



1 **78% of young people feel they are citizens of the EU.**
 This is more than the rest of the population (72%) and more than 10 years ago (+11pp).



Young people feel more like citizens of the  ...than the rest of the population (25+) in all Member States except 

More than **90% of young people** from  and  feel like  citizens ...compared to less than **60% of young people** from 

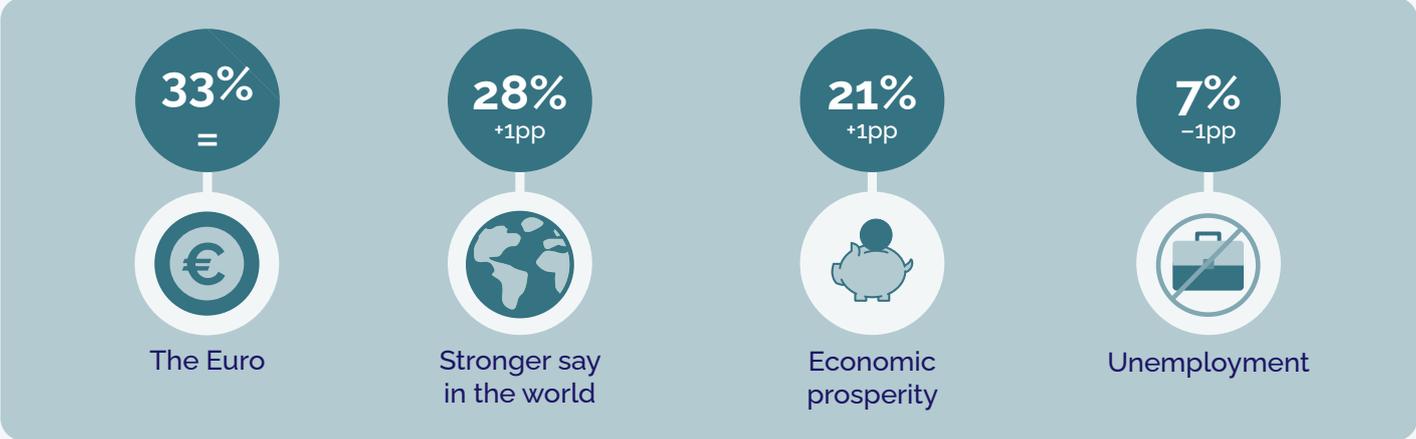
For young people, what most creates a **feeling of community** among EU citizens is...
 **culture** (26%)
 **values** (24%)
 **sports** (23%)

Source: Standard Eurobarometer g6, Winter 21-22 (QC2.1).

 15-24-year-olds who feel like citizens of the EU
 > 25-year-olds who feel like citizens of the EU

2 Young people associate the EU with more positive things than the rest of the population, like the freedom to travel anywhere in the EU, peace, and cultural diversity.

What does the EU mean to you personally?



- More than the rest of the population (25+)
- Equal (+/- 1pp) to the rest of the population (25+)
- Less than the rest of the population (25+)

Source: Standard Eurobarometer 96, Winter 2021-22 (QA7).

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For young people, the three main challenges for the EU are:

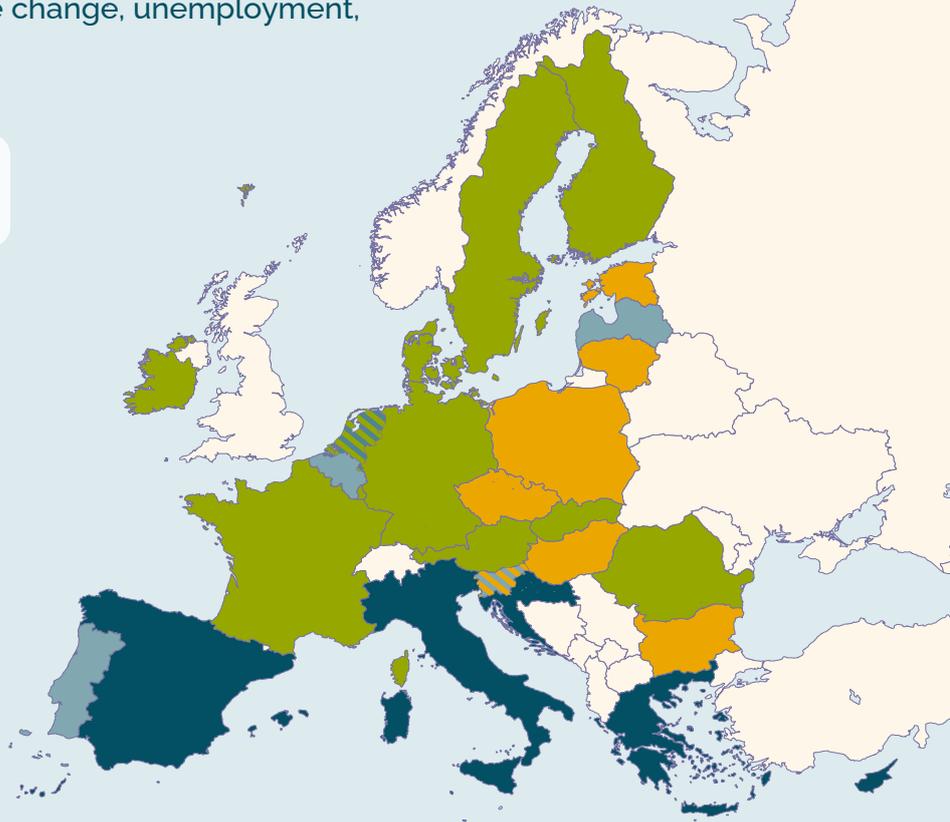
environmental issues and climate change, unemployment, and social inequalities.

The top challenge for the EU according to young people differs in each Member State.

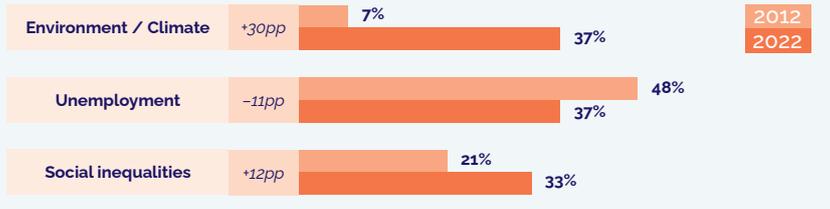
What are the main challenges for the EU?

Top answer for each Member State, 15-24-year-olds

- Environmental issues and climate change
- Unemployment
- Social inequalities
- Migration issues



The main challenges for the EU according to young people have changed since 2012.

