

## Social Cohesion in the Digital Transition

Trends, Challenges and Mutual Learning in the aftermath of European elections  
19 – 20 November 2024 Brussels (BE)

During the time of major transformations and in an increasingly digital world, the digital transition brings both opportunities and challenges for social cohesion. The **YES Forum Policy Event**, organised in partnership **with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)** and **BAG EJSA**, delves into **the pivotal role of (young) citizens in shaping this transition** and ensuring the well-being of all members of society within the framework of building a fairer and more inclusive European Union. Join us as we explore the trends and challenges of social policy and cohesion in the aftermath of the European elections addressing the multifaceted needs essential for an inclusive society in Europe.

As always, the event is **open to** social and youth work **professionals and young people**. Participants from **non-member organisations are welcome to join on Tuesday, 19 November 2024**. However, the programme of Wednesday, 20 November is limited to participants from the YES Forum network.

### Participation conditions

- **YES Forum EEIG members:** 2 participants for 2-night accommodation, food on-site and up to 200€ travel costs per organisation will be covered by the YES Forum.
- **YES Forum Associate members:** 1 participant for 1-night accommodation, food on-site and up to 100€ travel costs per organisation will be covered by the YES Forum.

This is **an event with limited places** and will be allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis.  
The **hotel rooms** pre-booked by the YES Forum for the **20 November** night **are limited** as well and will be assigned in the same way as event spots: **first-come, first-served**.

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## Programme

<b>Tuesday, 19 November 2024</b> At EESC, Jacques Delors Building / Open to all participants	
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<i>Registration</i>
<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Connect</b> Welcome and networking
<b>14:30 – 15:45</b>	<b>Social cohesion in a digital era</b> <b>Keynote speech</b> by <b>Neža Repanšek</b> , Member, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) <b>Panel discussion</b> with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Frank Siebern-Thomas</b>, Head of Unit/Fair Green and Digital Transitions, DG EMPL, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Nadia Tjahja</b>, Researcher and YOUTHDIG Coordinator, European Dialogue on Internet Governance (<b>EuroDIG</b>)</li> <li>• <b>Monica Kovacs</b>, CEO, ipcenter</li> </ul>
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Mutual learning on (digital) social work</b> Insights on the impact of digitalisation on social work, skills and social cohesion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mirco Trielli</b>, President, Zefiro</li> <li>• <b>Felix Neumann</b>, JMD Programme Officer, Diakonie Offenburg - BAG EJSA</li> </ul>
<b>17:30 – 18:30</b>	<i>Short guided tour of EU Quartier</i>
<b>18:30</b>	<b>Interactive dinner at Mundo Madou</b> ( <i>Av. des Arts 7/8, 1210, Brussels</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 20 November 2024</b> At European Parliament, <b>PAUL-HENRI SPAAK</b> / Only participants from YES Forum member organisations	
<b>10:30</b>	<i>Registration</i>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Democracy in action and empowerment of citizens</b> <b>Plenary discussion with Members of the European Parliament</b> (MEPs) and guided tour in the European Parliament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Katarina Barley</b> (DE), Vice-President European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<i>Light lunch</i>
<b>13:00 – 15:00</b>	<b>Conversations with European Stakeholders</b> <b>Dialogues</b> on social policies, civic and political participation of youth with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Robert Ranson</b>, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Social Platform</li> <li>• <b>Agnieszka Zarzyńska</b>, Institutional Development Officer and Youth Engagement, Caritas Europa</li> <li>• <b>Sofie Amalie Stage</b>, Secretary General, Young European Socialists</li> </ul>

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