

# EUROPEAN CITIZENS' PANEL

## New European Budget Fit for Our Ambitions

### What are European Citizens' Panels?

European Citizens' Panels bring together randomly-selected citizens from all 27 EU Member States to discuss key, upcoming proposals of the European Commission. Interpretation is provided in the 24 official EU languages.

Based on their deliberations taking place over three weekends, citizens make recommendations for the European Commission to take into account when preparing policy initiatives.

### Who participates?

The citizen participants are randomly selected using door-to-door approach.

The final selection is representative of diversity of the EU population based on the Eurostat:

- Age
- Rural/City
- Gender
- Image of the EU
- Education
- Socio-economic background

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Germany ----19	Lithuania ----2
Denmark ----3	Luxembourg --2
Estonia ----2	Latvia -----2
Greece ----5	Malta -----2
Spain ----12	Netherlands --6
Finland ----3	Poland -----10
Austria -----4	Portugal -----5
Belgium -----5	Romania -----7
Bulgaria ----4	Hungary -----5
Cyprus -----2	Slovenia -----2
Czechia -----5	Ireland -----3
	Slovakia -----3
	Sweden -----5

- One out of three citizens of the panel are 16-29 years old.



### Timeline

Participants work in small groups and plenary sessions across three weekends of deliberation:

- Session 1** 28-30 March 2025  
Understanding the EU Budget's impact on everyday lives of the citizens, identifying principles and first priorities of the EU Budget.
- Session 2** 25-27 April 2025  
Stocktake of Session 1 and refinement of ideas according to the priorities, and first phase of formulating recommendations.
- 16-18 May 2025**  
Drawing conclusions of debates and drafting final recommendations, and explaining next steps (impact on policymaking and feedback moment)
- Session 3**

### Why does this Panel matter?

European Citizens' Panels provide European citizens with the opportunity to develop concrete proposals that impact EU policies. They were central to the Conference on the Future of Europe, and have now become a regular feature of our democratic life.

The Panel on a new European Budget fit for our ambitions is organised to gather citizen recommendations on the following question:

“What priorities and actions funded by the EU bring the most added value to Europeans?”

### Analysis and feedback process

The Panel recommendations will be captured in a Citizens' Report, informing European Commission's proposal for a new EU long-term budget. The EU long-term budget will be negotiated and adopted between the European Parliament and the Council of the EU based on the proposals from the European Commission.

To ensure transparency and accountability, a feedback event will be held after the Panel's conclusion, where Commission policymakers report on how citizens' recommendations have been taken into account.

### More information

- The deliberations of the Panels are also inspired by the debate on the Citizens' Engagement Platform:  
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