



**YOUNG DEMOCRACY
IN ACTION**



**THINK EUROPEAN
ACT LOCAL!**

Local actions - all over Europe!

Europe begins at our own doorsteps. Ideas with effects overcoming boundaries can be created within a single country. Generation Europe is thus more than just a network of European youth work institutions jointly facilitating international encounters. At the location, the youths involved also become ambassadors for the European idea - for democratic values and social change.

Generation Europe combines international and local activities. Youths from 15 European countries, organised in 30 local groups, are involved. During the first phase of the three-year programme, the local groups identify social problems in their towns and communities. They exchange ideas with their partners in other countries to gain further perspectives. The youths then develop local action plans and implement them at the location as the programme progresses.

In working on the concrete problems their immediate environment is facing, it becomes clear that politics is more than just the parliamentary level. The youths utilise the methods of an active and democratic European civil society. They plan public relations work, seek out allies and partners, plan campaigns, and get in touch with politics and administration.

Their local involvement benefits from European cooperation - and vice versa. In autumn 2020 a coordinated European action week is planned, during which all participants will once more go public simultaneously with their local projects. They present the results of their three-year work and implement actions they have previously planned. With a view to the future, the youths present their ideas and demands to local decision-makers.

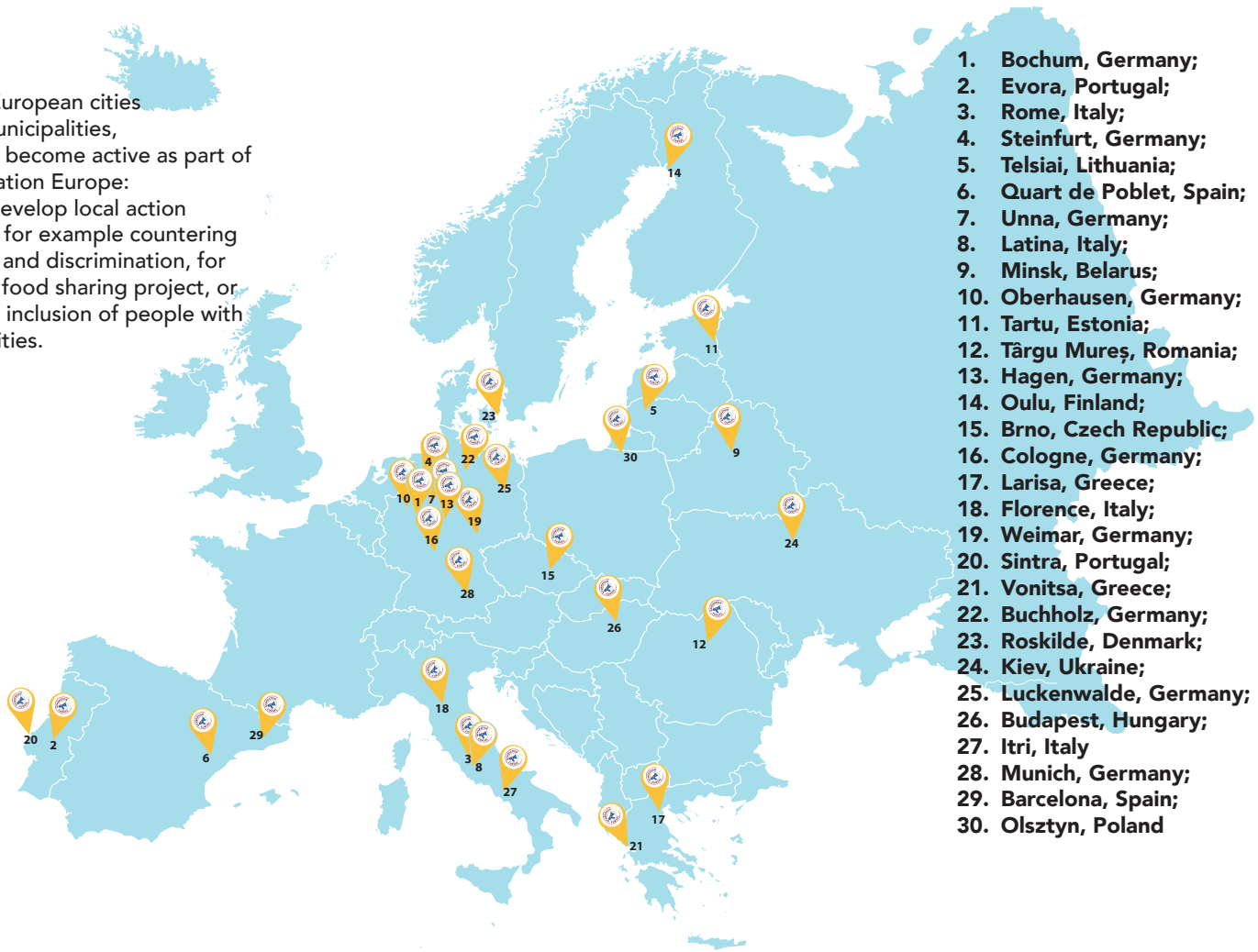
Generation Europe enables local empowerment through networking across Europe. The skills and experience gained motivate the youths to get involved politically and socially in their daily lives, even beyond the duration of the project. They contribute to European understanding and towards building a confident and inclusive European citizenship.





