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Basic information	
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European Year of Youth 2022	
Subject 4.15.02 Employment: guidelines, actions, Funds 4.40.01 European area for education, training and lifelong learning 4.40.10 Youth	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible  Culture and Education	Rapporteur  VERHEYEN Sabine	Appointed 21/10/2021
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	Committee for opinion  Employment and Social Affairs	Rapporteur for opinion The committee decided not to give an opinion.	Appointed
Council of the European Union European Commission European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions	Commission DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture	Commissioner GABRIEL Mariya	

Key events			
21/10/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
12/11/2021	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
15/11/2021	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		

16/11/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0322/2021	
22/11/2021	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
24/11/2021	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71)		

Forecasts

14/12/2021	Debate in plenary scheduled
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/0328(COD)
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	CULT/9/07408

Documentation gateway

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European Year of Youth 2022

PURPOSE: to designate 2022 as the European Year of Youth.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the EU Youth Strategy is the framework for EU youth policy cooperation for 2019-2027, based on the Council Resolution of 26 November 2018.

The Strategy recognises that young people are architects of their own lives, contribute to positive change in society and enrich the EUs ambitions, and that youth policy can contribute to create a space where young people can seize opportunities and relate to European values.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented and uneven impact on education, employment, social inclusion and mental health of the young people. The economic crisis provoked by lockdowns has hit young Europeans in particular. However, young people have shown intergenerational solidarity and have also managed to show great resilience and have been involved in the mitigation of the pandemics impact.

On 15 September 2021, President von der Leyen announced in her State of the Union Address that the European Commission will propose to make 2022 the European Year of Youth.

In its [resolution](#) on the impact of COVID-19 on youth and on sport, the European Parliament underlined the particularly acute impact the current pandemic has had on young people not in education, employment, or training (NEETs) and highlighted the need to tackle the problems faced by young people from vulnerable groups. It urged the Commission and the Member States to take all the necessary measures to counter the disastrous effects on youth employment and stressed the role of volunteering in developing life and work skills for young people.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes to make 2022 the European Year of Youth.

Objective

The objectives of the European Year of Youth are to encourage and support the efforts of the Union, the Member States, regional and local authorities to honour youth in a post-pandemic perspective. It is an occasion to raise awareness on European opportunities ahead for young people.

During the European Year of Youth, the Commission, in cooperation with the European Parliament, Member States, regional and local authorities, stakeholders and young people themselves, will:

- highlight how the green and digital transitions offer a renewed perspective for the future and opportunities to counter negative impact of the pandemic on young people and on the society at large;
- draw inspiration from the actions, vision and insights of young people to further strengthen and invigorate the common European Union project and listening to young people, taking into account their concerns and supporting them in developing concrete, inclusive opportunities, while making an optimal use of Union instruments;
- encourage all young people, especially young people with fewer opportunities, from disadvantaged backgrounds or belonging to vulnerable groups to become active and engaged citizens as well as actors of change, inspired by a European sense of belonging. This includes additional efforts at building capacity for youth participation and civic engagement among young people from diverse backgrounds in key consultation processes, such as the Conference on the Future of Europe;
- promote opportunities for young people arising from the public policies at EU, national, regional level and local level in order to support their personal, social and professional development in a green, digital and inclusive world.

The European Year of Youth seeks to:

- be implemented using existing EU programmes and delivery mechanisms already in place and the drive provided by NextGenerationEU;
- give a unique impetus to the creation of a European Education Area by creating a genuine European space of learning by 2025;
- contribute to the European Climate Pact, the updated Digital Education Action Plan and the HealthyLifestyle4all initiative;
- support the EUs efforts to expanding employment opportunities for youth in the post-pandemic recovery as stated in the European Parliament Resolution on the Youth Guarantee.

Actions, measures and funding

Measures will include information and promotion campaigns, events and initiatives at European, national, regional and local level to convey key messages and disseminate information about examples of good practice, including the role of the EU in promoting shared solutions. This will lead to active participation and learning in key policy areas such as climate change.

The organisation of participation in the European Year at national level will be a responsibility of the Member States. The Commission will convene meetings of the national coordinators to coordinate the running of the European Year.

Without prejudice to the powers of the budgetary authority, the aim should be to provide funding for the implementation of this Decision of at least EUR 8 million.