

Renew Europe

“Youth Can Do it” conference

Brussels, 20-21 November 2025



Guide for applicants

Dear friend!

We are happy you are interested in joining our ‘Youth Can Do It’ conference this November. Please read the following pages carefully, they contain important information about eligibility, the organisation of the conference and conditions for participation. By reading this we also ask you to acknowledge some rules related to participation and travel reimbursement.

What is this conference about?

Last year’s elections for the European Parliament showed a worrying trend. Despite the momentum seen in the 2019 elections, where overall turnout including youth surged, the 2024 European elections told a different story. Youth participation declined, and in several Member States many young voters also turned to the far-right. This is regrettable and we are determined to fight against this development by renewing our reach-out to young people and involving them in the shaping of our ideas. In 2023, the Renew Europe Group in the European Parliament adopted a bold [Youth Manifesto](#) with a clear mission: to open up opportunities for young Europeans and empower them to help shape the future of our Union. Renew Europe wants to keep the dialogue with youth going and invites more than 100 youngsters to a conference where we plan to work together to develop ideas for change and build on our manifesto’s pledges. This conference is designed by young people, for young people and will offer a space to listen, collaborate, and think up concrete solutions. Together, we will define what Renew Europe can do *with* youth, not just for them!

Eligibility

Invited are young people from EU Member states and some select countries (Western Balkans, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Norway, UK, Iceland, Canada). Minimum age to participate is 18, recommended maximum age is 29.

Participant declaration

Please make sure you read and accept the following conditions. A few days before the event, you will receive from us a declaration of honour form (a simple form to confirm your travel plans and provide your bank details). Please **complete, print, sign, and hand this form to the organisers** on the first day, when signing the attendance sheet. This declaration is needed to process your travel reimbursement (>> see more important details below).

Travel arrangements

Before making any travel arrangements, please **wait for being officially invited** to the conference by Renew Europe via email by beginning of October. This will include a written confirmation of the reimbursement amount granted for travel costs. If you attend the conference from outside of Brussels, we will cover your travel costs to and from Brussels using a flat-rate system, based on the place of departure (home, study, or work). Reimbursement

will be a flat rate based on the Erasmus+ EU distance calculator*. Please note that other costs—such as taxis, extra luggage fees, ticket changes, additional nights at the hotel, local transportation or travel insurance—cannot be reimbursed and will need to be covered by you.

Accommodation and meals

If you attend the conference from outside of Brussels, we will book one night in a hotel for you in Brussels (Thursday to Friday with breakfast included). This room will be booked directly by Renew, with two participants sharing a double room. You will also be invited to a lunch at the start of the conference, a joint dinner on Thursday evening as well as a lunch after the closing session on Friday.

IMPORTANT! Reimbursement of travel costs

For reimbursement of travel costs to and from Brussels we will use your city of departure (within EU27) for the flat rate calculation (see below* for the rates that apply). Reimbursement will be made only after the conference and **after participants signed the attendance sheet on both days of the conference as well as a declaration of honour.**

If you travel by plane, we ask you to **give us your boarding pass from the incoming flight** as proof of air travel (your ticket or return boarding pass is not required). Please make sure to keep a copy, i.e. **take a screenshot of it before boarding** in case the pass disappears after use. If you travel by car, train, bus or local public transport you only need to hand in the declaration of honour form. As mentioned above, you will have to sign this declaration of honour acknowledging these terms for reimbursement latest on the day of your arrival in Brussels when we ask you to sign the attendance sheet.

Travel reimbursement will be made after the conference and only once you have signed the attendance sheet on both days. Reimbursement will be made via bank transfer and may take up to 30 days until after the conference. If for unforeseen reasons you must **cancel your participation at the conference**, please inform the organisers right away (Julien Vanhoutte).

* Flatrate calculation for travel to Brussels based on the Erasmus+ [EU distance calculator](#):

10–99 km	€23
100–499 km	€180
500–1999 km	€275
2000–2999 km	€360
3000–3999 km	€530
4000–7999 km	€820

When to arrive/to leave

Please plan to arrive in Brussels in time for the lunch on Thursday, 20 November at 12h00. Registration and security check to get inside the European Parliament will begin from 11h00. The conference will finish after lunch on Friday, 21 November around 14h00, and you can arrange your trip home from then.

Should you have any questions about the conference or travel details don't hesitate to contact us at Renew Europe: **Julien Vanhoutte** (julien.vanhoutte@europarl.europa.eu, tel: +32(0)2 228 44367) with copy to **Diana Messa** (diana.messa@europarl.europa.eu) and **Milan Matlovic** (milan.matlovic@europarl.europa.eu).