

**Question for written answer E-002356/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Disbanding of the Community of Madrid Youth Council and its impact on youth participation in the context of EU objectives

The Community of Madrid Youth Council plays a key role in representing young people and their organisations in the democratic life of the region. Its disbanding limits the ability of Madrid's young people to participate in decision-making. The measure goes against the European Commission's objectives, as set out in Article 165 TFEU and the EU youth strategy (2019-2027), which promote the active participation of young people in democratic life in Europe. Following the European Year of Youth 2022, the Commission has strengthened its commitment to giving young people a voice in decisions that affect them, which highlights the conflict between EU policies and this regional decision.

In light of the above:

1. What is the Commission's view on how disbanding this youth council might go against the objectives of Article 165 TFEU and the EU youth strategy (2019-2027)?
2. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that public spaces for participation are not taken away from young people in regions such as Madrid?
3. In the context of the 'youth check', what actions can the Commission take to ensure that regional decisions respect youth participation commitments?

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