



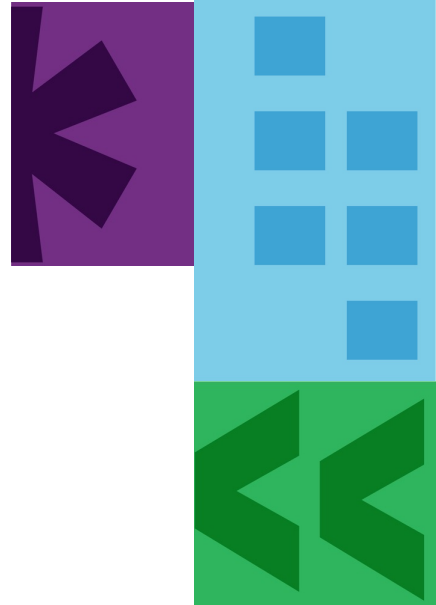
SPAIN 2023

DGS YOUTH MEETING



DIRECTOR GENERAL YOUTH MEETING

The Director General Youth Meeting (DGYM) brings together every six months the Directors General for Youth in the country holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU, with the aim of sharing the main initiatives that have been carried out in the 27 Member States and by the European Commission in this field.



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Agenda

The event will start on **October 3rd with the check-in of participants and a reception dinner.** The working sessions will start on the morning of October 4th with a joint session with the Youth Delegates who attended the European Youth Conference (EUYC). Regarding the commitment of the Spanish government with youth participation, the Director General Youth Meeting will be set up after the European Union Youth Conference to host this joint session of both in the morning of October 4th. **The joint session will bring together the Youth Delegates and the Director General** with the aim of enabling the channeling of youth demands to policy makers and to share debates, concerns and common projects. The Directors General Youth Meeting **specific working sessions will be held on the afternoon of the 4th and the morning of the 5th,** concluding with lunch on the 5th.

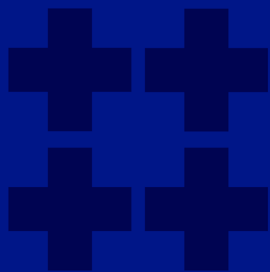
Number of participants:

Delegations of 27 Member States + European Commission + Council Secretariat + Youth Forum + OECD + EESC

It should be noted that it is customary for the delegation to consist of two persons: the Director General and the Deputy Director.

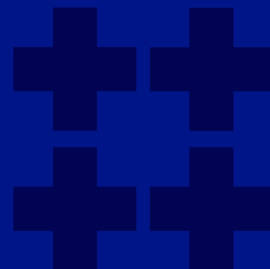
Number of participants: about 70 people.

Venue: **Alicante (Hotel Meliá Alicante, Plaza del Puerto, 3).**



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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

18:00 - 19:30 Reception and accreditation of participants.

19:30 - 22:30 Cultural activity at Santa Barbara Castle and Welcome Dinner.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th

09:00 – 09:30 Official opening of the DG Youth Meeting: presentation of the day's agenda to the DGs by the facilitator and the researcher.

09:30 - 11:30 **Plenary Session I (part 1).**

Joint session of DGs with the youth delegates of the Youth Conference.

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break.

12:00 – 12:15 Family photo.

12:15 - 13:00 **Plenary Session I (part 2).**

Presentation of conclusions and closing of the European Union Youth Conference.

Intervention of the Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+,
Ms. SOPHIA ERICKSSON.

Intervention of the Spanish Secretary of State for Social Rights,
Mr. Ignacio Álvarez Peralta

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch.



15:00 - 17:00 Plenary Session II. Embedding the youth perspective in policymaking through mainstreaming, youth impact assessment, youth test, youth check or other: way forward.

Inspirational communications

- OECD
- EESC
- Round of interventions by the Member States and the Commission.

18:00 - 20:00 Cultural Activity / Visit to the Archaeological Museum of Alicante.

20:00 – 22:30 Gala Dinner at Restaurant Nou Manolín.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5th

09:30 - 10:00 Plenary Session III (part 1). EU Youth Strategy and EU Youth Programmes: fostering synergies to support common goals, in the context of interim evaluations.

Round of interventions by Member States and the Commission.

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break.

