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Young Europe Ambassadors present their visions for Europe's future to Ministers of European Affairs

Today a diverse group of 27 European active citizens aged between 18 and 26 is invited to discuss their visions for the Future of Europe with the 27 Ministers of European Affairs of the EU Member States in an online event. The ideas on climate and energy, asylum, democracy, digitalisation and health are the outcome of the project Young Europe Ambassadors, which convened youth from 24 European countries.

In the context of *Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union* and the planned Conference on the Future of Europe, a major initiative fostering citizens' participation, the project Young Europe Ambassadors aims at enabling an open and inclusive debate about Europe's future.

Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe at the German Federal Foreign Office said about the encounter: "Fresh and courageous ideas of young people from all parts of Europe – that is exactly what we need in the EU. I am delighted that we, the Ministers of European Affairs of the EU Member States, today get the chance to discuss the future of our Union with the Young Europe Ambassadors!"

In online discussions, participants developed positions on crucial aspects of Europe's future development. They are calling, for instance, for sustainability to be placed at the core of policies as well as more accessible healthcare and treatment. By joining the video conference of the Ministers of European Affairs, the Ambassadors can engage directly in the European political debate and make sure that the voices of young people are heard.

You can find more information in *this video* and the Young Europe Ambassadors' *policy recommendations paper*.



About the European Youth Parliament

EYP is one of the largest youth organisations in Europe, currently represented in 40 European countries. Since 1987, EYP has inspired and empowered hundreds of thousands of young people to be open-minded, tolerant, and active citizens. As an educational programme focused on peer learning, EYP provides its volunteers with an environment to learn and grow. During the COVID-19 pandemic, EYP continues to bring young Europeans together via a range of online events.

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