

# Bridging Borders, Building Belonging

## Youth Shape EU



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# About us



## YOUth Shape EU

### *Bridging Borders, Building Belonging*

is a Citizen Engagement Activity (CEA) that puts young people at the heart of the conversation. It creates a platform for youth to share their experiences, perspectives, and ideas on how EU Cohesion Policy and Enlargement shape their sense of belonging across borders. Through interactive discussions, storytelling, and creative collaboration, participants will explore how policies impact their daily lives and envision a more inclusive, connected future.

Young people across Europe often view EU integration as a distant promise rather than a lived reality.

Growing Euroscepticism in some regions have led many young citizens to question whether the European Union is still a credible partner in their future.

Moreover, youth voices are often underrepresented in EU policy discussions, leaving them feeling unheard and disconnected from the processes that shape their futures.

In cooperation with young people residing across Europe, and EU accession countries, the event will explore Youth Integration and belonging.



# Agenda



## 9:30 **OPENING SESSION**

- Andrea Perna – Professor, UNIADRION General Secretary

## 9:45 **SESSION I**

### ***Europe's Economic, Social, and Territorial Cohesion in the Light of EU Enlargement***

- Filip Miličević – EUSAIR Pillar 5 coordinator (TBC)
- Guilia Bettin – Professor, Politechic University of Marche
- Dea Hrelja – T33 (TBC)

## 11:00 **MENTIMETER SESSION**

11:20 Networking Break

## 11:50 **SESSION II**

### **Workshop Introduction & Transition**

(Participants rearrange into their chosen workshop.)



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12.00 Workshop 1 (Room T36)

## ***Social Cohesion and Building an Inclusive, Enlarged EU***

- Francesco Chiapparino – Professor, Politechic University of Marche
- Filip Miličević – EUSAIR Pillar 5 coordinator (TBC)
- Meral Todri – SASPAC (TBC)

Moderator: Riyanka Anna George – IVY

Workshop 2 (Room T37)

## ***Territorial Cooperation and Youth Engagement***

- Ana Nikolov AEBR Balkan Office
- Clarissa Amichetti T33
- Eva Omahen, Eusair Youth Council coordinator (TBC)

Moderator: Lana Joketic – IVY

13:15 Lunch Break

14:15 **SESSION III**

Youth-to-Youth (Y2Y)

15:15 **GIVE IT A SHOT!** Competition Winners Declaration  
Site Visit/ City Tour & Game

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