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Welcome Words from the Project Managers

Dear participants,

As Project Managers of EYE Berlin, one of the four local editions of the EYE (European Youth Event), we are thrilled to extend our warmest welcome to each and every one of you! With great excitement and dedication, we are gearing up to host an unforgettable event that will bring together young people from across Europe both physically and digitally for three days of enriching workshops, stimulating discussions, and a vibrant cultural programme.



At the heart of EYE Berlin lies a profound mission — to create a platform where young Europeans can come together to explore, experience, and engage with Europe in all its diversity. As the European Elections of 2024 approach, it becomes increasingly vital to facilitate connections between the youth, EU policy-makers, and civil society organisations.

Our primary objectives for EYE Berlin are centred around providing opportunities for engagement, empowerment, and collaboration. We aim to foster international dialogue and connections by facilitating interactions between young Europeans, EU policy-makers, and civil society organisations. We hope that the atmosphere at EYE Berlin will empower the European youth to voice their priorities, ideas, and opinions. Through dynamic, interactive, and multicultural spaces, EYE Berlin will create an environment where European youth can express views, share experiences, and collaborate on solutions to shared challenges while enjoying multicultural aspects of the event and networking opportunities.

As Project Managers, our foremost priority is to ensure that every participant feels welcome, safe, and valued at EYE Berlin. We hope to together create a supportive environment where meaningful connections can be established, and where each individual can contribute to shaping the bright future for Europe.

On behalf of the entire EYE Berlin Team, we extend a heartfelt invitation to you to join us at this transformative event. The team is working hard to welcome you to Berlin in April where together, we will embark on a journey of discovery, dialogue, and empowerment. Our request to you, dear Participant, is to enjoy the event and actively engage towards building a Europe that reflects the hopes and aspirations of young people.

We look forward to welcoming you to EYE Berlin and to shaping an experience that is both unique and impactful for all.

Warm regards,

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Project Managers of EYE Berlin

About EYE Berlin

Dear reader,

We are happy that we have sparked your interest in EYE Berlin and we hope you will decide to register as a participant! In this booklet, you will find more information about the event and what to expect from the event.

Let's get it started!

What's a Local EYE?

A Local EYE is a local version of the European Local Event, which usually takes place in Strasbourg. For 2024, four cities have been selected to host a local EYE:

- **Berlin (Germany) 18-20 April**
- Vilnius (Lithuania) 3-4 May
- Forlì (Italy) 17-19 May
- Brežice (Slovenia) 23-26 May

Local EYEs bring the unique experience of the EYE (European Youth Event) to Europe's cities and regions, offering young people across the continent the opportunity to meet other young people, inspire one another and exchange ideas with experts, activists and decision-makers. This environment is obtained by mixing a variety of different activities, where participants have the opportunity to interact and learn from each other.

Local EYEs are co-funded and supported by the European Parliament and are organised by youth organisations to bring Europe closer to young people, empowering them to become active citizens and to engage with the European Parliament. **EYE Berlin is organised by the European Youth Parliament (EYP) and its volunteers.**

What's EYP?

The European Youth Parliament (EYP) is one of Europe's largest youth platforms for civic education, intercultural encounters, and the exchange of ideas – run by young people, for young people.

Founded in 1987, it is active in more than 35 countries and aims at inspiring and empowering a young generation of informed, open-minded, responsible, and active citizens who shape society and drive impact.

Every year, the EYP organises international, national and regional events that bring together around 25,000 young Europeans, offering them a safe space to develop and express their opinions, build intercultural understanding and develop active citizenship skills.

EYP events are based on non-formal peer education: participants learn and develop a diverse set of skills through a fully immersive social, cultural and educational programme, completely shaped and led by trained young Europeans.

EYE Berlin, in short

As the name suggests, EYE Berlin will take place in Berlin, Germany, between the 18th and the 20th of April 2024.

It will gather around 2.000 young Europeans, both physically and digitally, who are eager to meet with their peers and experts, to discuss and exchange opinions and ideas.

