

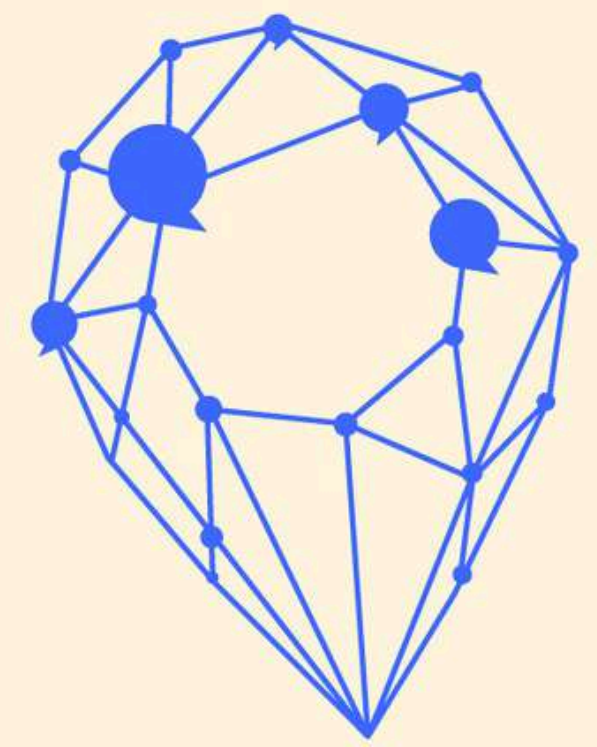
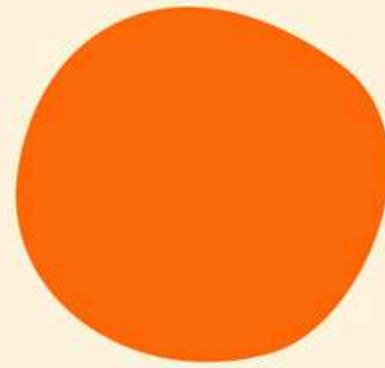