11:30 - 12:45 Plenary Session III (part 2). EU Youth Strategy and EU Youth Programmes: fostering synergies to support common goals, in the context of interim evaluations.

Round of interventions by Member States and the Commission.

12:45 - 13:00 Closing of sessions and adoption of conclusions.

13:00 - 15:00 Lunch.

Departure of participants.

Concept note to the Plenary meetings

PLENARY SESSION I

Joint session of Directors General with the Youth Delegates of the European Union Youth Conference.

- Format:

This session will have two parts, an initial informal joint meeting (two hours) where the attendees will be divided into small interactive discussion groups of DGs and Youth Delegates; and a second plenary session where the conclusions of the previous panel dialogues will be presented and where consensus will be sought on two or three lines of work to be developed during the next Cycle of Dialogue.

- Objective:

The Government of Spain is convinced that we must not only count on youth, but that youth must play a fundamental role in setting priorities and agenda. For this reason, it has decided to set the meeting of the DGs for Youth back-to-back with the Youth Conference, scheduling a joint session to define the objectives to be developed for the coming months. The Spanish Presidency introduces the novelty that this joint session not only implies a passive role of the DGs, who listen to the recommendations worked on by the Youth Delegates during the previous two days, but work as equals during the development of the day to set joint objectives and projects.

- Questions:

What are the objectives to be jointly developed during this 10⁹ Cycle of Dialogue?

What do young people expect from policy makers in the coming months?

PLENARY SESSION II

Embedding the youth perspective in policymaking through mainstreaming, youth impact assessment, youth test, youth check or other: way forward

- Format:

There will be an initial intervention by our Director General, David Veloso (5 min), an initial intervention by the European Commission (5 min), an intervention by the Youth Forum (5 min), a round of interventions by the Member States (maximum 3 min per intervention) and a closing by the European Commission (3 min).

- Objectives:

It is clear that embedding a youth perspective in policy-making is a positive outcome of the European Year of Youth. The work is now progressing on how to take this forward at national and European levels. Mainstreaming can be seen in different ways, as shown how current practices differ, ranging from youth impact assessment, youth test, youth check or other concepts. It is useful to discuss these practices and what works well so far.

It is essential to define the scope of what we mean by mainstreaming and various types of youth tests and the way they are implemented. Youth Test, a regulatory technique that is already being implemented in countries such as Germany, Austria, France, Latvia or the Flemish part of Belgium. Is the Youth Test a legal check on the impact that regulations will have on youth? Could the Youth Test imply an analysis of the impact on youth of the European budgets? Does the Youth Test imply that the position of youth organizations is always taken into account in any regulatory development?

The outcomes of this session of the DG Youth meeting will feed into the discussions of the Council Conclusions and in future discussions on this topic at European and national level.

- Questions:

Does the Youth Test or a similar impact assessment instrument exist in your country, and is there a willingness to implement it? What is the experience so far?

From your point of view, how would you value the introduction of the Youth Test at the European level, within the regulatory procedure?

What are the minimum requirements and red lines for the discussion/implementation of this instrument in your country?

PLENARY SESSION III

European Union Youth Strategy and EU Youth Programmes: fostering synergies to support common goals, in the context of interim evaluations.

- Format:

There will be an initial intervention by our Director General, David Veloso (5 min), an initial intervention by the European Commission (5 min), an intervention by the Youth Forum (5 min), a round of interventions by the Member States (maximum 3 min per intervention) and a closing by the European Commission (3 min).

- Objectives:

The EU Youth Strategy is the European framework for cooperation on youth policies during the period 2019-2027, based on the Council Resolution of 26 November 2018. Such cooperation aims to boost young people's participation in democratic life, support social and civic engagement and seek to ensure that all young people have the necessary resources to participate in society.

The EU Youth Strategy is structured around and focuses on three core areas (engaging, connecting and empowering) and is characterized by a coordinated and cross-sectoral implementation. Between 2017 and 2018, the EU Youth Dialogue process involving young people from across Europe led to the establishment of eleven European youth goals, which are integral part of the EU Youth Strategy. The goals define cross-cutting areas that affect the lives of young people and indicate the challenges that exist.

