

# Young People for Democracy: Youth Perspectives in Action

## Youth Event of the 10<sup>th</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth



### Monday, 6 October 2025

#### Arrivals

**14:00** Registration at Grand Hotel Excelsior

**19:00** Dinner and welcome activities

### Tuesday, 7 October 2025

**9:15** Opening speeches, by:

- Keith AZZOPARDI TANTI, Parliamentary Secretary, for Youth, Research and Innovation, Malta
- Cherise SULTANA, President, National Youth Council, Malta
- Maurizio CUTTIN, Vice-Chair, Advisory Council on Youth

**9:40** Getting to know each other and the youth event

**10:30** The road to Malta, with:

- Miriam TEUMA, Malta, European Steering Committee on Youth
- Noah KRAMER, Advisory Council on Youth
- Andreea SCRIOȘTEANU, European Youth Forum

**11:30** Strengthening young people's role in democratic revival and human rights protection: the New Democratic Pact and the 10th Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth, with:

- Matjaž GRUDEN, Director for Democracy, Council of Europe

**12:15** Working groups on youth perspectives for the New Democratic Pact for Europe:

1. Learning and practising democracy
2. Protecting democracy
3. Innovating democracy
4. Creating a shared narrative about democracy

**13:00** Lunch

**14:30** Working groups (continued)

**16:30** Presentation of results of working groups

**18:00** Departure for dinner by bus

**19:00** Dinner reception hosted by the Maltese authorities for participants in the youth event and in the 1539<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (Mdina, Malta)

**22:30** Departure to Grand Hotel Excelsior by bus

### Wednesday, 8 October 2025

**9:00** Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), with:

- Theodoros ROUSOPOULOS, President of the PACE
- Despina CHATZIVASSILIOU, Secretary General of the PACE

**9:45** Reviewing proposals for the New Democratic Pact

**11:30** Youth advocacy and engagement: follow-up to the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth

**13:00** Lunch

**14:30** Youth proposals for the New Democratic Pact, exchange of views with:

- Alain BERSET, Secretary General, Council of Europe
- Ambassador Francesca CAMILLERI VETTIGER, President of the Ministers' Deputies and Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe

**16:15** Coffee talks with:

- Naomi CACHIA, PACE, youth rapporteur, Committee in Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States

• Max LUCKS, PACE, youth rapporteur, Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

• Véronique BERTHOLLE, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

**17:30** Closure of the youth event, with:

- Rareș VOICU, President, European Youth Forum
- Nina GRMUŠA, Chair, Advisory Council on Youth
- Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department

**18:20** Departure for dinner

**18:45** 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of Ministers responsible for youth: dinner reception hosted by the Maltese Government (Grandmaster's Palace, Valletta)

### Thursday, 9 October 2025

10th Conference of Ministers Responsible for youth Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta

**7:45** Departure of the group from the Grand Hotel Excelsior to the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of Ministers responsible for youth

### Friday, 10 October 2025

Check out and departures of participants

**8:00 – 10:00** Breakfast meeting:

EYCA and the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card (Grand Hotel Excelsior, Floriana)

**10:15 – 12:30** Parallel events

- AI & Youth: Co-shaping Policies for a Responsible Future by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh (Aula Magna, Old University, St. Paul's Street, Valletta)
- Vote at 16: A Choice or a Right? by the Maltese National Youth Council (Auberge d'Arragon, Valletta)
- On-site visit to Aġenzija Żgħażaġh (Maltese Youth Agency; St Joseph High Road, St.Venera)

**12:30** Lunch for the participants in side events

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