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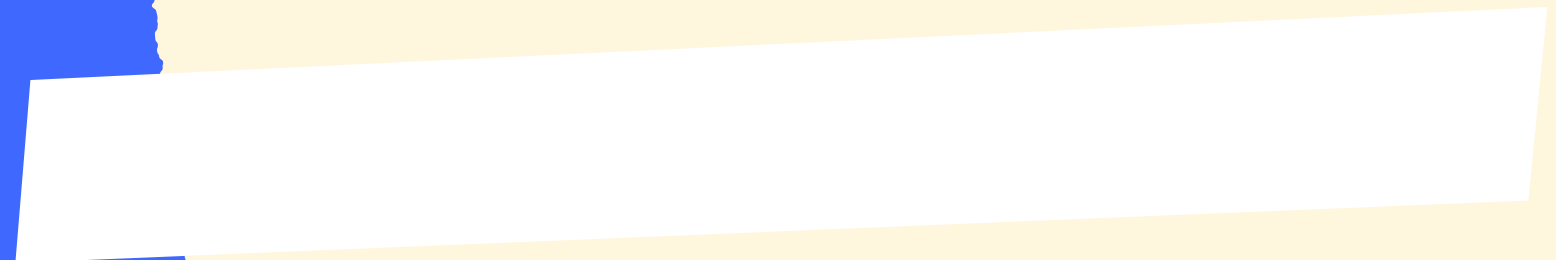
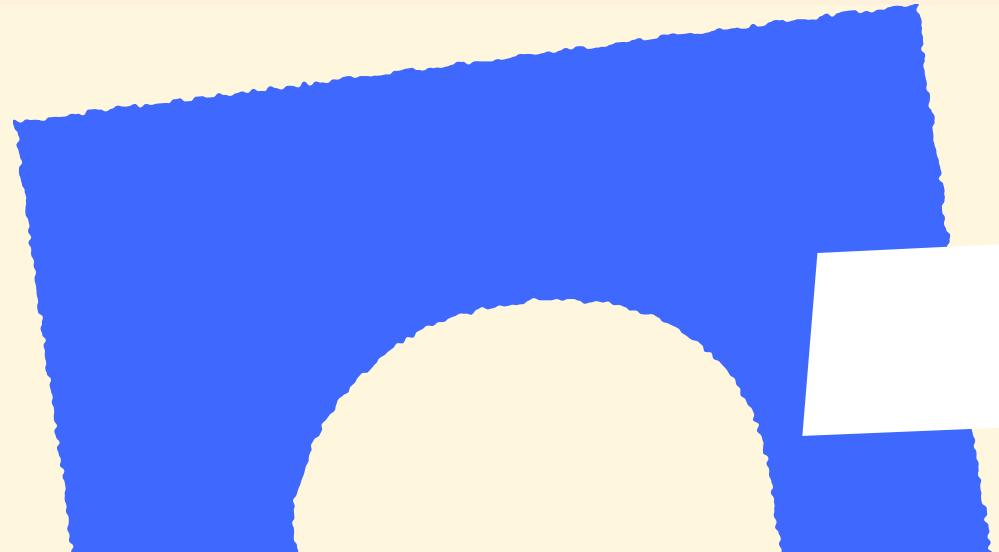
