



CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM ON

# Intergenerational Fairness



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform the design of an Intergenerational Fairness Strategy, the European Commission launched a multilingual online consultation on the topic of Intergenerational Fairness on the Citizens' Engagement Platform. Split into four phases, the process as a whole will run from February to December 2025. The first phase, the scoping phase, gathered diverse contributions from across the EU, reflecting citizens' views on the core challenges to intergenerational fairness as well as their understanding of the concept.

This report summarises the online discussion which took place during the scoping phase across four broad dimensions and nine specific topics that address the core challenges to intergenerational fairness.

During this consultation, participants highlighted the urgent need to promote intergenerational solidarity by creating inclusive spaces for dialogue and combating discrimination, especially ageism. They called for future-oriented policies that address climate change and support sustainable economic models, while improving youth employment and ensuring fair access to quality education throughout life. Strengthening care systems and fostering long-term, inclusive governance were also emphasised as essential to building a fairer and more cohesive Europe that supports all generations.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

To inform the design of an Intergenerational Fairness Strategy, the European Commission launched a multilingual online consultation on the topic of **Intergenerational Fairness** on the Citizens' Engagement Platform. The scoping phase, the first phase of the participatory process, gave citizens the opportunity to share their views, ideas and opinions between **25 February** and **7 June 2025**.

The consultation platform dedicated to the *Scoping phase* gathered a total of **97 citizen contributions** and **94 participants**, accompanied by **46 comments** and **221 endorsements**.

This report presents an analysis of the contributions collected, organised according to the four key **dimensions** identified through the thematic clustering of the most frequently discussed **topics**. These dimensions are: (1) social cohesion (2) democracy and governance, (3) environmental and economic sustainability, and (4) care and education systems. These dimensions each reflect the three **core challenges** to intergenerational fairness that were identified by the participants: **short-term thinking** (short-term priorities in policy and economics are thought to challenge intergenerational fairness), **exclusion and inequality** (according to the participants, discrimination and unequal access prevent especially young and older people from fully participating in society) as well as **insufficient intergenerational solidarity** (participants explain that weak connections and limited support between generations weaken social cohesion).

First, this report outlines the **methodology**, followed by a **general overview** of participation trends and the results. It then provides a detailed **analysis of each dimension**, discussing every citizens' **topic** and supporting its arguments with illustrative quotes from the Citizens' Engagement Platform. The final chapter summarises the consultation's outcomes and offers brief reflections on them.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

To analyse the content of the Citizens' Engagement Platform on Intergenerational Fairness<sup>1</sup>, a three-step methodology was applied. This approach ensures both the accurate interpretation of citizens' contributions and the meaningful clustering and grouping of ideas, striking a balance between thematic coherence and analytical depth.

**STEP 1. QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS of the contributions & comments:** the primary dimensions of the debate were identified. To do so, the analysis team applied a theme-based, inductive approach, assigning thematic labels to each contribution. This enabled the identification and prioritisation of key subjects raised by citizens.

**STEP 2. ANALYSIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS within the dimensions:** a manually conducted qualitative analysis. Contributions were thematically grouped into what are referred to as "citizens' topics", based on the frequency and relevance of themes within each dimension.

**STEP 3. COMMENTS AND ENDORSEMENTS are taken into account:** an analysis was carried out for each contribution and comment (when considered appropriate), with an emphasis on certain contributions that were of particular relevance to illustrate the topic and showcase citizen perspectives.

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<sup>1</sup> All contributions are available online as part of the platform's open data files, which can be downloaded for further analysis by anyone interested.

## GLOSSARY

**Participant.** Citizen who has taken at least one action on the platform: contributions, comments, or endorsements.

**Contribution.** A single idea shared by a participant on the platform.

**Comment.** The participants' written reactions to an initial contribution. Comments open up a debate based on the initial topic, enabling participants to communicate with each other.

**Endorsement.** The vote of a participant who wants to support a specific contribution. Some contributions are non-endorsed.

**Dimension.** A dimension is a headline that merges the thoughts of a large number of contributions.

**Citizens' Topic.** It is a subcategory of a dimension, composed of several contributions.

### 3. OVERVIEW

#### NUMBERS

Overall participation, from 25 February to 20 June 2025. (date of last data report)

- **325.183** pages views\* (for the entire participatory platform)
- **94** participants
- **97** contributions
- **46** comments
- **221** endorsements

\* Due to the loss of analytics tracking for the Citizens' Engagement Platform, this figure does not include the period from 15 to 29 April 2025.

