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EU Youth Conference

**“Empowerment of young people for
political participation
in the democratic life in Europe”**

Luxembourg, 21-24 September 2015

Program





TUESDAY, THE 22ND OF SEPTEMBER 2015

09.00 – 10.30

Official opening and welcoming

Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg
Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Johanna Nyman, President of the European Youth Forum
Maurice Losch, President of the National Youth Council of Luxembourg – CGJL
Nathalie Keipes, Vice-chair of the EU Steering Committee on Structured dialogue

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 11.45

Keynote speech

Political activism and self-conception of leftist youth

Katrin Hillebrand, psychologist, University of Luxembourg
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Kühnel, Professor of Sociology and Criminology at the Berlin School of Economics and Law

11.45 – 12.30

Interactive session with the plenary

14.00 – 16.00

Parallel working sessions “Make it real” I with international experts

1. Creating a culture of participation at school
2. Involving young people in political decision-making
3. Enhancing policy makers' engagement and commitment with young people
4. Strengthening the role of youth work for political empowerment of all young people
5. Developing youth friendly tools for political participation
6. Developing local and direct democracy
7. Promoting political participation through alternative forms (e.g. arts and sports)
8. Increasing synergies and cooperation between different actors

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee break



16.30 – 18.00 **Parallel working sessions “Make it real” II with international experts**

18.00 – 19.00 Break

WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER 2015

09.00 – 10.30 **Working session III**

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 **Working session IV**

14.30 – 16.00 **Opinion Agora**
Intermediate presentation of the outcomes of the workshops
in the plenary room

16.00 – 17.30 **Working session V**

THURSDAY, THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER 2015

9.30 – 11.00 Plenary session
Final joint Recommendations on “Empowerment of young people for political participation” and main implementation guidelines

Presentation by the representatives of the eight workshops

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.45 **Closing session and conclusions**

Claude Meisch, Minister of Education, Children and Youth of Luxembourg
Jens Nymand-Christensen, Deputy Director-General, DG Education and Culture, European Commission
Michaela Šojdrová, Vice-chair of the Committee on Culture and Education, European Parliament
Allan Pall, Secretary General of the European Youth Forum
Djuna Bernard, Vice-president of the National Youth Council of Luxembourg – CGJL
Representative of the incoming Dutch Presidency