The Commission is carrying out an interim evaluation by end 2023 of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 as foreseen in the Council Resolution of 26 November 2018. The Communication on the European Year of Youth and the Interim evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy, both to be finalized by end 2023 will inform the preparation of the next youth strategy work plan for 2025-2027.

In parallel, the Commission is carrying out mid-term evaluations of the European Solidarity Corps Erasmus+ programmes that need to be finalized by 31 December 2024. The results of these evaluations will be used to improve, where possible, the implementation of the current programmes running until 2027 and feed into the impact assessments for the possible successor programmes. Member States are required to submit to the European Commission, by 31 May 2024, a report on the implementation and the impact of the programme in their respective territories.

These documents mentioned above will steer the future directions of both the next EU Youth Strategy and EU Youth Programmes.

- Questions:

How can we further accelerate the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy within the Member States?

What objectives of the current work plan could be improved in next work plan 2025-2027?

How can we further align the European Union Youth Strategy with the Programmes?



FINAL STATEMENT

To date, the meetings of the Directors General for Youth have concluded with no written agreement or conclusions document. Our goal is to conclude the meeting setting 4-5 lines of work such as: support the lines of work developed jointly with the Youth Delegates during our trio Presidency and encourage the European Commission and the Council to establish a common approach to feed the discussion on the future generation of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity programmes.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

Registration, accreditation and badges

Meliá Alicante Plaza del Puerto, 3. Alicante

<https://goo.gl/maps/baNgAAznJsEzTBvF9>

Transportation from Alicante -Elche Miguel Hernández Airport to the Hotel/Venue

- Public bus:
 - Take the bus C-6 to the station 2067 - Puerta del Mar.
 - The C6 bus runs every 20 minutes and it takes about 40 minutes to arrive at the bus station.
 - The bus station is next to the Hotel Melia Alicante.
 - Website: [Autobús de Alicante al Aeropuerto, línea C6 \(vectalia.es\)](http://www.vectalia.es)

- Taxis: 20-25 min. Price: 35-45 €

Accommodation

Hotel address: Meliá Alicante, [Plaza del Puerto, 3, 03001, Alicante](#)

Please have your passport/ IDcard prepared for registration form at the check in.

Meals and coffee breaks will be provided during the conference.

- Breakfast is included in the hotel room price (Meliá).
- Lunch will be held in Meliá aprox between 13-14h.
- Dinner will be held outside the hotel between 20-22h.

Dress code

Wear casual dress code.

Interpretation

The working language of the DG Youth Meeting is English.



Covid measures for entering Spain

No covid measures for entering Spain. [Ministry of Health website](#)

Security

All participants must bring their passport/ ID documents to be checked at the reception. They will be equipped with a badge after the check in. Please don't forget to wear your badge during the whole conference and during all social evening programs. In case you lose your badge, please let us know at the registration desk.

Contacts

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OTHER INFORMATION

Currency, banks, and credit cards

The currency in Spain is the EURO (EUR). Currency exchanges to EURO:

https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/policy_and_exchange_rates/euro_reference_exchange_rates/html/index.en.html

Where can you exchange your currency? You'll be able to exchange your currency in the airport, banks and exchange bureaus. Each office has a different rate so we recommend you to ask for the final rate before confirming the transaction. All major credit cards are easy to use in most of the facilities in Alicante. Euro payments are accepted at every shop and restaurant in the city center.

Power sockets

In Spain, the power plugs and sockets are of type F, also known as "Schake". This socket also works with plug C and plug E. The standard voltage is 230V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

Tips:

- You can use your electric appliances in Alicante, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa).
- If the standard voltage in your country is in the range of 100 V - 127 V (as is in the US, Canada and most South American countries), you need a voltage converter in Alicante. You can also consider a combined power plug adapter/voltage converter.

Time zones in the Spain

UTC +1 Central European Time – Alicante

Weather and other recommendations when coming to Alicante

Please be aware that the weather during October can be quite variable in Alicante. It can still be warm and sunny so we would recommend you to bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat, to protect yourself when walking in the street. On the other hand, depending on weather conditions, heavy rains can fall during this time of the year.