EYE Berlin is based on five thematic pillars:

- I. **The European Elections:** champion the cause of youth representation, advocacy, and active participation in the 2024 European Elections, ensuring that the priorities and aspirations of young Europeans are at the forefront of the electoral agenda. EYE Berlin wants to promote civic engagement and empower young people to be active, informed citizens who play an integral role in shaping the future of Europe through their involvement in democratic processes.
- II. **United Europe:** promote peace and intercultural understanding among European youth, emphasising the role of young people in building a harmonious and inclusive Europe. EYE Berlin aims at creating spaces for intercultural dialogue, fostering understanding among young people from diverse backgrounds, and empowering them to actively engage in civic life, thereby contributing to a more united and cohesive European society.
- III. **Sustainable Europe:** advance Europe's transition to sustainability by inspiring young Europeans to take an active role in shaping a greener and more environmentally conscious Europe, aligning with the goals of the European Year of Skills.
- IV. **Innovative Europe:** empower youth in their professional development by providing them with the knowledge of how and where to acquire the skills and resources needed to thrive in a rapidly changing job market, in line with the objectives of the European Year of Skills. EYE Berlin focuses on fostering personal growth and self-fulfilment, encouraging young people to engage in volunteerism, extracurricular activities, internships, and other opportunities that enrich their skills, broaden their horizons, and prepare them for successful and fulfilling careers.
- V. **Capacity-building for youth NGOs - designed specifically for youth organisations:** strengthen the capacities, connections, and capabilities of European youth organisations, equipping them to better serve their communities, grow sustainably, and advocate for the issues that matter most to young people.

Workshops and events at EYE Berlin will be dedicated to one or more than one of those pillars; they shape the direction of discussions and interventions.

A more specific list of the available workshops and activities will be presented and shared with participants closer to the event.

The structure

Provisional Timetable

The event will take place between the 18th and the 20th of April 2024 and it is structured as follows:

Schedule

April 18th

16:00 - 20:00 Accreditation

18:00 - 21:30 Movie Night

April 19th

10:00 - 11:30 Opening Ceremony

12:00 - 17:30 Workshops and Panel Discussions

12:00 - 17:30 Active Europe Fair

18:00 - 20:00 Plenary Session with MEPs

April 20th

10:00 - 15:00 Active Europe Fair

10:00 - 17:30 Workshops and Panel Discussions

15:30 - 17:30 Youth-led Plenary Session

18:00 - 19:00 Closing Ceremony

19:30 - 21:30 Euroconcert

Please note that this is a provisional timetable and may be subject to changes. A more definitive schedule will be shared with registered participants closer to the event.

Programme Elements

Opening Ceremony

Welcome to EYE Berlin! The Opening Ceremony is where your adventure begins. Be prepared to be captivated by an array of great speakers from the realms of European governance, innovation, and leadership. It's the perfect kickoff to an event filled with dialogue, discovery, and empowerment. Get ready for an opening that promises to spark inspiration and set the tone for an unforgettable experience.

Workshops

Embark on a learning journey with workshops designed for engagement and collaboration. Hosted by impactful youth organisations and NGOs, these sessions promise valuable peer interactions and thought-provoking discussions. Details on how to join your chosen workshops will follow after registration.

Job Fest

With youth employment a critical issue in the EU, Job Fest offers a unique platform for connecting with potential employers. Here's your chance to discover a wide array of opportunities for volunteering, internships, and jobs, directly taking you a step closer to your career goals. Plus, don't miss the chance to get invaluable tips from industry professionals. You are welcome to bring your CV and seize the opportunity to receive personalised feedback, helping you stand out in the job market. It's not just about finding a job; it's about preparing for success.

Active Europe Fair

Dive into the heart of civic engagement at the Active Europe Fair, where you can meet and mingle with many organisations making a difference. This fair isn't just an opportunity to explore; it's a chance to discover wonderful volunteering and membership opportunities that align with your passions. Whether you're looking to contribute to environmental sustainability, social justice, or any other area close to your heart, the fair is your gateway to finding purpose and making an impact. Open to all attendees, regardless of workshop participation, we invite you to learn, connect, and shape your unique path in the world.

