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## 230 young Europeans gathering in Pordenone, Italy, to discuss climate change, migration, and Europe's role in rising geopolitical tension

From 21 to 29 March, the European Youth Parliament's (EYP) 104th International Session in Pordenone will bring together 230 young people from 35 countries to develop policy proposals focusing on greener reforms in European cities and communities. The full list of topics to be found [here](#). Public events for press on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

"The European youth parliament plays a valuable role in strengthening civic participation, dialogue and democratic awareness among the younger generation. Your engagement in democratic dialogue is essential, especially at a time when Europe is facing profound environmental, economic and geopolitical challenges" Stated **Costas Kadis, the European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans**, in his address to the participants of the event.

The [European Youth Parliament](#) is a platform that empowers young people across Europe to engage in democratic processes and create common understanding among different cultures. Present in over 40 countries, with more than 25,000 participants annually, the EYP works to equip the next generation of young Europeans with the tools and knowledge to become active citizens.

"Young people from all over Europe are showing us that not only are they future changemakers, but they are already leading with innovative ideas that are very often ahead of their time. In Pordenone, they will come together to exchange perspectives and remind us just how much there is to gain when young voices are heard." Comments **Anya Suprunenko, the Executive Director of the EYP**.

Some of the key discussion points throughout the conference are:

- Building sustainable cities and rethinking urban design through greener, more climate-resilient solutions.
- Changing geopolitical dynamics and balancing Europe's values and legal standards with maintaining strong and strategic international partnerships.
- Addressing migrant housing challenges by strengthening coordination between Member States and advancing long-term solutions to homelessness driven by systemic barriers and discrimination.

During the event, there will also be an online address by the European Commissioner for Mediterranean – Dubravka Šuica, and a video consultation with UN Executive Director Anacláudia Rossbach. Following the input from experts and stakeholders, young participants will write policy proposals for each topic and present it during the event's general assembly.

Members of the press are kindly invited to join the programme of the conference either on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March for the event's opening ceremony at [Villa Varda](#), or the 27<sup>th</sup> of March for its general assembly at [Liceo Scientifico M. Grigoletti](#). For more information, comment, or interview, contact us at [communications@eyp.org](mailto:communications@eyp.org)