



## Millennials 4 Europe!

### Youth Participation in Democratic Life

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

17:30 – 20:00

Fondazione Romaeuropa  
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 Rome, Italy

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The era of tight affiliation to political parties appears to be approaching to an end. As evidence suggests, in most European democracies there is clear downward trend with regards to political party membership, especially amongst young people. Young peoples' increasing disillusionment towards party politics and with politics more generally is proven by their absence at the polling stations.

The so apparent political indifference of Millennials also makes them target of political prejudice. In fact, Millennials are often depicted as lazy and disengaged generation. This context has widened the perception gap between politicians and young people making their relationship complex and frequently challenging.

Youth participation in European elections is also falling as shown by the sharp decrease in the turnout of young people voting. Only 27,8% of the youngest generation (18-24 years-old) has voted for their Members of European Parliament in 2014. This is a valid source of concern for the European institutions if not only, paradoxically, the Millennial generation is actually the one that holds more positive attitudes towards the European Union!

***How could the positivism of this generation be injected into the EU?***

***How can the EU engage and involve Millennials in its policy-making processes and widen the opportunities for discussion and debate?***

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### Presentation of Italy's Millennial Dialogue Report

*How does the Italian Youth compare with its peers around the world?*

*What are the values and issues that the Italian Millennials are concerned about and how can the European Union meet their expectations?*

17:40 – 17:50

#### Opening remarks

Mattia PERADOTTO, Secretary General, EYU

17:50 – 18:00

#### The Millennial Dialogue – A Portrait of the Global Youth

Ernst STETTER, Secretary General, FEPS

18:00 – 19:00

#### Millennial Roundtable

##### Moderated by:

Stefano MENTANA, Vice-Director, The Post Internazionale

##### Debate

Anna ASCANI, Member of Parliament, PD

Federico CASTORINA, President, Cultura Democratica

Giacomo D'ARRIGO, Director General, Agenzia Nazionale per i Giovani

Ana PERDIGAO, Senior Manager EU Affairs, Expedia

Antonio PUTINI, Researcher in Political Sociology, Sapienza University

Olimpia TROILI, President, Alternativa Europea

Cristina SALMENA, Communications Manager, FutureDem

Mattia ZUNINO, Secretary General, Giovani Democratici

19:00 – 19:30

#### Q&A

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