Plenary Session

Join us for the engaging Plenary Session, where you'll have the unique opportunity to connect directly with a range of speakers in a panel discussion format. Moderated by a young correspondent, these sessions provide an interactive platform to explore a variety of topics that matter to young Europeans today. It's your chance to ask questions, gain insights, and understand more about issues impacting our continent.

Youth-led Plenary Session

The Youth-led Plenary Session amplifies your voice, presenting workshop findings and facilitating discussions with experts. This panel is the platform to present ideas and engage with decision-makers, shaping the conversation on the future of the EU. It's a space where innovative ideas meet influence, enabling participants to directly contribute to shaping the dialogue on the future of the EU. Engage, present, and influence as we bridge the gap between youth initiatives and European decision-making.

Euroconcert

The Euroconcert stands out as a cultural highlight, offering a stage for participants to showcase their musical and artistic talents. This event celebrates the creativity and expression of the participants of EYE Berlin, highlighting how art serves as a powerful tool for engagement and connection. Whether you're an aspiring artist or an enthusiastic supporter, the Euroconcert is an open invitation to immerse yourself in the world of artistic wonders. All attendees are invited to celebrate the diversity and creativity of our community.

Closing Ceremony

Our journey concludes with the Closing Ceremony, a moment to reflect on the experiences shared and the knowledge gained. Join us as we bid farewell, inspired and motivated to make a difference, with a showcase of our collective achievements and a look towards the future.

Sustainability

Inclusivity and Accessibility

At the heart of the European Youth Parliament's (EYP) mission is the commitment to the welfare, safety, and well-being of all individuals involved in our events. As we prepare to welcome you to EYE Berlin, we want to assure you that inclusivity and accessibility are not just policies but values that we live by.

Having a mix of different people makes the whole experience unique and helps us achieve our goal of inspiring and empowering young minds. So, to make sure everyone enjoys their time in Berlin, we're rolling out several measures to be as inclusive and accessible as possible. These include:

Event Safe Persons (ESPs): Your comfort and safety are our top priorities. Event Safe Persons will be available throughout EYE Berlin to offer support and confidentiality to anyone facing bullying, harassment, or simply in need of a conversation. Contact information for ESPs will be provided to all attendees, along with details on where to find a quiet and private space for discussions.

Accessible Venue and Facilities: Our Logistics Department is dedicated to securing venues that are accessible to everyone. We are taking every step to ensure that all participants can navigate the event comfortably and access all facilities with ease.

Inclusive Workshops and Activities: We believe in the power of learning and growth in an environment that respects and celebrates diversity. Workshop hosts are being guided on how to create spaces that welcome different viewpoints, encourage respectful dialogue, and ensure no one feels excluded.

Online and Hybrid Participation: No worries if you can't make it to Berlin! We're working on an online programme for you to join. Some workshops and activities will also be a mix of in-person and online, so you won't miss out...

Let Us Know Your Needs: When signing up, you will find a dedicated space where you can specify your personal needs or requests.

For further inquiries, please contact the Organising Team at support@eyeberlin.org. We are here to make your experience at EYE Berlin memorable, inclusive, and empowering.

Environmental Impact

We're all about taking steps to reduce our impact on the environment and make sure the event follows sustainable principles. Here are the key actions and initiatives we are implementing to minimise our environmental footprint:

Waste Reduction and Recycling: We will provide clearly labelled recycling bins at every venue to make sorting waste easier for everyone. Additionally, we encourage you to bring your own reusable bottles, which can be refilled.

Digital Communication and Registration: We're using a set of digital tools to allow easy online communication and registrations. That means less need for printing, faster exchange and additional features.

Eco-Friendly Materials: All the materials used during the event and the merchandise will be made from sustainable and recyclable materials.

