



**International
Youth Peace Forum**
Forum International des Jeunes pour la Paix

This document presents the initial outcomes and a preliminary overview of the International Youth Peace Forum held in Paris on May 3 and 4, 2024.

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Context: *The International Youth Peace Forum - Paris Olympics 2024 brought together 300 young people from all over the world in Paris, one month before the European elections 2024, and two months before the Olympic Games, to discuss, debate and propose solutions 05/27/2024 May 2024 in the prestigious spaces made available by the Mairie of the 16th arrondissement of Paris. The event was funded by the European Union, OFAJ, the Mairie, Fondation Hippocrène and Maison d'Italie, under the patronage of the City of Paris and UNESCO's French National Commission. Coordinated by the Collectif pour un Service Civique Européen and the European Cooperation System, the forum's opening ceremony featured speeches by leading French personalities and diplomats, as well as eminent figures from the worlds of culture, fashion and civil society. The aim of the event was to bring together young people from all over the world to discuss global issues and promote peace, at a time when our planet is facing an upsurge in tensions and conflicts, as well as environmental and civilizational challenges.*

Some mid-term statistics for evaluating the Forum's results

Number of registered participants :

- 1436

Number of validated participants :

- 200

Number of participants supported and financing granted :

- 300

Average age of participants :

- 22 y.o.

Budget :

- 72 000€ direct
- 80 000€ indirect contributions

Number of hours of group work :

- 16h (before the forum)
- 8h (during the forum)

Number of theme experts :

- 16

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Number of official institutions taking part in the Forum: 19

- European Union
- City of Paris
- 16th arrondissement town hall
- OFAJ
- Ministries of Foreign Affairs: France, Italy, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldavia, Chad, Senegal, Holy See
- United Nations Youth Council
- DRC
- Milan Cortina 2026 Foundation
- Hippocrene Foundation
- Economic and Social Council
- G7 Women
- European External Action Service

Number of youth associations involved in partnership :

• 20

Number of recommendations made :

• 55

Young laureate projects received one-year post-Forum grant:

• 10



Highlights of the International Youth Peace Forum - Paris Olympics 24

Chaired by Mr. Benjamin, Director of the Collectif pour un Service Civique Européen, the Forum was opened by Mr. Arnaud Ngatcha, Deputy Mayor of Paris, Ms. Anne Tallineau, Secretary General of the Franco-German Youth Office, Valérie Drezet-Humez, Representative of the European Commission in France, and Mr. Jeremy Redler, Mayor of the XVIth Arrondissement. On behalf of their institutions, they underlined the importance of this event, which was born of the desire of the Parisian Council of Europeans and is part of the activities planned for the Olympic Games, a month before the European elections, and an international context that makes the existence of such spaces for dialogue and joint work crucial.

After a presentation by Marie Trellu-Kane, Founder of Unis Cité, on the French-style Civic Service and its potential in public youth policies, H.E. the Serbian Ambassador to France, Ana Hrustanovic, expressed her country's interest in developing such instruments, notably through the call for a European Civic Service initiated by President Macron. H.E.M. Corina Calugaru, Ambassador to France of Moldavia, and H.E.M. Bojana Kondic, Ambassador to France of Bosnia-Herzegovina, joined in this statement, stressing the importance of youth cooperation in view of their countries' forthcoming integration into the European Union. Mr Gabriel MVOGO SAINT, President of the European System, called on diplomats to be open to young people, and encouraged them to initiate projects aimed at bringing young people closer to higher institutions to promote peace, notably within an institutional framework, and for the Balkans, the aforementioned RYCO. Madame Dorothée Merville, from the Hippocrene Foundation, led a workshop on empowerment through helping others, encouraging the defense of human rights, peace, and democracy, and opening her Foundation's support to the audience.

