



# One year for Europe

# YDE COFOE Policies

The Young Democrats for Europe have been fully committed to take part in the Conference for the Future of Europe. Numerous positions have been adopted to organise as many events as possible, especially with the sanitary crisis. Hopefully, the board and the YDE members' were really dedicated and a lot of events actually took place with our members' organisation. As a board, we also directly organised events all through the year in our country, to collect as many proposals as we can.

**+15** COFOE meetings in 2021

**+200** participants

**+80** proposals

## YDE main proposals:

Implement an <b>European Civil Service</b> .	Create a <b>youth position within the EU institutions</b> .
Create a symbolic <b>European identification system</b> among the Member States.	Integrate an <b>European mobility</b> during a high school year with a dedicated Erasmus program.
Increase citizen's implication with <b>transnational lists</b> at EU elections and through direct democracy tools.	Achieve the <b>EU carbon tax</b> , directly funneled to finance EU's carbon neutrality for 2050 and increase Europe's sovereignty.
<b>Close integration</b> with smaller states, regions including European states that aren't members yet.	Implement an European coordination to <b>fight youth inequalities</b> and specifically youth unemployment.
Realise an <b>EU global market</b> including overseas regions.	Create an <b>e-citizenship</b> for direct democracy and experiment online voting for European elections.

## YDE COFOE proposals adopted by our members:

<b>Democracy:</b>	<b>Climate change:</b>
Create an average level of education about European Union's at school ;	Push for renewable energies. In order to do that, improve the energy infrastructure which enables the European wide transmission of energy between the regions and countries. While doing so, open to other efficient carbon free power sources such as nuclear energy ;
Allow internet voting for every elections ;	Develop an European emergency plan to protect endangered regions from natural disasters, for example wildfires ;
Need for a symbolic european identification system among the Member States/Emphasize on EU symbols and create new one (european holiday, european sports team, unique ID card in Europe) ;	Create an European initiative to protect biodiversity, explicitly forests ;
Create a media agency to promote a fair information throughout Europe ;	Boost the digitalization of industry and society and improve the availability of public transport to decrease car usage ;
Increase MEP visibility for citizens to give faces to EU policies ;	Raise awareness about climate change, how it affects our lives and what we are personally capable of doing against it, for this we need to implement the topic into education and fight false information ;
Share credit of our effort by a wide communication campaign ;	Establish an European plan to transform the economy to a carbon free state by adopting new laws and taxes without harming smaller businesses or losing the approval of the people.
Supporting European parliament initiative ;	<b>Immigration and asylum:</b>
Creation of a European paper information leaflet that each citizen can received two times per year ;	<b>Refoundation of a single European asylum agency, applying unified procedures in the Member States, integrate this possibility into the treaties ;</b>
Request the public media to have a certain number of journalist by the European institutions to cover EU news ;	<b>Organisation of a summit dedicated to the right of asylum in Europe. Strengthening the right of asylum in the charter of fundamental values ;</b>
Celebrating diversity and strengthen our common values ;	<b>Accelerate the procedures by standardizing the rules and the management of the files at the European level ;</b>
Become a tech leader (tech hub and a commercial place) in the world to maintain our sovereignty.	Reinforcement of FRONTEX, financially, materially and in terms of human resources.
<b>Promoting a European culture</b>	<b>Defense and cybersecurity:</b>
<b>Support and promote the creation of European industrial giants in all fields in order to facilitate the feeling of pride linked to a brand/company ;</b>	<b>Create a european intelligence agency including terrorism ;</b>

Create schools with a European label that would facilitate exchanges for students under 18 and provide financial support for school exchanges in Europe ;	Create a common defense system in cyber security ;
Make a more accessible and inclusive Europe ;	Create a European army taking into account every national threats, fears and history ;
Promote the European sections and integrate a 3 months term abroad or offer a common 3 months term to all students in Europe ;	Allowing European military companies to avoid the EU competitions rules to compete with international companies.
Common lessons in history, civic education.	Support the creation of a European sovereign or trusted cloud ;
Support and promote soft power on a European scale (cinema, music, video games) ;	Fight against the impunity of hackers and develop the responsibility of states hosting hackers ;
Promote a European public audiovisual and/or a dedicated time in the national media ;	Establish the digital sector as a strategic sector to be protected ;
Reinforcement of institutional European symbols (for example, creation of a European holiday -9th of May).	Strengthen awareness on cyber security practices ;
<b>International policies</b>	Ensure a better application of existing European regulations (on data protection, Digital service act, digital market act) ;
<b>The EU has to improve/strengthen its internal process:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Values should be shared without discussions ;</li> <li>- The EU should cooperate more, share knowledge and common resources ;</li> </ul>	Generalize the Estonian digital identity to European countries.
Common defense with an European army ;	
Using trades more as a tool for negotiations on the international level (relocalisation), Europe should use its trading power for good in the world.	

