



Forum for Local Youth Impact (FLY!) 2026

Valongo, Portugal | 15–16 October 2026

About the Forum

The Forum for Local Youth Impact (FLY!) brings together local authorities, youth organisations, youth councils, young elected representatives, youth workers, policymakers, researchers, and European youth stakeholders to discuss the future of youth participation and democratic engagement at local and European levels.

The 2026 edition will focus on the evolving framework for youth participation in Europe, including EU youth policies, the future of Erasmus+, and the role of local authorities and civil society in empowering young people.

Seats are limited. Don't wait to [register](#).

Day 1 - Thursday, 15 October 2026

- 13:30 - 14:00 Registration and welcome coffee
- 14:00 - 14:45 Opening session - welcome addresses and technical opening
- 14:45 - 15:00 Keynote I - Trends and challenges for youth participation
- 15:00 - 15:15 Keynote II - An academic perspective on youth participation
- 15:15 - 15:45 Coffee break and networking
- 15:45 - 17:00 Panel of practitioners - Innovations for youth participation
- 17:00 - 18:00 Panel Debate - Erasmus+, CERV, AgoraEU and European Programmes for Youth
- 18:00 - 18:15 Closing reflections of day 1
- 19:00 Dinner in a traditional restaurant - hosted by the **Municipality of Valongo**

Day 2 - Friday, 16 October 2026

- 09:00 - 09:30 Morning coffee and arrival
- 09:30 - 12:30 FLY! Un-Conference: Co-create today's agenda
- 12:30 - 13:00 Closing session
- 13:00 Lunch (location TBD)