also choose a few countries, split the participants into groups and ask them to bring something specific of that culture. You could even turn it into a competition between groups.



OUTRO

FURTHER INSPIRATION

- Check out the **Resources Page** on our Website!
- Read about other Local Actions in the **Y Vote Blog!**
- Use the **PR Guidelines for Local Actions** provided by our Communications Team.
- Our Finance & Fundraising Team has also prepared a **Roadmap for External Funding**.
- Looking for topics to cover? Our Content Team can help you with content around the following topics:
 - The Functioning of the European Union
 - Fake news, disinformation and Euroscepticism
 - The importance of voting and youth political activism
 - Women's participation in the decision-making process
 - Social Inclusion and the representation of minority groups and people with disabilities in the decision-making
 - Youth engagement in the democratic process in the European Union

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CREDITS

This booklet gives you a glimpse into ideas of how your Local Action could look like but it is definitely not a conclusive list. It contains ideas from the current and past Y Vote teams as well as other session types that have proven successful within AEGEE. We would like to give credits to everyone but there are so many people that we will just generally say **THANK YOU** for contributing to this Activity Booklet. We hope it serves our readers as an inspiration and we are looking forward to seeing lots of Local Actions happening all across Europe!

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