#### ALL DIMENSIONS AND CITIZENS' TOPICS AT A GLANCE

The table below provides an overview of all the identified **dimensions** and **citizens' topics**. Chapter 5. (In-Depth Analysis) provides a detailed analysis of all topics. The table also shows the total number of contributions ( $\Sigma$ ) that fall into each dimension. \*

\* Many contributions on the Citizens' Engagement Platform discuss a wide variety of subjects, potentially touching upon several dimensions. Therefore, the total number of contributions in the table below may be greater than the actual total.

DIMENSIONS	$\Sigma$	CITIZENS' TOPICS
1. SOCIAL COHESION	46	1.1 Promote intergenerational solidarity and create spaces for intergenerational dialogue
		1.2 Combat discrimination and promote equality
2. DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE	32	2.1 Expand inclusive participation for intergenerational representation
		2.2 Put long-term and intergenerational thinking at the centre of policymaking processes
3. ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY	27	3.1 Combat climate change as an intergenerational responsibility
		3.2 Promote future-oriented investment
		3.3 Improve youth employment conditions
4. CARE AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS	13	4.1 Strengthen care systems for all ages
		4.2 Expand fair access to quality education

## 4. MOST ENDORSED CONTRIBUTIONS

Maciej - 21 endorsements

**Title: EU Action Plan to Combat Ageism will enable young and old to flourish**

Dimension: **SOCIAL COHESION**

*"To achieve an 'Equality Union', we need to tackle age discrimination and the structural barriers that prevent people of all ages from enjoying equality throughout their lives. Challenging discriminatory narratives and practices, such as ageism, and reviewing socio-economic policies on the basis of intergenerational solidarity and fairness is vital to deal with a fractured and fragmented society and economy. AGE Platform Europe is calling to embrace age equality into all European policies and initiatives to ensure that the needs and aspirations of an ageing society are met: <https://www.age-platform.eu/areas-of-work/age-equality/> It is about conceiving fairness, inclusion and cohesion throughout life and across all areas, in education, employment, health and care, adequate income, civic and political participation etc. Ageing is an opportunity, even more so in times of multiple crises; we can only build resilience and prosperity in a society where people thrive at all ages, where our differences are mutually nourished by respect and solidarity. To achieve age equality, we need an EU Action Plan to Combat Ageism. The plan should be an integral part of the EU's Strategy on Intergenerational Fairness, based on human rights, intersectionality, equality and solidarity within and between generations. It should ensure coherence between the EU's and member states' commitments to equal rights for all ages, while contributing to sustainable growth, competitiveness and cohesion."*

Nena - 9 endorsements

**Title: EU Action Plan to Combat Ageism will strengthen intergenerational fairness**

Dimension: **SOCIAL COHESION**

*"Promoting equality at all ages is essential to achieve intergenerational fairness. Ageism is the only ground of discrimination covered by the EU treaties, which has so far been overlooked in the EU's policy landscape. The Intergenerational Fairness Strategy must include a dedicated Action Plan to Combat Ageism, which would create a roadmap to eliminate inequalities across the lifecourse and to promote equality for young and old. It would replace ageist narratives with a human rights-based approach, contributing to better enforcement of existing anti-discrimination laws, improved data collection, disaggregated by age and other characteristics. This Action Plan will work hand in hand with the existing EU equality action plans/strategies on gender, disability, LGBTI+, Roma and race enriching EU's intersectional ambition. This strategy will aim to eliminate any ageist practices that affect human dignity and the equal enjoyment of fundamental rights at all ages, pulling together the necessary resources for young and old to fulfil their potential and have full and equal access to society. It will steer the EU's attention to the reality of longer lives and the need for fair, inclusive and resilient societies for all generations. Combating ageism is not only a human rights imperative - it is central to building resilient, inclusive, and just societies."*

Cristiny - 9 endorsements

**Title: Harmony between present and future generations of all ages using**



**cross-sectoral, long-term and participatory governance**Dimension: **DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE**