Sustainability Workshops: We have a specific pillar with workshops all about sustainability. You'll learn about the climate change challenges and get the lowdown on organisations and activists and their eco-friendly projects. Let's get inspired and make a change!

Raising Awareness: We're spreading the word on sustainability through different channels. You will find more tips and details in the next booklets. The Media Team will also share more information and create interesting content.

So, let's keep it green and make EYE Berlin an event to remember! 🌱♻️

Practical Information

What to expect

EYE Berlin is a dynamic platform for young Europeans to collaborate, share ideas, and tackle key societal challenges together. This event is your chance to immerse in diverse cultures, meet new people, and engage in meaningful exchanges.

EYE Berlin will take place at two levels: physical and online.

Physical Participation:

Participating physically is a dynamic and immersive experience. Young individuals from across Europe converge at a vibrant location, creating a palpable atmosphere of energy and diversity. Attendees have the opportunity to engage in face-to-face interactions, network with peers from different countries, and actively contribute to workshops, panel discussions, and collaborative projects.

Please note: physical participation in EYE Berlin is free of charge. However, participants are expected to cover their own expenses, including accommodation, food and transportation to Berlin. As of now, the Organising Team is unable to offer financial support.

Online Participation:

For those unable to attend physically, the EYE extends its reach through online participation, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility. Virtual attendees can access a selection of live-streamed sessions, participate in remote workshops, and engage in discussions through online forums.

Our Participants:

Are you motivated, open-minded, and passionate about societal issues? EYE Berlin seeks participants eager to engage in diverse discussions, share insights, and learn from peers across Europe. If you're ready to explore topics ranging from politics to sustainability and are committed to cross-cultural understanding, you're the ideal candidate for this enriching experience.

Do you see yourself in this description? Then, keep reading and join us!

Physical Participation

If you decide to join EYE Berlin physically, it's the moment to start the preparation! So, what is next?

1. Register as a participant via this link:

https://form.jotform.com/forms_forms936/eyeberlin

Kick-start your journey by registering for the event, and providing some basic information to the Organising Team.

2. Receive confirmation email and other information

Within ten days after the registration deadline, a confirmation email will land in your inboxes, providing essential details and additional information about the event and how to plan the trip. You can change your mind about participating in the event at any time. But we kindly ask you to **inform the Organising Team**, to give your spot to other interested individuals. You can reach out to the Participants' Support Department at support@eyeberlin.org.

3. Plan the trip

With confirmation in hand, you can start planning the trip to Berlin.

4. Receive the workshop list and register for preferred elements

As excitement grows, the eagerly awaited workshop list will be released! The related form will allow you to personalise your experience by registering for the workshops that align with your interests and goals.

5. Receive personalised schedule

Shortly after expressing your preferences, you will receive a personalised schedule, mapping out your plan for EYE Berlin and maximising your opportunities for learning and networking.

6. Meet in Berlin!

The culmination of these steps will bring you to Berlin, having the opportunity to mix with other participants from diverse backgrounds and engage in exciting activities!

Online Participation

If you opt to join EYE Berlin online, you may have to wait a little more time. But make sure to still check out the official pages to not miss the dedicated call. Anyhow, what does online participation involve?

1. Follow platforms to access the link for online participation

We want to engage the largest number of participants possible, so it may take some time for the Organising Team to get ready for online participation but we want you there! So please be patient and keep checking the EYE Berlin pages.

2. Register for the workshops

Once online workshops are defined, you will be able to register through the dedicated link for the activities you would like to join. Workshops will be designed to maximise your experience, even if distant.

3. Receive links and have fun!

Shortly before the events start, you will receive the link to the workshop(s) you have selected. Join the call and have fun!

Contacts

We hope that this information has convinced you to register as a participant at EYE Berlin!
You can now register at the link: https://form.jotform.com/forms_forms936/eyeberlin

If you have any questions regarding the event or your participation, please feel free to reach out at support@eyeberlin.org.

The Participants Support department will be happy to help you.

Hope to see you soon in Berlin!

Best,

The Organising Team