

PREPARATORY MATERIAL for
“PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC LIFE”
INTERNATIONAL THEMATIC EXPERTS GROUP MEETING
21.09.2022, Bruxelles

Premises

Focus of the thematic group: ***Increasing the impact of exchange opportunities***

Purpose of the meeting: identifying 5 key recommendations for policy makers based on the debate on the key points for discussion below

Key questions for discussion

1. What are the main **target groups** involved in increasing the impact of exchange opportunities in VET?
2. What are the **internal and external challenges/threats** that interfere with the increase of the impact of exchange opportunities in VET (declined for the target groups considered)?
3. What are the **internal and external opportunities** (for the considered target groups) that are opposed or are generated by the challenges/threats of increasing the impact of exchange opportunities in VET?

Suggested documents for possible consultation

- **Call for accreditation in the field of youth – EAC/A03/2020:** This document refers to the call for Erasmus Youth accreditations launched in preparation of the European Union 2021-2027 Programme for education, training, youth and sport proposed by the European Commission on 30 May 2018. Erasmus accreditations are a tool for organisations that want to open-up their activities to cross-border exchange and cooperation and are designed for organisations that plan to implement learning mobility activities on a regular basis.
<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/document/call-for-accreditation-in-the-field-of-youth-eaca032020>

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- **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – *Empowering, Connecting and Empowering young people: a new EU Youth Strategy (2018)***: the EU Youth Strategy is the framework for EU youth policy cooperation for 2019-2027, based on the Council Resolution of 26 November 2018. EU youth cooperation shall make the most of youth policy's potential. It fosters youth participation in democratic life; it also supports social and civic engagement and aims to ensure that all young people have the necessary resources to take part in society.

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52018DC0269>

- **The von der Leyen Commission's priorities for 2019-2024**

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/646148/EPRS_BRI\(2020\)646148_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/646148/EPRS_BRI(2020)646148_EN.pdf)

- **The six policy priorities of the von der Leyen Commission – State of play in autumn 2021**

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2021/696205/EPRS_IDA\(2021\)696205_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2021/696205/EPRS_IDA(2021)696205_EN.pdf)

- **Flash Eurobarometer 375 – European Youth: participation in democratic life – Report**

https://ec.europa.eu/assets/eac/youth/library/reports/flash375_en.pdf

- **Human Rights Council resolution 33/22: Equal participation in political and public affairs – EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM SUBMISSION**: This submission elaborates on political, social, economic and legal/institutional barriers young people face in accessing their right to participate, responding to the call for input released by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Based on the European Youth Forum's own research "Young People and Democratic Life in Europe"² it provides recommendations to Member States on the effective implementation of the right to participate in political and public affairs with regards to youth.

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/EqualParticipation/DraftGuidelines/EuropeanYouthForum.pdf>



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Some shared thoughts

Examples of challenges may be the ability to achieve economies of scale, the ability to respond within the appropriate timeframe, efficiency in service quality, staff skills and knowledge, good reputation and recognition of the initiative.

Threats can be a change in regulations, political uncertainty, instability of the target group, exponential increase in costs due to lack of raw materials.

Opportunities can be an increase in consumption of a specific product, the removal of barriers, the availability of new technologies, as well as unmet market needs.

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