

# YOUNG IDEAS FOR EUROPE

An Initiative for the Future of Europe

## Shaping Europe's future

The future Europe needs committed citizens. It also needs visionary people who are ready to take on responsibility. *Young Ideas for Europe* is an initiative of the Robert Bosch Stiftung, realized by IFOK GmbH which inspires young people aged 15 to 18 to actively shape Europe's political, economic and social future – giving young people a voice in European politics.



## Learning about Europe through participation

- » *Young Ideas for Europe* promotes the active involvement of young people with Europe by engaging them in a strong participatory format to develop political ideas – an innovative format designed as non-formal education for young people.
- » The initiative enables tomorrow's politicians, entrepreneurs and decision-makers to creatively and critically deal with a concrete European issue - energy and climate change at European level.
- » With input from experts and political patrons in their respective fields, key elements of civic education are enhanced: Young people obtain first-hand information and valuable insights into the real life of parliamentarians and policy advisors, political mechanisms and interdependencies.
- » During the project week, students exchange opinions and project results with students from other European countries in a cross-border dialogue, acquiring intercultural competence and strengthening their development into European citizens. Via the project's Europe-wide online community, the initiative turns into a borderless meeting space for European youth.

An initiative of

**Robert Bosch Stiftung**

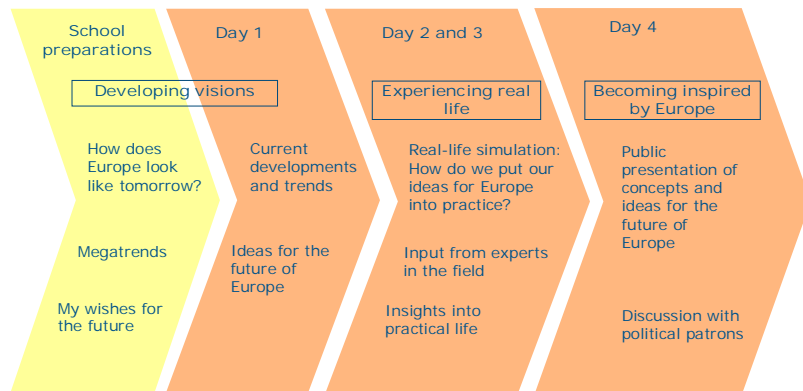


- » As students are acquainted with facilitation and presentation techniques, they strengthen individual competences and are familiarized with career-building qualifications, as well as shaping the future of Europe.



### The project week – core of *Young Ideas for Europe*

The core of the initiative is a 4-day workshop, during which young people develop their ideas for energy policy and climate change together with experts from the political sphere and participants in other European countries. On the last day, they present their ideas to high-ranking guests and media representatives. The workshop is organised and implemented by a professional facilitator and follows a clear structure:



The best project results Europe-wide will be synthesized into an European Action Plan “New Energy for Europe”.

### Expanding outreach: Europe without borders

*Young Ideas for Europe* aims to foster exchange and bring young people from different European countries together. Currently, a project week in Germany always takes place parallel to a project week in another European country. At the moment, 18 European countries are involved: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Spain and the United Kingdom.



The initiative is a long-term project and will be continuously broadened in scope, in the upcoming years even beyond the EU. *Young Ideas for Europe* reaches out to national and European politics, especially to the respective EU Presidencies. Currently in the planning process are project presentations and discussion round tables with representatives of the Swedish EU Presidency, the Representation of the EU Commission in Sweden, the Road to Copenhagen Initiative and the Swedish Embassy in Germany.

Besides politics, *Young Ideas for Europe* seeks additional partners from related and like-minded initiatives and projects to build a Europe-wide network and community of youth participation.

For more information about *Young Ideas for Europe*:

c/o IFOK GmbH (Germany)  
 Contact: Dr. Ute Gallmeier  
 Outreach - *Young Ideas for Europe*  
 Phone: +49-30-536 077 35  
 E-mail: ute.gallmeier@ifok.de  
 Website: www.youngideasforeurope.eu

