

**July 2023**

The theme of 2023's International Youth Day, celebrated on 12 August, is 'Green Skills for Youth'. In line with the 2023 European Year of Skills, it highlights the importance for young people to acquire the skills necessary for the green transition, and to make the most of it by helping to shape a more sustainable economy and society. This topical digest offers a list of relevant publications, produced by the European Parliamentary Research Service.

Question time: Legacy of the 2022 European Year of Youth

'At a glance' note by Krisztina Binder, EPRS, April, 2023

Wishing to highlight and mitigate the impact of the pandemic on young people, the European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, used her 2021 State of the Union address to name 2022 the European Year of Youth (EYY22). Following 12 months of varied youth-related activities, the thematic year concluded with a conference in December 2022. The European Parliament is committed to securing a lasting legacy for EYY22.

Legacy of the 2022 European Year of Youth

'At a glance' note by Tarja Laaninen, EPRS, December 2022

Throughout 2022, young Europeans were to be given opportunities to engage in learning and civic engagement activities, discover other cultures, improve their employment prospects, share ideas and broaden their horizons generally. Youth policy was to be mainstreamed across all relevant Union policy fields. Now that the European Year of Youth is drawing to its close, has it achieved its objectives?

Proposal to make 2023 European Year of Skills

'At a glance' note by Marketa Pape, EPRS, November 2022

Following European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen's announcement in her 2022 State of the Union address, the Commission has formally proposed to make 2023 European Year of Skills. The aim is to give fresh impetus to lifelong learning, boost EU companies' competitiveness and help achieve the green and digital transitions in a socially fair manner. Building on existing EU action, the activities of the European year would promote skills policies and investment so as to address labour shortages and secure a better skilled workforce.

Young people in the EU: Fit for the digital age

Infographic by Ivana Katsarova, EPRS, July 2022

Despite the high number of young people accessing the internet, only 36 % engage in fact-checking activities. This is however 10 percentage points higher than the corresponding share among the rest of the population. Read this infographic to find out more interesting facts.

Young people in the EU: A demographic snapshot

Infographic by Ivana Katsarova, EPRS, April 2022

Why should young people in the EU worry about demographic change? For one thing, because the share of children and young people in the total population has been decreasing, while the share of elderly people

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continues to grow. Adding these figures up means today's children are expected to face an increased burden in supporting the remainder of the population as they grow up and move into work.

Further reading

Empowering youth in the EU's outermost regions

'At a glance' note by Emmanuel Alvarez, EPRS, April 2023

Young people in the EU: Rapidly evolving family patterns

Infographic by Ivana Katsarova, EPRS, June 2022

European Year of Youth 2022

'At a glance' note by Pernilla Jourde, EPRS, December 2021

The quality of traineeships in the EU

Study by Klaus Müller, EPRS, January 2022

European Solidarity Corps 2021-2027

'EU legislation in progress' briefing by Denise Chircop, EPRS, June 2021

Implementation of citizenship education actions in the EU

Study by Ex-Post Evaluation Unit, EPRS, August 2021

Erasmus 2021-2027: The Union programme for education, training, youth and sport

'EU legislation in progress' briefing by Denise Chircop, EPRS, July 2021

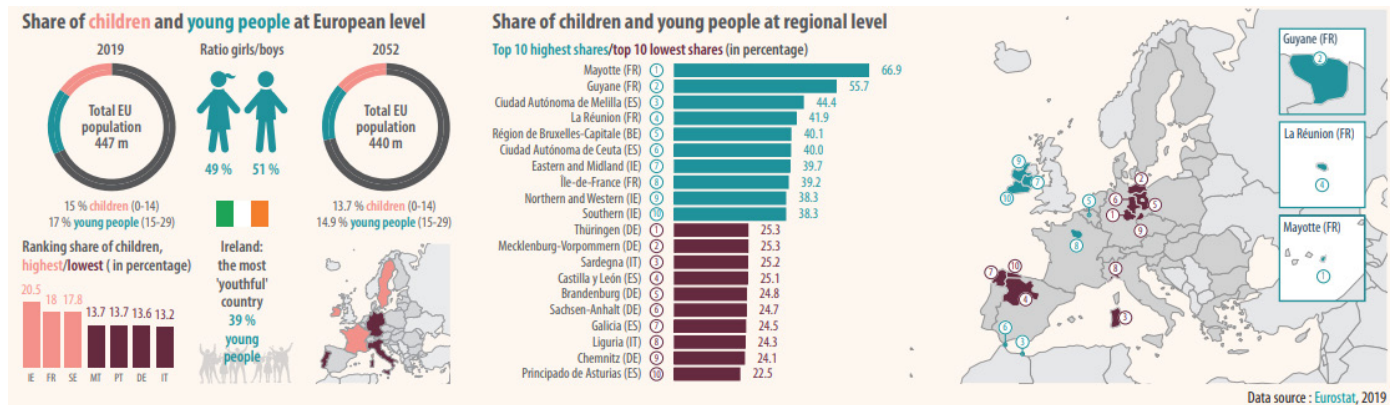
Inclusion measures within the Erasmus+ programme 2014-2020

Study by Alina Dinu and Anna Zygierewicz, EPRS, September 2021

Next generation or lost generation? Children, young people and the pandemic

Briefing by Nora Milotay, EPRS, December 2020

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