

Workshop

Unboxing Europe

Young, European, Empowered? Imagining Political Participation in Europe 2040.

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Sunday, 09. November 2025 | 05:00 pm –
Wednesday, 12. November 2025 | 01:00 pm

What does meaningful political participation look like for young people in Europe? And what could it look like in the future?

At a time when democratic values are under pressure and many young people feel unheard, this seminar offers space to explore how youth can help shape European democracy – today and tomorrow.

Through expert inputs, interactive activities, and direct exchange with EU representatives, participants will examine current opportunities and challenges for youth participation. Building on these insights, they will engage in a **Vision Workshop** (*Zukunftswerkstatt*) to develop creative visions and concrete ideas for strengthening youth political engagement by 2040.

Combining political education with creativity and action, this seminar empowers young voices to rethink democracy – and take part in shaping Europe's future.



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Sunday, 09. November 2025 | Welcome and getting to know each other

Until 04:30 pm	Individual Travel and check-in
05:00 – 06:30 pm	Welcome, introduction and getting to know each other ANNE JANSEN Senior Expert, European Academy Berlin
06:30 – 07:30 pm	Dinner at EAB

Monday, 10. November 2025 | Diving into the topic

07:00 – 09:30 am	Breakfast for participants staying overnight
09:30 – 10:00 am	Starting the day and energizer ANNE JANSEN Senior Expert, European Academy Berlin
10:00 – 11:00 am	More Than a Vote? Youth Power in European Democracy Input and Q&A ÖZGECAN KARA (tbc) Director of Policy and Advocacy, European Youth Forum
11:00 – 11:15 am	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30 pm	EU Participation Scouting – What's Out There for Young People? Group Work and Research Facilitator: ANNE JANSEN Senior Expert, European Academy Berlin
12:30 – 02:00 pm	Lunch break at EAB
02:00 – 03:00 pm	Transfer to the city center
03:00 – 04:00 pm	Does Europe Listen to Its Youth? A Dialogue with the European Commission Talk with BARBARA GESSLER (tbc) Head of the Representation in Germany, European Commission
04:00 – 05:00 pm	How Europe Works – and Where You Come In Dive into the institutions of the European Union through an interactive exhibition and explore how decisions are made – and how young people can get involved. N.N. (tbc) EUROPA EXPERIENCE European House Berlin
05:00 – 06:00 pm	Dinner <i>Outside of funding by the bpb</i>
06:00 – 07:00 pm	Arrival and registration at Allianz-Forum

07:00 – 08:30 pm	State of Europe Speech At the invitation of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation
followed by	Reception
afterwards	Return to the European Academy Berlin (participants staying overnight)

Tuesday, 11. November 2025 | Shaping the Future

07:00 – 09:30 am	Breakfast for participants staying overnight
09:30 – 10:15 am	Starting the day and wrap-up of the first program day ANNE JANSEN Senior Expert, European Academy Berlin
10:15 – 10:45 am	Vision Workshop: Opening Session RICHARD BRAND (tbc) Sociologist and Trainer
10:45 – 12:00 am	Vision Workshop: Critique Phase RICHARD BRAND (tbc) Sociologist and Trainer
12:00 – 01:30 am	Lunch break at the EAB
01:30 – 03:30 pm	Vision Workshop: Imagination/Utopia Phase RICHARD BRAND (tbc) Sociologist and Trainer
03:30 – 04:00 pm	Coffee break
04:00 – 06:00 pm	Vision Workshop: Realisation Phase RICHARD BRAND (tbc) Sociologist and Trainer
06:00 – 06:30 pm	Closing and Outlook RICHARD BRAND (tbc) Sociologist and Trainer
06:30 – 07:30 pm	Dinner at the EAB

Wednesday, 12. November 2025 | Goodbye and Results

07:00 – 09:30 am	Breakfast for participants staying overnight
09:30 – 10:00 am	Starting the day and energizer ANNE JANSEN Senior Expert, European Academy Berlin
10:00 – 11:00 am	Unboxing Your Future - Turning Participation into Practice Discussion round Facilitator: ANNE JANSEN

	Senior Expert, European Academy Berlin
11:00 – 12:00 am	Seminar Evaluation and Goodbye Facilitator: ANNE JANSEN Senior Expert, European Academy Berlin
12:00 – 01:00 pm	Lunch break
From 01:00 pm	Individual departure

Registration and conditions of participation:

The workshop is aimed at young adults residing in Germany and other EU countries. Participation, including meals as specified in the program, is free of charge. Thanks to the funding institutions, participants from outside Berlin can stay at the EAB free of charge (double rooms).

Travel expenses can be reimbursed upon presentation of the relevant receipts and in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act (Bundesreisekostengesetz).

Those interested in participating apply using the registration form that can be found on the website.

PROGRAM CONCEPTION

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