

Webinar "Youth. Climate. Local politics. Why and why not?"

Working languages: Latvian, Lithuanian, English, Russian (simultaneous interpretation)

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Youth are not the future, they are here now.

Their role is very important: youth are taking actions on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Diverse initiatives include educational, awareness-raising and behavioural change campaigns. Youth are also engaging in different national and international projects devoted to climate change. Young people also have a possibility to participate at local decision-making, that will impact their future, as well as have a key role to play in fostering intergenerational dialogue.

But are young people really the drivers of change? What does the young generation need to be able to fulfil its potential and be a positive transformational force? How can politicians interact with youth both at national and local level? Is the climate crisis the basis of any policy? What do we want, and when do we want it? These are the main questions to be answered during the webinar.

Agenda

Moderated by Mrs Vaida Aleknavičienė, PLATFORMA spokesperson, Vice Mayor, Joniškis district municipality, Lithuania

13:00 – 13:10	<p>Welcome speech</p> <p><i>Mr Mindaugas Sinkevičius, President of the Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania, EU Covenant of Mayors National Ambassador from Lithuania</i></p> <p><i>Mr Gunārs Ansiņš, European Climate Pact Ambassador and EU Covenant of Mayors National Ambassador from Latvia, Vice Mayor of Liepāja city council, Latvia</i></p>
13:10 – 13:25	<p>European Youth Capital 2021: <u>Klaipėda</u>. Showcasing the example of engaging with and including young people.</p> <p><i>Ms Aleksandra Lobaškova, General Affairs Coordinator at Klaipėda - European Youth Capital 2021, Lithuania</i></p>
13:25 - 13:40	<p>Is the climate policy basis of all the policies now? Youth and their role in shaping policy agenda.</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. oec. Inese Vaidere, Member of the European Parliament from Latvia</i></p>
13:40 – 13:55	<p>Why and how to involve youth in making our municipalities better? New</p>

	<p>European Bauhaus.</p> <p><i>Dr. arch. Antra Viļuma, Riga Technical University, Latvia</i></p>
13:55 – 14:10	<p><i>Involvement of youth in environmental activities and local policy. The Latvian case</i></p> <p><i>Ms Dana Šteinberga, Youth Specialist, Children and Youth Centre, Talsi municipality</i></p>
14:10-14:25	<p><i>Local youth policy and involvement of youth in environmental activities. The example from Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Revaz Charkviani, Head of the Youth Agency, Georgia</i></p>
14:25 – 14:40	<p><i>Local youth policy and youth activities in environmental field. The example from Ukraine</i></p> <p><i>Mr Nazar Mykoliuk, Expert on Social Care, the Association of Ukrainian Cities, Ukraine</i></p>
14:40 - 14:55	<p><i>Youth for climate. Story on courage and wish to influence.</i></p> <p><i>Ms Līga Bieziņa, Public Relations Specialist in environmental communication, Valmiera city council, Latvia</i></p>
14:55 – 15:00	<p><i>Closing remarks</i></p> <p><i>Ms Marlène Siméon, Director of Operations, Council of European Municipalities and Regions</i></p>

Epilogue with creative video about art and nature.