Important telephone numbers

Spain telephone prefix: +34

National Police: 091

Local Police (Guardia civil): 062

Firefighters: 080

Emergency telephone number: 112

General University Hospital of Alicante: 965 93 30 00

Sant Joan d'Alacant University Hospital: 965 16 94 00

Tap water

Tap water is safe to drink, but you might not like its taste. The water coming out of the tap is hard, rich in minerals and usually has a high level of chlorine to keep it safe for human consumption. This means that it has a poor aftertaste for many people. Therefore a majority in the region drink bottled water.

Next to the conference hall, water dispensers will be available, but please take into consideration that **we will not provide refillable bottles** within the merchandising of the conference so we recommend you to bring your own bottle in order to have a more ecological environment.

Insurance

We recommend arranging insurance and taking your European Health Insurance Card for the trip. In case of any examination and treatment, this Card proves to the medical facility that the patient is medically insured in an EU country. Furthermore, the necessary health care will be reimbursed by the relevant health insurance company. Upon presentation of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), the insured person of one EU Member State is entitled to medically necessary healthcare in the territory of another Member State, taking into account the nature of the illness and the expected length of stay. The provision of healthcare within the European Union is regulated by EEC Council regulations, which are also valid in several non-EU countries of the European Economic Area.

How to travel in Alicante?

Alicante Metropolitan TRAM is a combination of different modes of rail services: tram-train, metropolitan tramway, light metro rail and conventional train.

Lines: 5 color-coded lines (L1, L2, L3, L4 and L9) Website: www.tramalicante.es

Alicante Metro lines and stations:

L1 Luceros – Benidorm (Train-Tram): Vehicles run every 30 min.

L2 Universidad de Alicante – Sant Vicent del Raspeig (Tram): Vehicles run every 8-12 min

L3 Luceros – El Campello (Tram): Vehicles run every 20-30 min

L4 Luceros – Plaza La Coruña (Tram): Vehicles run every 30 min

L5 Puerta del Mar – Plaza La Coruña (Tram): Vehicles run every 20 min

L9 Benidorm – Denia (Diesel Train): Vehicles run every 60 min

Rates:

- **Single Ticket:** 1,45 € (1 zone), 2,80 € (2 zones), 3,90 € (3 zones)
- **Round trip:** 2,50 € (1 zona), 4,80 € (2 zonas), 6,65 € (3 zonas)
- **24h Ticket:** 8 € for 3 zones.
- **Tourist Travel Card:** card valid for temporary (24, 48 or 72 hours) that allows the user to move around the city, by bus or tram, combined with a trip on TURYBUS, the city's tourist bus, which runs through the most attractive points of the city offering a brief explanation in 5 languages (Spanish, English, French, German and Italian).

Buses

Known as TAM (Metropolitan Air Transport), it is a system that unifies the urban bus network of Alicante, the interurban lines between Alicante and Campello, San Juan de Alicante, San Vicente del Raspeig and Mutxamel. More than 35 bus lines connect the city center with the neighborhoods and surrounding towns; plus 2 circular lines connecting several itinerant street markets on set days.

Rates:

- **Single trip** fare is 1.45 € and travel cards are available for budget fares. The payment methods are cash, credit cards or travel cards. Transfer to other bus lines or Tram services are free on transfers shorter than 1h.
- **Tourist Travel Card:** card valid for temporary (24, 48 or 72 hours) that allows the user to move around the city, by bus or tram, combined with a trip on TURYBUS, the city's tourist bus, which runs through the most attractive points of the city offering a brief explanation in 5 languages (Spanish, English, French, German and Italian).

Night service: 5 different bus lines – night service only works on Friday and Saturday nights and eve of holidays.

The night service is five bus lines (21, 22, 23, 24 and 0N), which run at intervals of 60 minutes, from Friday to Saturday, from Saturday to Sunday and the eve of holidays, from 23.30 h. -5.30 h. approximately.