Local Activities & Action Plans

In 30 European cities and municipalities, youths become active as part of Generation Europe: They develop local action plans - for example countering racism and discrimination, for a local food sharing project, or for the inclusion of people with disabilities.



1. Bochum, Germany;
2. Evora, Portugal;
3. Rome, Italy;
4. Steinfurt, Germany;
5. Telsiai, Lithuania;
6. Quart de Poblet, Spain;
7. Unna, Germany;
8. Latina, Italy;
9. Minsk, Belarus;
10. Oberhausen, Germany;
11. Tartu, Estonia;
12. Târgu Mureș, Romania;
13. Hagen, Germany;
14. Oulu, Finland;
15. Brno, Czech Republic;
16. Cologne, Germany;
17. Larisa, Greece;
18. Florence, Italy;
19. Weimar, Germany;
20. Sintra, Portugal;
21. Vonitsa, Greece;
22. Buchholz, Germany;
23. Roskilde, Denmark;
24. Kiev, Ukraine;
25. Luckenwalde, Germany;
26. Budapest, Hungary;
27. Itri, Italy
28. Munich, Germany;
29. Barcelona, Spain;
30. Olsztyn, Poland

Support the local activities!

Strong actions need strong partners. IBB has already won over important supporters for the cause (see back page). They fund the 30 European Youth Exchanges planned, as well as a three-year training and support programme for the participating youth work institution professionals. The access of local groups to a reliable support structure, which is indispensable for the success of such an innovative large-scale project, is thus ensured.

The participating youths volunteer their time and energy. Yet, local groups need a budget for implementing their local action plans and the activities as part of the European Action Week. Could you imagine financially supporting the local activities of one or more groups? Please do not hesitate to contact us!

What is Generation Europe?

Generation Europe is a programme by the International Association for Education and Exchange (IBB e.V.) to promote an active European civil society. It initiates an international network of youths and motivates them for joint political action.

In each partnership, youths from three different countries collaborate in political action over the course of three years. They gather at international meetings, network on a digital liquid democracy platform and support each other's local projects. The programme is aimed at youths from all target groups - regardless of their origins, their parents' income, or their prior educational achievements.

Why are we active? Undemocratic and right-wing populist movements are gaining ground in many countries. Conflicts and crises in Europe often overshadow freedom, democracy and respect for human rights in the perception of the public. Young people are particularly affected by economic crises and social inequality. To many it feels like little can be changed. However, the participation of young people is central to European democracy.

Participation for everyone! Generation Europe particularly aims to reach young people, who so far have been excluded from political participation processes. Even youths describing themselves as "apolitical" soon develop great interest in political issues once entrance barriers are removed and a connection to their lived reality becomes evident. Additionally, youths from a migration background and/or with experience of flight, those with non-standard educational biographies, as well as those from rural areas are underrepresented in international projects. Generation Europe actively addresses this imbalance. By promoting three-year project partnerships instead of individual projects, the programme creates the conditions for sustainable cooperation.

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