

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	7 – Multi Kulti Collective (MKC)
PIC number:	929567200
Project name and acronym:	Youth Shaping Europe's Tomorrow – U4EU 2.0

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	12
Event name:	Online Roundtables with Policymakers and Presentation of Youth-Generated Policy Recommendations
Type:	Awareness raising
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Online
Date(s):	11, 18, 25 February 2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://multikulti.bg/en/U4EU2.0 https://www.u4euproject.eu/news-events/
Participants	
Female:	78
Male:	21
Non-binary:	5
From Bulgaria:	32
From Belgium:	11
From Italy:	10
From Portugal:	5
From Greece:	21
From the Netherlands:	3
From Hungary:	7
From Germany:	4
From Spain:	8
From France:	1

From Austria:	1		
From Finland:	1		
Total number of participants:	104	From total number of countries:	12
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<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>In February 2026, Multi Kulti Collective organised a series of three online EU roundtables within the EU-funded project U4EU 2.0: Youth Shaping Europe's Tomorrow, bringing together 104 participants from 12 EU countries including young people, policymakers, experts, and civil society representatives. Participants joined from Bulgaria, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Greece, the Netherlands, Hungary, Germany, Spain, France, Austria and Finland. More specifically, 101 participants were from the 9 EU partner countries, while in addition 3 participants from 3 other EU countries (France, Austria and Finland) joined the roundtables.</p> <p>The events took place on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 February 2026 (Human Rights in the EU), • 18 February 2026 (Education in the EU), and • 25 February 2026 (Sustainability and Democracy in the EU) <p>Each of them lasted 2 hours.</p> <p>They were all moderated by Bistra Ivanova from Multi Kulti Collective.</p> <p>The first roundtable explored human rights challenges in Europe, with contributions from Tamás Berecz (International Network Against Cyber Hate INACH) on countering online hate and disinformation, Anastasiia Dehtiarova on migrants as drivers of growth and innovation in the EU, Maya Doneva on gender pay equality and institutional accountability, and Alexander Nikolov (Dokumentalisti.bg) on media responsibility and human rights.</p> <p>The second roundtable focused on education systems in the EU and featured Leonor Wiesner (European Commission, DG EAC) on policy developments in school education and Dr. Mojib Atal (Migration Policy Group) on multilingualism in EU education.</p> <p>The third roundtable examined the links between sustainability, climate action, and democracy, with Laura Maanavilja (European Commission, DG CLIMA) discussing EU climate and sustainability policy, Viola Güse (KMGNE) addressing youth engagement in sustainability, and Furkan Sorkunçuk (Volonteuropé) presenting lessons from a European Citizens' Initiative on water.</p> <p>Each event combined expert panel discussions with interactive small-group exchanges and final plenary sessions where participants developed youth-generated policy recommendations. During the final discussions, young participants had the opportunity to present their policy recommendations directly to policymakers from the European Commission, creating a space for dialogue between youth, experts, and EU institutions on human rights, education, sustainability, and democratic participation in Europe.</p> <p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct dialogue between young people and policymakers is essential. Creating structured spaces where youth can present policy recommendations to EU institutions helps bridge the gap between policy design and the realities experienced by young Europeans. • Human rights in the digital space require stronger action. Participants highlighted the growing impact of online hate, disinformation, and harmful narratives, stressing the need for stronger digital literacy, responsible media practices, and coordinated EU-level responses. • Education systems must adapt to a more diverse and rapidly changing Europe. Inclusive education, multilingual approaches, and stronger civic education are crucial for ensuring equal opportunities and preparing young people for democratic participation. • Youth engagement is key to sustainable and democratic transformation. Young people play a vital role in driving climate action, community initiatives, and democratic participation, but they need greater institutional support and meaningful participation in decision-making processes. • Cross-border exchange strengthens solutions. Bringing together participants from multiple EU countries allowed young people and experts to share experiences, identify common challenges, and develop policy recommendations that reflect diverse European contexts. 			