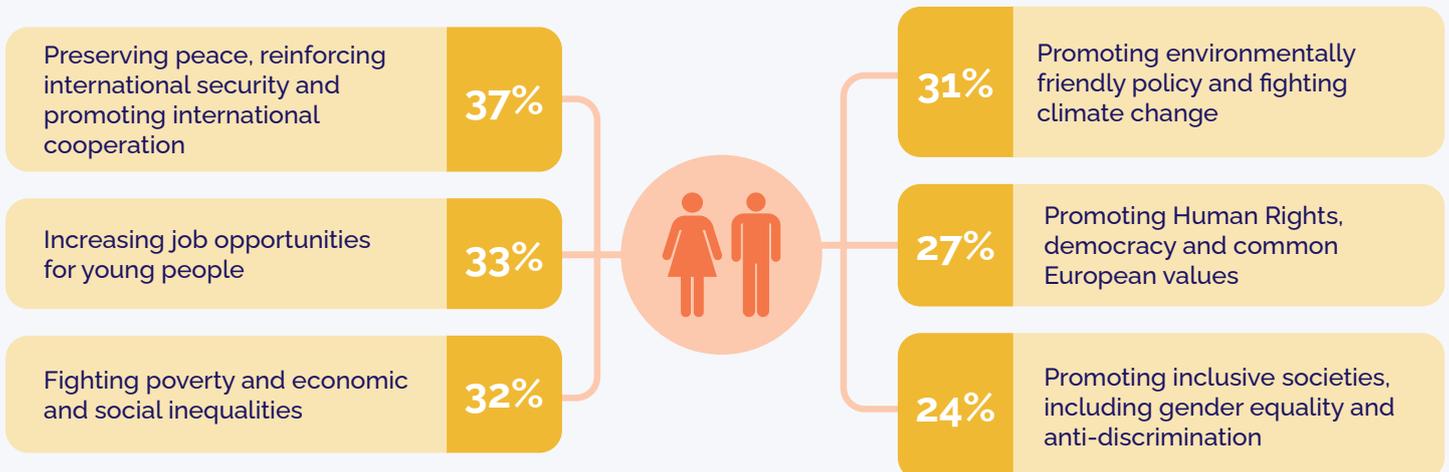


Source: Special Eurobarometer 517, Future of Europe, Sept.-Oct. 2021 (QA16)

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To tackle these challenges, young people expect the EU to help them find a job and to fight against poverty, inequalities and climate change.

In the wake of the war in Ukraine, they also want the EU to promote peace and human rights.

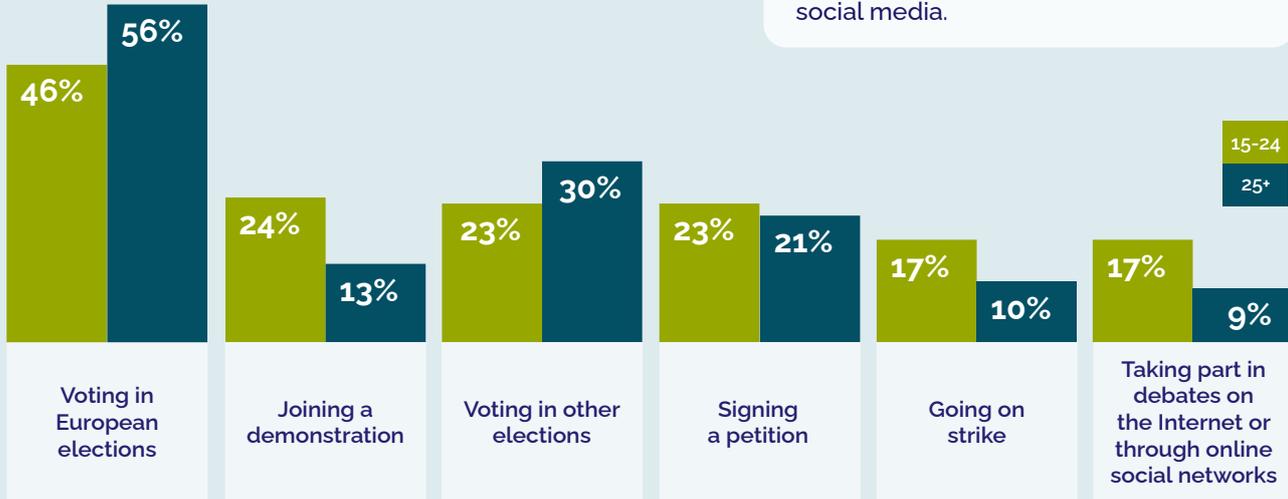


Source: Flash Eurobarometer 502 'Youth and Democracy in the European Year of Youth', May 2022 (Q17). Data covers young people between 15 and 30 years old.

5 9 young people out of 10 think that their voices should be more taken into account for decisions relating to the future of Europe.

What are the best ways of ensuring your voice is heard by decision-makers at EU level?