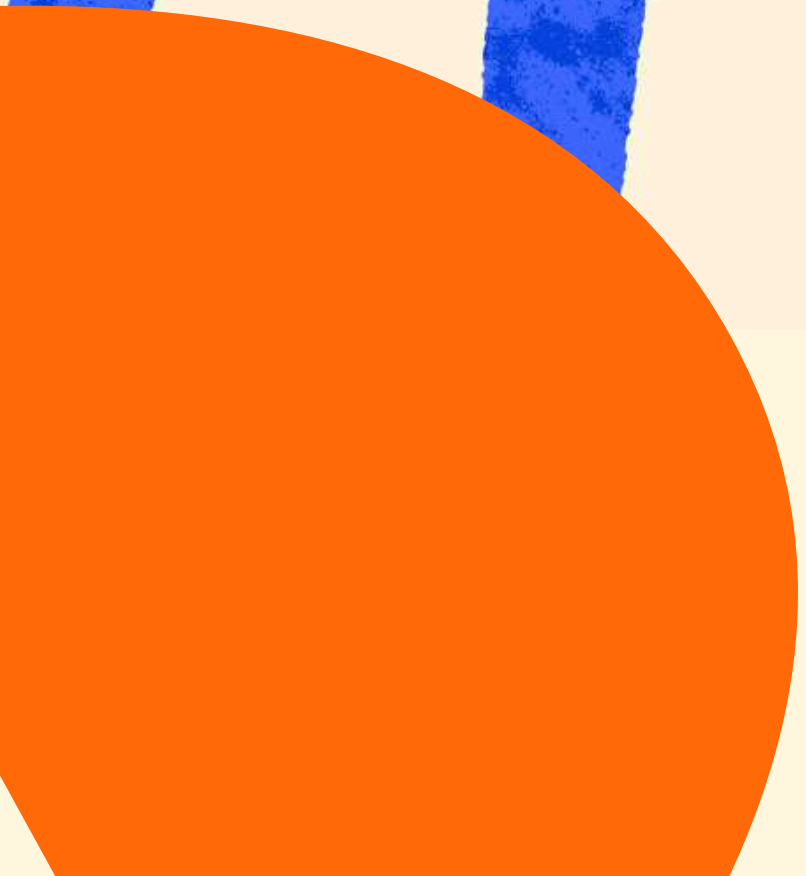


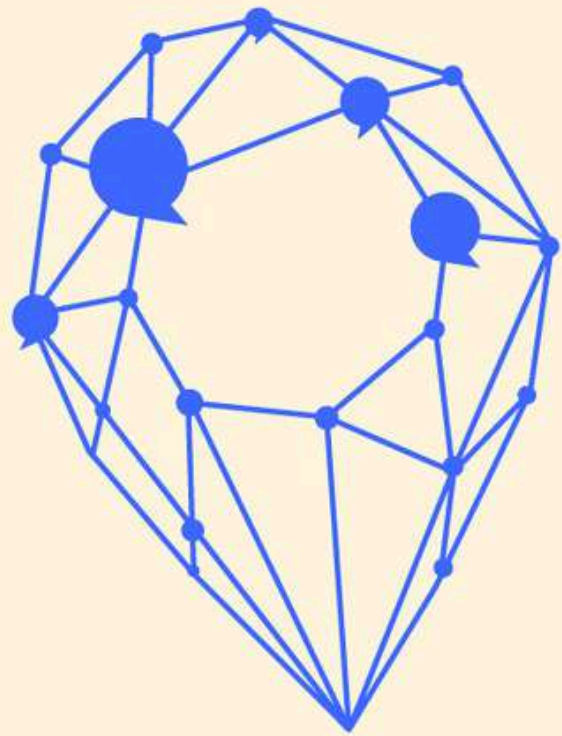
**We are an  
international youth  
organisation with  
106 members**





# EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL



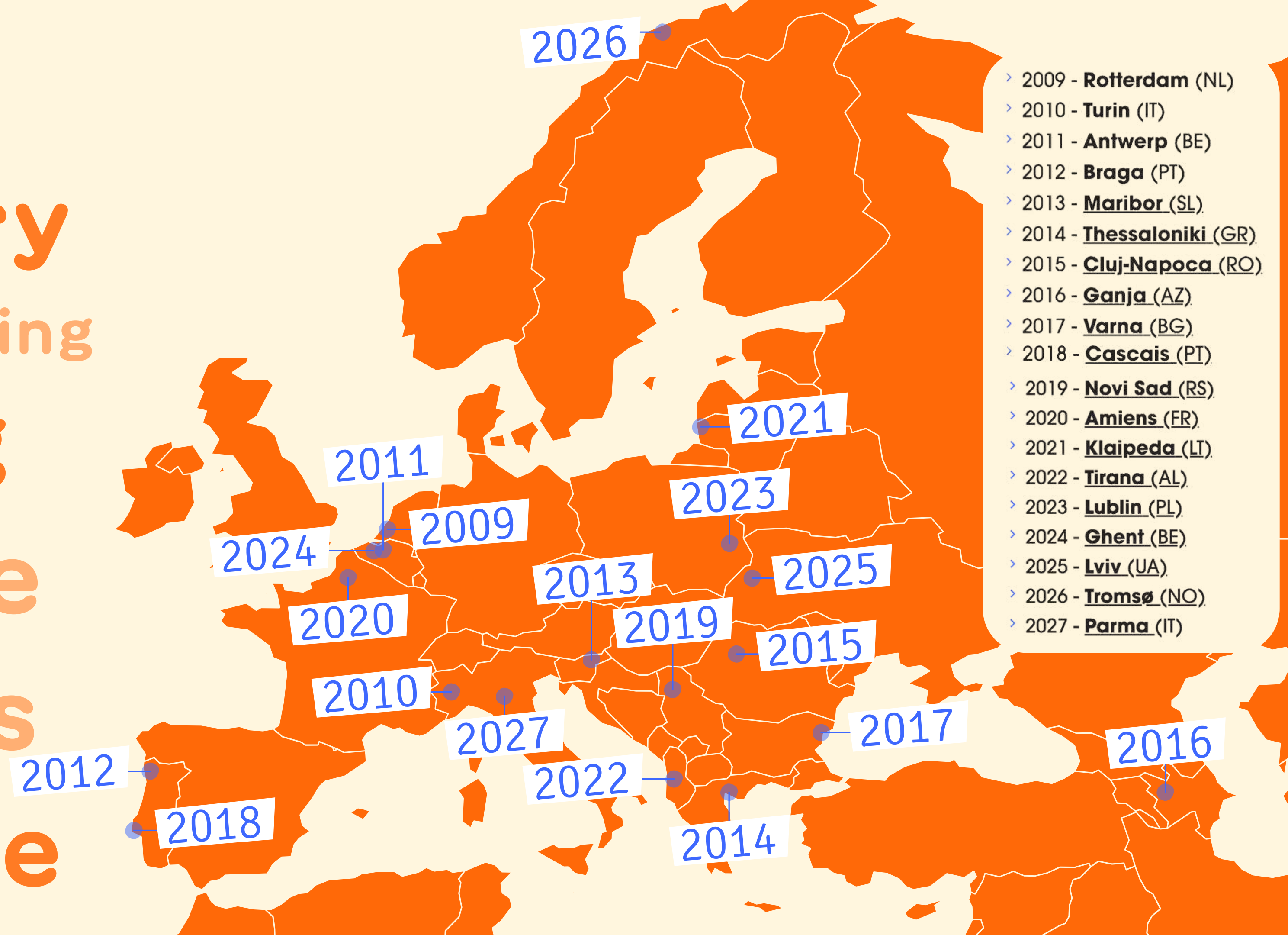


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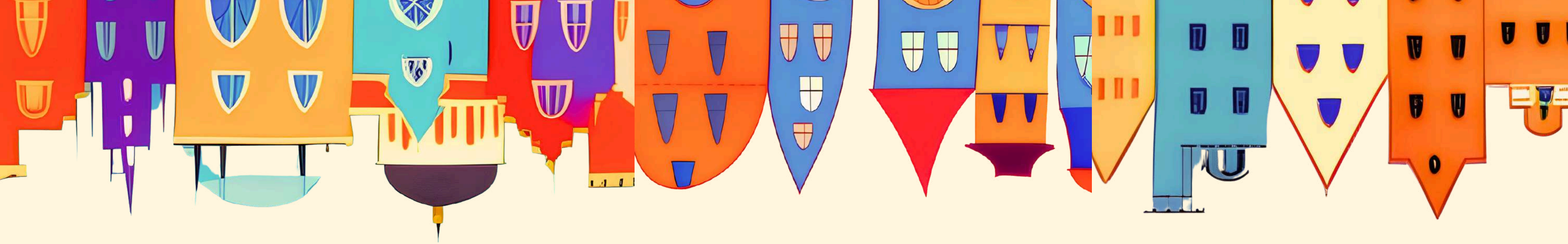


a title awarded by the *European Youth Forum* designed to  
**empower young** people, **boost** youth **participation** and  
**strengthen European identity** in our **cities**.

a long  
history  
empowering  
young  
people  
across  
europe



- > 2009 - **Rotterdam** (NL)
- > 2010 - **Turin** (IT)
- > 2011 - **Antwerp** (BE)
- > 2012 - **Braga** (PT)
- > 2013 - **Maribor** (SL)
- > 2014 - **Thessaloniki** (GR)
- > 2015 - **Cluj-Napoca** (RO)
- > 2016 - **Ganja** (AZ)
- > 2017 - **Varna** (BG)
- > 2018 - **Cascais** (PT)
- > 2019 - **Novi Sad** (RS)
- > 2020 - **Amiens** (FR)
- > 2021 - **Klaipeda** (LT)
- > 2022 - **Tirana** (AL)
- > 2023 - **Lublin** (PL)
- > 2024 - **Ghent** (BE)
- > 2025 - **Lviv** (UA)
- > 2026 - **Tromsø** (NO)
- > 2027 - **Parma** (IT)



more than **160 cities**  
from **Europe** have  
**applied** for the title

*“It was one of the few periods that the Municipality was open to young people, youth ideas and proposals.  
It was an amazing creative period for all youth initiatives and a great opportunity to re-brand the city”*