*"In an EU where generations unite for a flourishing society, people of all ages today live in a peaceful world with a thriving natural environment and socioeconomic systems that allow them to live their best lives—they have access to education, food, and housing, they can use public transportation and bicycles to get where they are going, they have access to jobs that supply them with adequate pay for a good life. At the end of their working life, they have a pension that allows them to live without financial stress. The same is true 50 years from today, as those young people retire and shift from jobs to pensions. The same is true 50 years later as their grandchildren stand in their place. All of this requires policymaking processes to consider the long-term and cross-cutting impacts of policies on present and future generations of all ages. To do this, the EU needs to use tools and methods like strategic foresight and integrated models to look longer term. Silos need to be bridged between policy areas, and normal non-expert people, especially young people as proxies for generations not yet born, need to be consulted to know their needs, fears, and desires for the world of today and of the future. This engagement needs to be meaningful and have a real impact on policy. Examples of institutions for future generations and intergenerational fairness from around the world can serve as examples for the EU to learn from and to build on."*

Ilenia - 9 endorsements

**Title: A EU Action plan for inter- and intra-generational flourishing**Dimension: **SOCIAL COHESION**

*"To build a true 'Union of Equality' in Europe, we must actively combat ageism and dismantle the barriers that prevent people of all ages from enjoying equal rights and opportunities. Ageism affects access to work, healthcare, education, and civic participation, both in young and old age. AGE Platform Europe leads the call to mainstream age equality into all EU policies (<https://www.age-platform.eu/areas-of-work/age-equality/>), ensuring that the needs and aspirations of an ageing society are met. To this goal, a EU Action Plan to Combat Ageism would underpin the EU's Strategy on Intergenerational Fairness: based on human rights, intersectionality, equality and solidarity within and between generations, it would mainstream age equality across all policy areas, challenge negative stereotypes through education and public campaigns, and empower older people as active rights holders. It would also foster intergenerational programs, strengthen legal protections, and support research to inform effective policies. By leveraging the expertise of AGE Platform Europe and the innovative approaches of EU research, such as the FutuRes project (<https://futu-res.eu/>), the EU can turn ageing into an opportunity-building a resilient, inclusive society where everyone thrives, regardless of age."*

## 5. IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

In the following chapter, each of the four dimensions is examined in greater depth. Within each dimension, individual citizens' topics are analysed separately, bringing together different aspects of the contributions.

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### DIMENSION 1: SOCIAL COHESION

This dimension focuses on improving intergenerational relations by promoting dialogue and solidarity between the generations, and by combating ageism and other forms of discrimination, in favour of equality and social cohesion.

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#### Citizens' Topic 1.1: Promote intergenerational solidarity and create spaces for intergenerational dialogue

##### Topic ANALYSIS

The contributions call for the bridging of generational divides and polarisation as well as the promotion of intergenerational collaboration and co-creation. In particular, according to participants, environments and spaces such as cultural centres and co-housing projects should be created to enable intergenerational dialogue and interaction. This could not only foster awareness and empathy but also promote intergenerational solidarity and the creation of support networks.

##### Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

##### Friederike, 3 endorsements

*"In an intergenerationally fair society, different generations must work together - not only to address today's challenges but also to shape a sustainable future. To achieve this, we need meaningful opportunities for intergenerational dialogue, where people of all ages can meet, exchange ideas, and develop a deeper understanding of each other's concerns."*

##### Zdenka, 1 endorsement

*"The basic condition for a successful policy of intergenerational justice is to develop belonging and intergenerational solidarity across society and to strengthen mutual respect between generations. In the area of public policy-making, it is therefore very important to build and cultivate empathy for the needs of other fellow citizens and to develop the ability to see their legitimate needs in the context of needs and other target groups."*

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## Citizens' Topic 1.2: Combat discrimination and promote equality

### Topic ANALYSIS

Measures to combat discrimination and promote equality are frequently demanded by citizens. Participants believe that eliminating all forms of discrimination, particularly ageism, and promoting positive narratives to combat stereotypes should be key priorities for fostering social cohesion and intergenerational fairness. This includes actively challenging negative portrayals of both older and younger people in the media and public discourse, with the aim of building mutual respect and understanding between the generations.

### Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Nena, 9 endorsements

*"Promoting equality at all ages is essential to achieve intergenerational fairness. Ageism is the only ground of discrimination covered by the EU treaties, which has so far been overlooked in the EU's policy landscape. The Intergenerational Fairness Strategy must include a dedicated Action Plan to Combat Ageism, which would create a roadmap to eliminate inequalities across the lifecourse and to promote equality for young and old."*

#### Sarah, 5 endorsements

*"A Union based on equality must support its citizens throughout their lives and at all ages. Age discrimination and ageism however creates significant barriers that prevent older people from participating fully in working life and society, exacerbating economic difficulties and leading to poverty. By combating these discriminatory practices and promoting solidarity between generations, we can foster an inclusive and equitable society, as well as more sustainable growth and a competitive and cohesive economy."*

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## DIMENSION 2: DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

This dimension focuses on improving the participation and representation of all generations in our democratic systems as well as replacing short-term thinking with long-term, intergenerational decision-making.

