



GET READY!

The countdown to
the 2024 European
elections has begun



YOU can help
shape the
Europe you
want!

Make
your
voice
heard



The next
European
elections will
take place
6–9 June 2024.
Save the date!

VOTE

Why vote?

Because you can choose who takes decisions on important issues that concern you – like climate change, jobs and the protection of your rights and freedoms.

Care about democracy? [Join together.eu!](https://www.join-together.eu)



Who can vote?

In most EU countries you have to be 18 to vote, but if you live in Austria, Belgium, Germany or Malta, the voting age is 16 – while in Greece it's 17.

Voting is compulsory in Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece and Luxembourg if you are registered to vote.

If you live in a different EU country to your country of origin, in most cases you can choose which one to vote in.

Learn about your voting rights on elections.europa.eu.



Who are you voting for?

The candidate who you wish to represent you in the European Parliament.

The Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) defend your interests when making EU laws together with the other EU institutions.



SPEAK UP!

There
are many
other
ways
YOU can
make a
difference



Participate in debates

Young people make up one third of the **European citizens' panels**, which can make recommendations to the EU on action to take on important issues.

You can also give your opinion and ideas on new laws that impact young people and improve existing laws on the **'Have your say'** website.

Don't miss the next **European youth goals** developed by over 50 000 young people. One of the easiest ways to get involved is through your country's national working group.



Connect with decision makers

Through the EU Youth Dialogue you can help drive forward the 11 **European youth goals** developed by over 50 000 young people. One of the easiest way to get involved is through your country's **national working group**.

Take the initiative

The **European Citizens' Initiative** is your chance to dream big. Gather 1 million signatures, and your proposal for a new law may become a reality! Even if you don't hit the target number, your idea might still sway policymakers. The minimum age to support an initiative ranges from 16 to 18 depending on the country.



Become an MEP yourself

If you want to have an even more direct influence on the decisions of the EU, why not run for office yourself?

The minimum age to stand as a candidate in the elections currently ranges from 18 to 25 depending on the country.

The youngest-ever MEP was 21 when elected.

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