Member of the organising team, **Thessaloniki** (2014), Greece

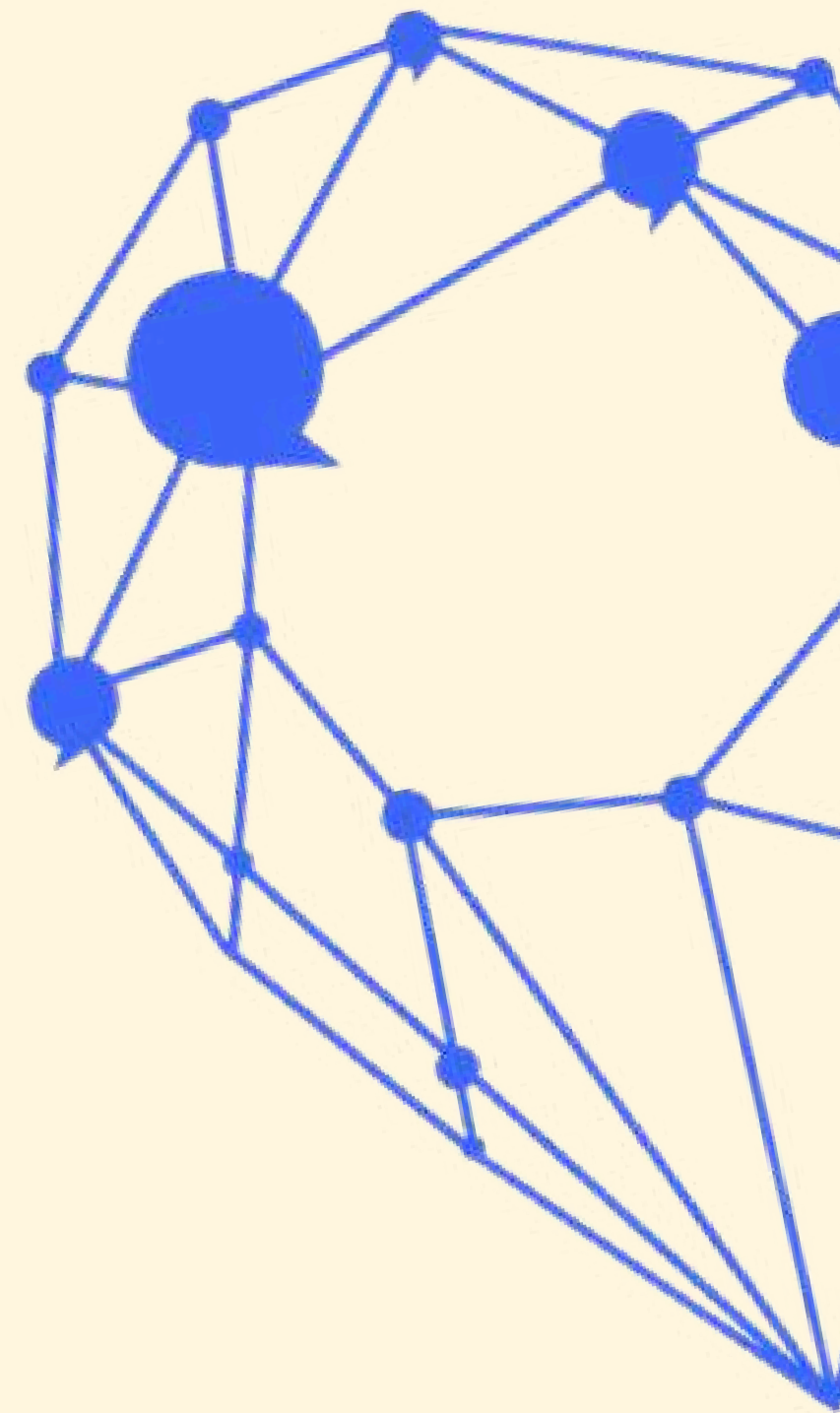
Ensuring that **young people** are at the **core** of the decision-making processes