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### Citizens' Topic 2.1: Expand inclusive participation for intergenerational representation

#### Topic ANALYSIS

To promote intergenerational fairness, people on the Citizens' Engagement Platform emphasise the need to expand forms of democratic participation and representation that include all generations. Suggestions for achieving a broader participation include reducing the barriers to participation, engaging with marginalised groups, and lowering the voting age to ensure that all voices are heard. Other suggestions focus on expanding the means of participation, such as introducing youth councils, senior advisory boards, and intergenerational forums.

#### Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

##### William, 7 endorsements

*"Continuous intergenerational dialogue should be fostered through dedicated democratic spaces. Establishing citizens' assemblies at local, national, and European levels (based on the French "Citizens' Convention for Climate") would enable people of all ages and backgrounds to deliberate together on pressing societal issues such as the ecological transition, housing, and digital inclusion. These assemblies must have real influence over public decision-making, helping to build a stronger sense of community through mutual understanding and shared responsibility."*

##### Luna, 1 endorsement

*"I envision an EU where generations truly collaborate, blending the wisdom of older citizens with the innovation of the young. (...) However, to achieve this, we must address the gaps. Younger generations often feel unheard in political decision-making, while older generations may feel sidelined by rapid societal changes. What is needed now goes beyond symbolic intergenerational dialogue - we must establish tangible platforms that empower both age groups with genuine influence. This includes youth councils with legislative authority and senior advisory boards shaping policy on critical issues such as politics, the economy, education, technology, the rising cost of living, housing, and climate change - all of which will impact us for generations to come. Without genuine collaboration and shared decision-making, fairness will remain a slogan, not a reality."*

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## Citizens' Topic 2.2: Put long-term and intergenerational thinking at the centre of policymaking processes

### Topic ANALYSIS

In order to overcome short-term thinking at an institutional level, participants on the Citizens' Engagement Platform emphasise the importance of incorporating long-term and intergenerational perspectives into all policymaking processes. This means that the perspectives of younger and future generations should be incorporated into all decisions in every domain. Specific recommendations include carrying out impact assessments for future generations and strengthening the role of institutions such as the Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, to defend long-term interests across all policy areas.

### Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Christiny, 9 endorsements

*"This requires policymaking processes to consider the long-term and cross-cutting impacts of policies on present and future generations of all ages. To do this, the EU needs to use tools and methods like strategic foresight and integrated models to look longer term."*

#### Кирило, 0 endorsements

*"The European Union must place intergenerational justice at the core of its policymaking. Too often, political decisions serve short-term interests, neglecting the long-term consequences that today's youth—and future generations—will have to face. From climate change and public debt to digital regulation and demographic shifts, the burden on younger Europeans is growing. We need policies that prioritize sustainability, fairness, and inclusion. Future impact assessments should be introduced for all major EU legislation, ensuring that the rights of those not yet born are considered. Climate policy must be accelerated with stronger youth involvement, while public spending should reflect long-term responsibility, not short-term gain."*

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## **DIMENSION 3: ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY**

This dimension focuses on climate change as a key challenge to an intergenerationally fair future and explores ways to encourage forward-thinking economic behaviour. Contributions in this dimension also address the sustainability of youth employment.

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### **Citizens' Topic 3.1: Combat climate change as an intergenerational responsibility**

#### **Topic ANALYSIS**

Participants share the view that climate change poses a significant challenge to intergenerational fairness because it could disproportionately affect younger and future generations. Consequently, contributions emphasise that combating climate change is a fundamental intergenerational responsibility, advocating, for example, for the decarbonisation of the economy and more investment in climate-friendly transport. Contributions frequently highlight the need for a cross-sectoral, inclusive and participatory approach that engages all age groups in order to take effective action and create a shared sense of responsibility.