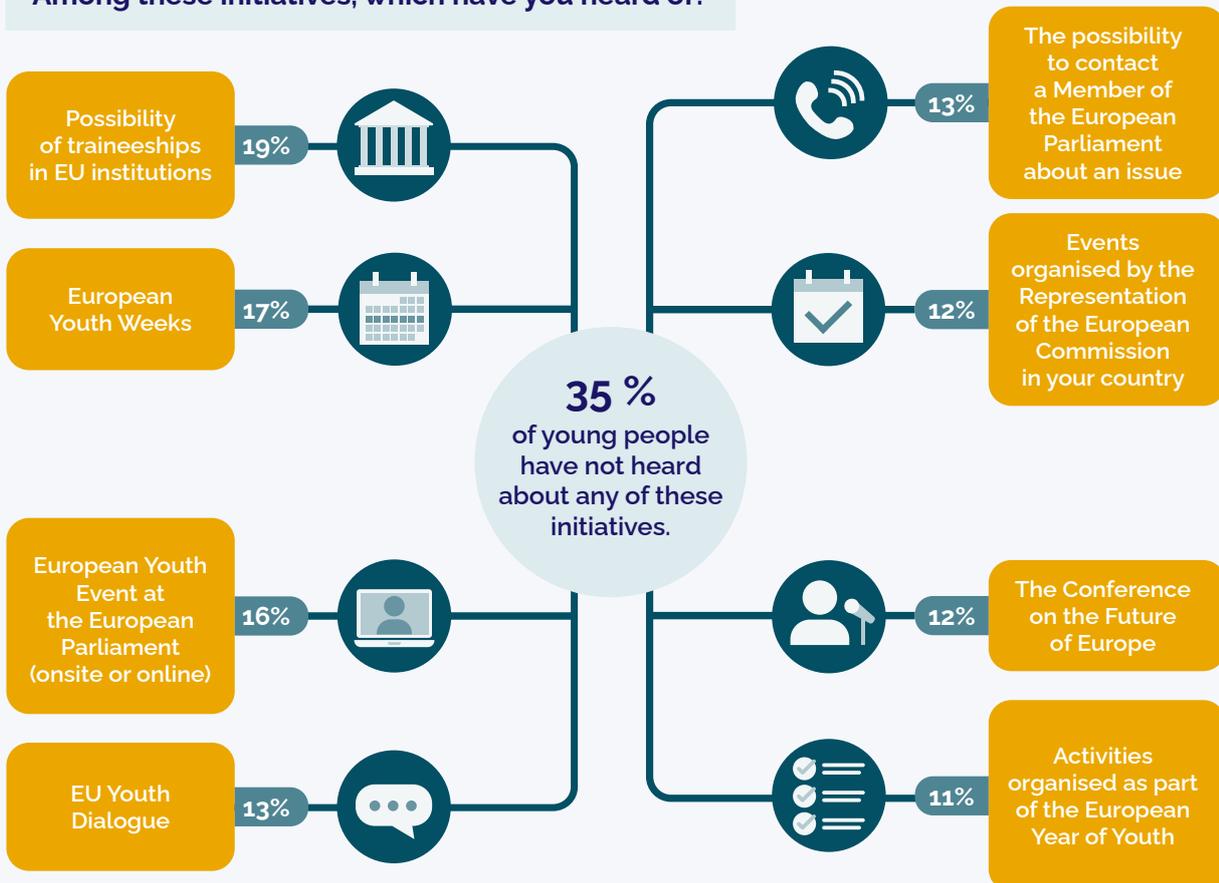
Compared to people over 25, young people value more means of expression such as joining a demonstration, signing a petition, going on strike and taking part in debates on the Internet and on social media.



Source: Special Eurobarometer 517, Future of Europe, Sept.-Oct. 2021 (QA2).

6 While various initiatives exist to get young people more involved in European politics, they remain largely unknown.

Among these initiatives, which have you heard of?



Source: Flash Eurobarometer 502 'Youth and Democracy in the European Year of Youth', May 2022 (Q11). Data covers young people between 15 and 30 years old.