On the civil society side, Madame Flora Coquerel, founder of the NGO “Kelina” and former Miss France 2014; Madame Martina Rogato, co-president of Women7 G7 Italy; Madame Didi-Stone Olomidé, UNICEF ambassador in the DRC, and Madame Hatice Osman, the first woman elected and youngest mayor of Bulgaria, all unanimously stressed the need to recognize women's multi-disciplinary abilities. They then illustrated their remarks with concrete projects to empower women and young people, promote sexual rights and protect bodies and human dignity. Mr. Simone Romagnoli, President of ACLI, and Mr. Luigi Zotta, youth delegate to UNESCO, followed. At the end of the Forum, Ms Rahma Rachdi's “Good Samaritan” application, enabling the public to help dependent people, and Pierre Yves Giscard d'Estaing's “Palumba.eu” application, encouraging young people to vote in European elections, were made public and offered to the audience for distribution.

Follow-up after the Forum

At the end of the Forum, Chiara Prodi, Director of the Italian House, announced that her institution would be hosting and funding young people to work on the 2024 Olympic Games, and to bring the Forum's legacy to life, while the Collectif pour un Service Civique Européen and the entire Consortium of associations announced that they would be organizing a European Olympic Carnival in the streets of Paris in the run-up to the Games. Mr. Domenico de Maio, on behalf of the Milano Cortino 2026 Foundation, announced his wish to re-host the event as part of the 2026 Winter Games, and the representatives of the Embassies in France of Chad and Senegal each publicly expressed their wish to organize an intermediate event in their respective countries in 2025. Mr. Pierre Gire, Representative of the Holy See, expressed the Pope's compliments and support for the results of the Forum and the initiative. A delegation of his representatives was then directly received on June 1, 2024, to present these results to H.H. Pope Francis in Rome.

Conclusions and preliminary results

The working groups were organized into sub-themes, into which the public policy proposals, recommendations and projects being discussed fell::

- 1) The impact of economic inequality on global conflict.
- 2) Education for conflict prevention.
- 3) The climate emergency and migrations
- 4) Respect for international law and sustainable development.
- 5) Participation of women and minorities.
- 6) The role of social media in conflicts.
- 7) Youth civic engagement.
- 8) Sport as a peace mediator.

For the opening of the 2024 Olympic Games, a white paper will record all the exchanges and projects, as well as the 55 recommendations built by the young participants, and 10 concrete projects, giving rise to grants of up to a year to get their implementation underway. However, a few key results can already be shared.

Key recommendations include the creation of a toolbox for the development of civic and entrepreneurial initiatives, an international tutoring system and a free online platform for courses, notably on international project development. On climate issues, the idea of an environmental civic service, to be implemented initially at European Union level and within the European Solidarity Corps, and then to inspire a global model, is a priority, as is reflection on the status of climate refugees. The CJEU should be empowered to monitor human rights clauses in treaties, and support should be given to a network of human rights referents, made up of journalists, whistle-blowers and experts, as well as to an information point on migration and human trafficking, particularly in the school systems of sending countries. The development of educational modules on fake news and the use of social media is desirable at European and global level. The notion of a “youth quota”, applying to all public policies (representativeness, share of allocated budget, etc.) also seems desirable. Directly funded projects include:

Palestra popolare

- Italian model for self-managed free rooms

A peace competition

- Launched during the Polish Presidency, fair play and exemplarity would be more important than strict sporting results.

Rehabilitation of prisoners through sport

- By having them organize a competition on their release from prison

Keep the light on

- YouTube news channel focusing on little-known conflicts

Peace Center

- Creating hope in France to create opportunities for dialogue and mutual understanding between young people from communities in conflict.

Fake news NGO

- Education and information association

Fight human trafficking and Hate speech

- Intervention in source countries and conflict zones to reinform the public

Migrant information platform and anti-discrimination center

Human rights activists hub

- Solidarity network and information alerts

Ecological European Civic Service pilot tests

Workshop and adult training for non-confrontational teacher communication

International digital platform to help veterans: solidarity creation and help point