N21 Alicante (Puerta del Mar) Playa San Juan – El Campello

N22 Alicante (Puerta del Mar) Cabo de la Huerta – Playa de San Juan

N23 Alicante (Puerta del Mar) Sant Joan – Mutxabel

N24 Alicante (Puerta del Mar) Universidad – San Vicente

03N Ciudad de Asís - Villafranqueza

For more information, transport lines and time schedules please check the following links:

- Tram Alicante Website: [TRAM \(tramalacant.es\)](http://TRAM (tramalacant.es))
- Vectalia Tram: Vectalia Alicante, autobuses de Alicante, conoce las líneas urbanas de bus
- Night service bus: [LÍNEAS NOCTURNAS ALICANTE- FOLLETO \(vectalia.es\)](http://LÍNEAS NOCTURNAS ALICANTE- FOLLETO (vectalia.es))

Ride a bike

If you are eco-friendly and you're interested in helping to reduce CO2 emissions, we recommend you to rent a bike in Alicante city. There are several bike renting companies like [Alicante by bike](#). You can rent a bike to take a ride around the city or choose any of their tours.

Check their website for more information:

[· Bike rental tour Alicante ▷ Rent with Alicante by bike](#)

Recycling in Spain

Sustainability is one of the main goals of the European Youth Dialogue, so we'd like to give you some brief information about how Spaniards recycle. Since you come from another country, the recycle system might be a bit different for you.

Green Dome Recycle Bin: Glass bottles, jars and containers – do not include the metal lids to jars.

Yellow Recycle Bin:

- Plastic containers such as bottles of soft drinks, mineral water, detergents, softeners, and shopping bags, trays of white cork or pore pan, yogurt tubs, etc.
- Metal containers such as tin cans and aluminum cans of soft drinks, beer, preserves, aluminum trays, etc.
- Brick type containers of milk, juices, soups and food such as sugar, legumes, etc.
- The bread bags half paper and plastic too.

Blue Recycle Bin:

- **Recycle Paper:** standard office papers, magazines or newspapers.
- **Recycle Cardboard:** cardboard boxes, cereal boxes and the like. (Not milk and juice, those go in the yellow).
- **What to deposit:** newspapers, magazines, comics, cardboard, paper or cardboard packaging, brochures, envelopes, folios, advertising, folded cartons well folded, all kinds of cardboard boxes (breakfast cereals, cookies, shoes, precooked meals), paper, sheets, newspapers, magazines, notebooks, etc.

Brown Recycle Bin:

- **Leftovers, organic material, food scraps:** fruit and vegetable scraps and peels; pieces of meat and fish plus bones; coffee grounds, filters and tea bags (or grounds); used paper towels and napkins; shells from food (from nuts, eggs and seafood); corks, used matches and sawdust; any other food scraps or leftovers; pet food; garden or plant scraps.

This material is collected to make compost and fertilizer which will be scattered mainly in city parks. Sometimes, it's also used as material for natural gas (*biogas*).



Places to visit in Alicante



Cultural and tourist info if you want to know more about the place where the Conference will take place, we recommend you to check the oficial website:

<https://www.alicanteturismo.com/en/> There you will find a lot of practical and interesting information on Alicante.



Las Setas Street a local pedestrian street, this magic place hides an amount of huge mushrooms where you'll be able to have fun and take photos with your mates! It is also a great opportunity to do some shopping in its fantastic shops and visit this ancient part of the city



Postiguet Beach if your idea is to take a stroll, have fun and enjoy swimming, this beach is a great opportunity for you. You can even relax in front of the sea, have a drink in the cafeterias and let time pass. If you want to do some exercise, you'll find areas to play sports, including beach volleyball. Many public and private parking spaces can be found nearby as well as accessible public toilets for the disabled.



El Palmeral Park is a great place to spend mornings or afternoons with children: there are large areas to walk, run and play among abundant palm trees and pathways. There is an artificial lake, artificial rivers and wooden bridges to cross over them.



The Fogueres Festival Museum explores the evolution of Alicante's most representative festival, the Fogueres de Sant Joan Bonfires, a celebration held in June, which has been officially declared as of Interest to International Tourism. You'll be able to see collections of "ninots indultados" (the effigies that managed to escape the flames), mock bonfires, typical costumes, etc. The museum also boasts an audiovisual hall showing clips of this festival.



MARQ - Archaeological Museum of Alicante enjoy an emotive journey through the local history and geography of Alicante. Feel free to walk through its galleries dedicated to Prehistory, the Iberians, the Romans, the Medieval Age and the Modern and Contemporary Historical Periods.