

Elec-trick+

Youth exchange

16-24 May 2025
Weicherdange,
Luxembourg



Context and objectives

Accompanying the development of awareness that marked the last two European elections, young people understand that their participation in European democratic life can have a direct impact on their daily lives. However, elections are only a springboard and not an end in itself, because it is the democratic exercise that allows our voices and opinions to be heard.

However, this exercise obeys rules and includes processes that allow decisions to be influenced, hence the concept of 'advocacy'. This encompasses a variety of activities, practices and attitudes that can range from organizing demonstrations and campaigns to lobbying activities, meeting with political decision-makers and using social networks to raise awareness and mobilize public opinion.

Living in a democracy may seem acquired and fixed, but it is through participation that democracy flourishes and becomes dynamic.

Young people must use their collective power to raise awareness and demand action on issues that concern them. By mobilising, young people contribute to a more inclusive and democratic society in Europe and beyond.

Thus, **Electrick+** seeks to revive young people's interest in these processes after the elections. The aim is to raise awareness of the influencing and advocacy tools that enable young people to act as drivers of change in their communities and the EU, based on the following specific objectives:

- 01 Assess current forms, strategies and practices of advocacy, as well as their realities and ecosystems at EU and national levels.
- 02 Highlight how young people can influence national and European decision-making processes.
- 03 Improve young people's digital skills by exploring innovative online participation tools and practices.
- 04 Encourage young people to create and defend advocacy techniques, drawing on case studies of existing campaigns.
- 05 Stimulate critical thinking, by developing the ability to analyse online information.

Through the project, **we aim to untangle the link between advocacy and youth participation, showing their complementarity.** By engaging in advocacy, **young people can actively participate in civic life, contributing to issues that matter to them and having a voice** in shaping their communities and society as a whole.

The project will focus on the use of digital tools, as we will list democratic processes that go beyond traditional forms of engagement.

The name 'Elec-trick' crosses the English words 'Elections' and 'Trick', meaning that the project will list tips for knowing how to vote, and knowing how to convince others to do so.

This is in addition to the 'electricity' allusion to rekindle the engagement of young people in the European Elections. The '+' adds the dimension of analysis of participation in the 2024 elections, while recalling that the democratic exercise is not limited to voting alone.

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Name

Coconut Luxembourg

Fundacja Recovery24

WOLF - wide-reaching opportunities
for learning and fulfilment

Asociación para la Cooperación al
Desarrollo e Inclusión Social Amanay

Youthfully Yours SK

Nexus Youth Coalition (NYC)

Associazione Connecting Europe

Asociatia GEYC

Country

Luxembourg

Poland

Bulgaria

Spain

Slovakia

Hungary

Italy

Romania

Accommodation and transportation

The youth exchange will take place in **SNJ Weicherdange** which is a youth centre in the north of Luxembourg. The participants will be in shared rooms. The venue has good standards ensuring quality delivery of our youth exchange, the meals will be prepared and taken in the same venue.

We will hire a bus to organise a **pick-up from Charleroi Airport (Brussels)** to the venue and back for all the participants to arrive before dinner time on **May 16th**, and leave early on **May 24th**. **This itinerary lasts 2 hours.**





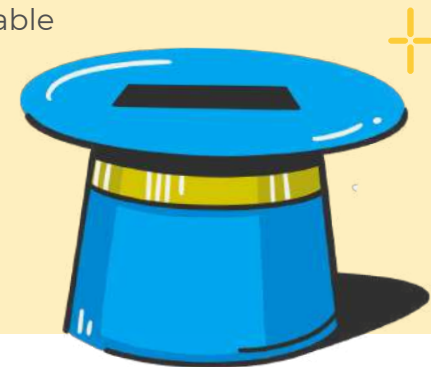
Life on board

This gathering will be the opportunity not only to learn about the participation/ democracy topics but also to meet other youngsters from 8 different countries and perhaps make long-lasting friendships. We believe we can create bonds and share an incredible experience of being together in a place that we will make our home for more than a week. Therefore, we expect everyone to contribute to making it a successful and lively experience; some cleaning is required for the common areas, and the dishes are expected. There will be a division where each group is responsible for a specific day's care tasks.

Our stance is that we can create the strongest bonds without the need for alcohol because what often can start as a pleasant evening may, unfortunately, end up in excess, which may harm the energy and the dynamics of our gathering. We plan to have fun, and count on each one's energy to contribute in lively evenings all together.

Insurance, travel and finances

- ◆ The accommodation and meals are 100% covered by the coordinating organization.
- ◆ The participants are provided with flight proposals that are the most suitable to reach Charleroi airport. The participants shall book all tickets and be reimbursed up to 2 months after the youth exchange. This reimbursement is conditioned to active participation and the achievement of the dissemination requirements.
- ◆ Checked-in luggage and any other extra flight options are not reimbursed. When traveling with Ryanair or Wizzair, it is allowed to add the priority-boarding option.
- ◆ It is only allowed to book the airline tickets on the airline's own website, not through travel agencies or third-party websites. Plane tickets should always be accompanied by boarding passes. Consulting us is mandatory before booking any plane, train, or bus ticket.
- ◆ It is not possible to stay before and after the travel days unless more suitable transportation options are available one day before and/or after at the expense of the participant.
- ◆ The European Health Card is mandatory for all participants, or a private insurance if not the case (non-refundable).



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