#### **Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS**

##### **Revo Prosperidad Sostenible, 3 endorsements**

*"The Commissioner for intergenerational justice must ensure that future generations enjoy the least harmful climate possible, and to this end it is necessary to ensure that the policies of the Commissioners responsible for the different sectors that may have an impact on decarbonization by action or omission do not hinder or delay the decarbonization path of the EU economy. The commissioner for intergenerational justice will monitor the actions of the European Commission and will have to make proposals for improvement or warn when these actions are contrary to the objectives of decarbonization and sustainability in general."*

##### **Verleriia, 1 endorsement**

*"One area where intergenerational justice must be urgently addressed is climate policy. Climate change is the most pressing example of how short-term decisions can have devastating long-term consequences. Yet, young people - those who will live with these consequences the longest - are often excluded from shaping the policies that aim to solve them. We need a clear shift in EU climate strategy: long-term impact must be prioritized over immediate political or economic convenience."*

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## Citizens' Topic 3.2: Promote future-oriented investment

### Topic ANALYSIS

In addition to tackling climate change, participants call for future-oriented investment to be promoted in order to advance intergenerational fairness. They advocate for exploring alternative economic models that encourage long-term thinking, balancing ecological sustainability with social equity and economic resilience. One possible outcome of this would be a shift away from a GDP-focused economy towards a model which prioritises other metrics. Participants also stress the importance of including all generations in shaping these transitions to ensure shared responsibility and sustainable social cohesion.

### Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Katy, 3 endorsements

*"To ensure genuine intergenerational justice, we must move beyond economic models that rely on endless growth. A post-growth approach for Europe recognizes that prosperity cannot be built on the overuse of resources, ecological destruction, deepening inequalities and the undervaluing of unpaid care work all of which undermine the well-being of future generations. True intergenerational justice means living within planetary boundaries and distributing resources fairly across time. This requires shifting from the primary objective of GDP growth to wellbeing and care as a central policy goal. Public investment must prioritize social and ecological resilience - care work, education, climate adaptation - not growth for its own sake."*

#### Silvia, 1 endorsement

*"The Wellbeing Economy offers a transformative model to ensure future generations are not burdened by the consequences of today's decisions. Unsustainable economic growth often leads to long-term social, health, and environmental costs, threatening the wellbeing of current and future generations, and the sustainability of our planet. The Wellbeing Economy moves beyond GDP as the sole measure of progress, integrating indicators such as mental and physical health, environmental sustainability, and social equity. Embedding Wellbeing Economy in EU decision-making, will help to better address current challenges while safeguarding the needs and rights of future generations."*

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## Citizens' Topic 3.3: Improve youth employment conditions

### Topic ANALYSIS

Participants on the Citizens' Engagement Platform consider equal economic opportunities to be crucial for intergenerational fairness. Accordingly, they advocate for improving youth employment conditions, facilitating the transition to work, and better linking education to industry. They also call for improved recruitment practices and reduced barriers to employment.

## Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

### Daniela, 5 endorsements

*"Expanding access to education must go hand in hand with mentorship programs linking students with experienced professionals and lifelong learning opportunities for older adults. Investments should ensure early and sustained support for disadvantaged youth while valuing the contributions of older individuals in shaping a fairer, more inclusive society. By fostering collaboration and shared opportunities, the EU can promote true social mobility and ensure prosperity benefits all generations."*

### Mirela, 0 endorsements

*"Part of the generational present and future should be that young people find fair access to the professional world after studying/training/etc.: - Why is it difficult for young, well-educated adults to gain a foothold in professional life? How can it be that the path to material self-employment remains blocked for a long time, despite good education and x paid or unpaid internships, volunteers, master's degrees? - Why are many universities not linked to industry? - Why do apprentices compete with graduates for jobs and which level of education is the 'truly right one'?"*

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## DIMENSION 4: CARE AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS

This dimension focuses on the importance of providing public services, such as care and education, to ensure intergenerational fairness. Contributions emphasise the need for integrated care and support systems, as well as equal access to high-quality education.

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### Citizens' Topic 4.1: Strengthen care systems for all ages

#### Topic ANALYSIS

Participants call for strengthening the care infrastructure for all age groups and recognising care as a shared societal responsibility that should be better supported across generations. They call for increased investment in accessible and high-quality care services, including co-housing solutions that promote mutual support. Families, who are often the primary support networks, should be empowered through greater recognition of unpaid care work. Lastly, contributions demand a European Care Guarantee as well as improved cross-border coordination of health and social security systems to respond to modern challenges.

#### Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

##### Marta, 2 endorsements

*"The population is turning increasingly gray and we're not prepared for it. (...) Today, the senior citizens whose health is declining either withdraw from social life and stay at home or, when their state has deteriorated even more, move to a nursing home. (...) I'm convinced co-housing is a great solution to this challenge. It's a type of collaborative housing where senior citizens live together in a community setting. Benefits? Affordable cost (divided by all inhabitants), accessible space designed with needs of the elderly in mind, support services at hand (healthcare, meal preparation, transportation), independence, combating loneliness and last but not least - mutual support and social interaction. (...) Co-housing should be developed with urgency, with financial support from the EU, member states or local governments."*

##### Christos, 0 endorsements

*"What's missing is infrastructure that recognises vulnerability as a societal responsibility, not an individual misfortune. We must build integrated systems where supported housing, mental health services, flexible care, and community connection are not fragmented offerings but coordinated rights. Without this, intergenerational fairness is rhetoric without root. From workforce planning to service design, we must think across the life course. That means supporting those who provide care with sustainable roles and training, and ensuring that systems meet evolving needs over time."*

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## Citizens' Topic 4.2: Expand fair access to quality education

### Topic ANALYSIS

Participants call for expanding fair access to high-quality education, as this is the foundation for equal opportunities, and ultimately, intergenerational fairness and social cohesion. They emphasise the importance of removing barriers to education at all stages of life, as well as increasing public investment to ensure equitable learning environments. Participants advocate for reforming the education system to better align it with future demands and promoting lifelong learning. This would enable individuals of all ages to have equal opportunities to grow and contribute meaningfully throughout their lives.

### Showcase CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Daniela, 5 endorsements

*"Envisioning a European Union where generations unite for a flourishing society means ensuring that opportunities and resources are shared across age groups, fostering a system where knowledge, experience, and social mobility benefit everyone. (...) We need policies that not only support young people in accessing education but also empower older generations to mentor and guide them, playing a vital role in closing opportunity gaps and strengthening intergenerational solidarity. Making this vision a reality requires action on multiple fronts. Expanding access to education must go hand in hand with lifelong learning opportunities for older adults."*

#### Florinda, 2 endorsements

*"Public schools are the place where future generations can train, acquire skills and values, but it is necessary that a deep reflection on teaching methodologies is made. Today, more than ever, it is essential to renew and innovate the pedagogical approach, so that it responds to the needs of a rapidly changing world, focused on sustainability, inclusion and equity. In addition, young people must be heard in the educational process. Their voices, experiences and perspectives are key to building a school system that not only transmits knowledge, but that truly prepares for the life and challenges of the future. Public education cannot only be a guaranteed right, but must become a real opportunity for every individual, where every young person can express his or her potential and actively contribute to society."*

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## 6. CONCLUSION

The Citizens' Engagement Platform on *Intergenerational Fairness* marks a significant step forward in informing the design of an EU Intergenerational Fairness Strategy. As this report outlines, the *Scoping Phase*, which ran from 25 February to 7 June 2025, generated valuable insights into citizens' views on an intergenerationally fair future.

On the Citizens' Engagement Platform, participants engaged with a diverse range of subjects related to intergenerational fairness. Across the dimension of **SOCIAL COHESION**, they called for greater solidarity between generations, emphasising the importance of fostering mutual understanding, combating ageism and creating opportunities for intergenerational dialogue and cooperation. In the dimension of **DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE**, participants stressed the need to strengthen inclusive participation and integrate long-term thinking into all policymaking processes. Participants proposed measures that ensure current decisions account for future generations. The **ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY** dimension revealed citizens' strong demand for urgent climate action to protect future generations as well as for a shift toward long-term economic models that prioritise wellbeing over short-term growth. Fair employment opportunities for young people were also a recurring theme. Lastly, the **CARE AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS** dimension underlined the importance of universal access to high-quality public services throughout life. Participants advocated for stronger care systems and greater recognition of families and communities as support networks. On education, participants highlighted the need for lifelong learning opportunities and reforms that align education systems with the changing demands of society.

Overall, this consultation illustrates the need for a **more equitable, sustainable, and cohesive Europe that supports all generations** in order to address the core challenges to intergenerational fairness: **short-term thinking, exclusion and inequality**, and **insufficient intergenerational solidarity**. Participants consistently linked individual policy areas to broader goals and ambitions - emphasising that social cohesion, environmental and economic sustainability, inclusive and long-term governance as well as the provision of high-quality public services must go hand in hand to achieve intergenerational fairness.

It should be noted that the results discussed above should not be considered fully representative. Nevertheless, they offer valuable insights into public perceptions of intergenerational fairness. These insights provide a strong foundation for developing future EU initiatives that promote solidarity, long-term responsibility, and shared prosperity for people of all ages.