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YOUTH IMPACT FORUM

Maison des Associations Internationales

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18 September 2025

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9:00 am - 18:30 pm

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Morning session

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome and Opening Keynote Talks

- Antonella Valmorbida, Secretary-General, ALDA
- Marta Sys, Co-chair of the Youth Empowerment & Education Hub, ALDA
- Nela Riehl MEP, Chair of the CULT Committee
- Seamus Boland, president-elect, EESC (TBC)

09:30 - 10:30 Panel Dialogue - From Experiments to Systems

This panel will explore how various actors from all over Europe explore youth participation, and how to transform local and international experiments into time-tested systems.

- Peter Mc Nelis, AER Youth Regional Network
- David Mekkaoui, CEO, All Digital
- David Dubois, Chief of staff, Etterbeek (TBC)
- European Youth Forum, TBC

10:30 - 11:20 The IDEATHON methodology as a tool for youth participation

This presentation will explore in detail **the Ideathon methodology**, an innovative approach to civic participation, and how to lebverage its benefits for local youth participation. **Five young changemakers** will share their experience with the Ideathon methodology.

11:20-11:40 Coffee break







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11:40 - 13:00 Policy Roundtables

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange, reflect, and debate on participative tools for young people during three parallel roundtables, moderated by our experts, followed by a short restitution of the debates.

- Engage with the European Institutions (European Parliament's Youth Outreach Unit)
- Participation for All (Peter Mc Nelis, Chair "Youth Participation & Governance", AER Youth Regional Network)
- Digital Tools for Youth Participation (David Mekkaoui, CEO, All Digital)

13:00-14:00 Lunch break & Markeplace





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