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The EU supports, complements, or supplements the actions of the Member States in youth policy (Article 6 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)¹). This excludes the harmonisation of national laws and regulations (Articles 165 and 166 TFEU). The decision to disband the Madrid youth council is a national competence.

The Commission promotes youth participation through, inter alia, the EU Youth Strategy² and its instruments. Support for youth participation and for civil society is available through Erasmus+³ and the European Solidarity Corps⁴.

The Commission fully supports the principles laid out in the Council Resolution on encouraging political participation of young people in democratic life in Europe⁵, including the need to establish, implement or further develop national, regional and/or local strategies, programmes, structures or other relevant mechanisms for enhancing the political participation of all young people.

The youth check only applies to policy initiatives of the Commission⁶.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A12016ME%2FTXT>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2018:456:FULL>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32021R0817>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32021R0888>

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A42015Y1215%2802%29>

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX%3A52024DC0001>