**why?**

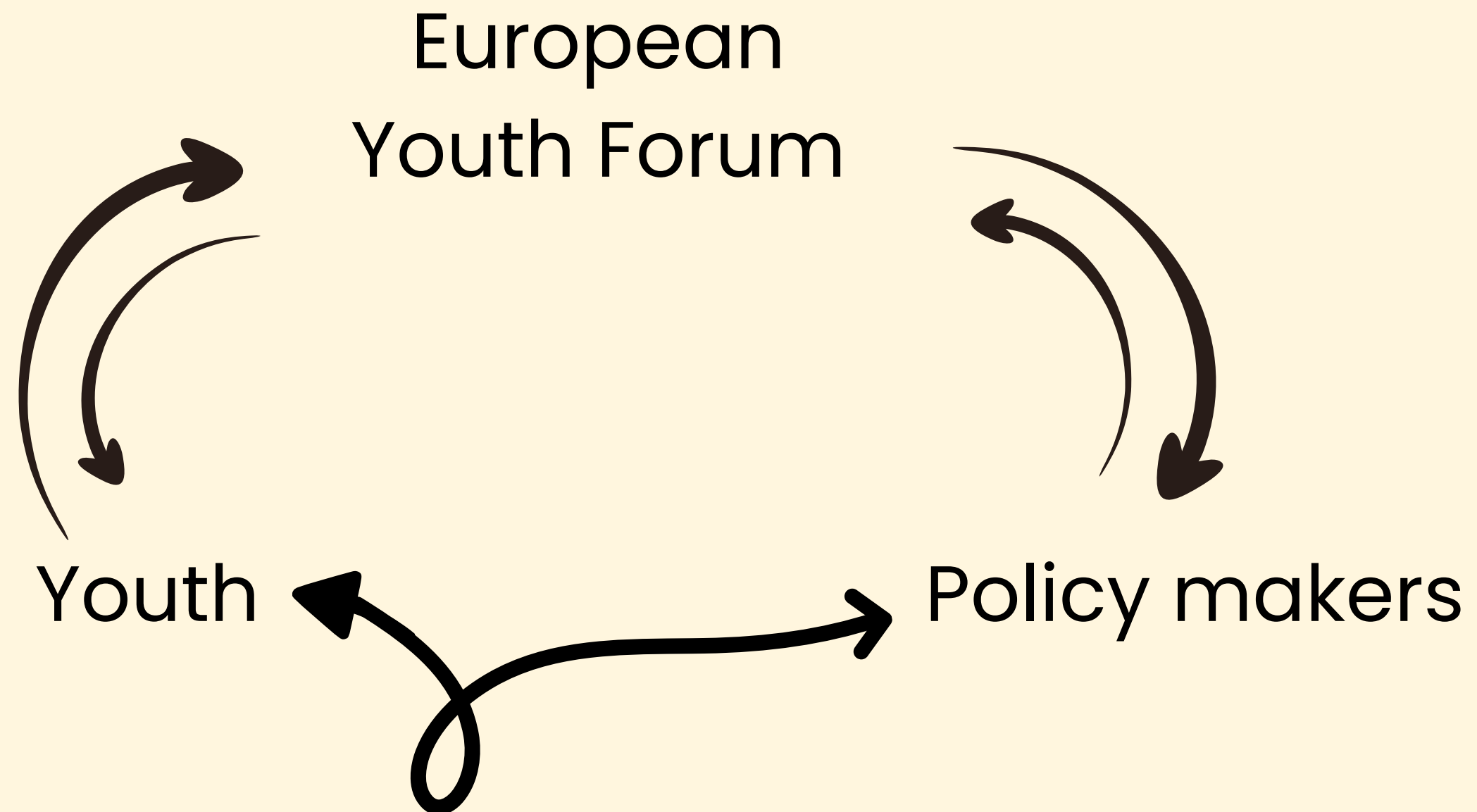
Building a **good base** for **stronger youth civil society** sector in Europe

Supporting *youth* rights

Better **connecting European** and **local policies** for young people



# Encouraging **active** *participation* of young people





# 9000+ EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

## 80 000 000 € INVESTED

- Opening up new opportunities
- Promoting volunteering
- Boosting investment in youth

*“We have always had a lot of voluntary activities happening in summer and the rest of the year was calm, but now we have all year long activities and young people are more motivated and proactive. I love to see how young people are evolving and it is a growing experience for me too”*

*| Volunteer Coordinator, **Cascais** (2018), Portugal*





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International meeting point  
of young people and organisations  
from Europe  
and beyond 🙄🙄

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COVID-19

Wars and refugees

Growing inequalities

# Nowadays challenges...

*Cities are at the frontline of these transformations*

Housing crisis

Democratic backslides

Digital revolution

Climate change



# Young people are the game-changer

European Youth Capitals are **pioneers of change**, serving as **examples** of social **transformation** to the rest of **Europe** and beyond





# Benefits at the European level

***Synergies with EU-funded (Erasmus +, ... ) programmes***

***Support from the **CULT Committee of the European Parliament** and the **Congress of the Council of Europe*****

***Increased **visibility in European events** (EU Regions Week, European Youth Week, ...)***

## Network of EYCs

Strengthening the **sustainability** of the title

Sharing **best practices** exchange, twinings, mentoring to other cities (EU-funded projects)

**Advocating** for more youth-friendly policies



# What is going on...

***Lviv EYC 2025...** A programme adapted  
to the ongoing context*

*National interest of the project*

*Catalyser of international support*

*Selection process for **EYC 2028**  
ongoing!*

***Tromsø EYC 2026...** stay tuned!*



**Thank you**  
for your **attention!**

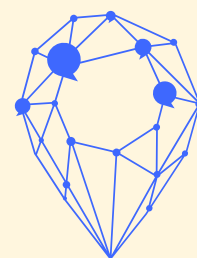
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**Questions?**