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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND AND TARGET

This report provides an overview of the activities, results, and actions taken during and following the International Youth Forum for Peace – Special Edition of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The International Olympic Youth for Peace Forum – is a joint initiative specifically created for the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games by the European Civic Service (Collectif pour un Service Civique Européen), supported by the City of Paris and the European Union, and French German Youth Organization, with international partners (notably the UNESCO and U.N., as well as the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs). For its inaugural edition, it brought together 300 young people from all over the world in Paris to discuss, debate, and propose solutions concerning the prevention and resolution of conflicts. The work took place during the 3rd and 4th of May 2024, in the prestigious reception room of the Town Hall of the 16th arrondissement of Paris. Under the coordination of the Collective for a European Civic Service, assisted by the European Cooperation System, the opening ceremony of the Forum was marked by the interventions of high-ranking French and diplomatic personalities, as well as eminent figures from the world of culture, fashion, and committed young civil society.

The International Youth Forum for Peace – Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games aimed to address the urgent need for dialogue and understanding among young people from different nations amid rising global geopolitical tensions. Held during the Olympic period, which traditionally is a period of peace and international truce, the Forum focused on mobilizing global youth to tackle worldwide challenges such as climate crises, pandemics, inequalities, and radicalization.

The inaugural edition centred on the theme 'United Youth for Peace: Addressing Global Tensions and Combating Inequality.” The Forum's key objectives included facilitating intercultural and interfaith dialogue among youth in crisis areas, promoting mutual understanding and respect for human rights, identifying global peace challenges and proposing innovative solutions, contributing to governments and international institutions, and fostering civic engagement and social participation among youth. Additionally, the Forum aimed to create a global network of young leaders committed to peace.

I. Methodology

The methodology of International Olympic Youth for Peace Forum was structured to foster meaningful engagement, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving among youth participants. Central to the Forum were the plenary sessions, which served as key moments of collective reflection. **The forum was fundamentally based on participation, before and during its implementation, and youth led in favoring framework of accompanying. Youth self organized, assisted by experts, in workshops, intended to create concrete projects and international recommendations.**

The sessions were led by renowned figures from diplomacy, politics, academia, and civil society, including high-level French political leaders and cultural icons, who brought invaluable perspectives and gravitas to the discussions. In these open, large-format settings, young participants were invited not just to listen but to interact directly with these personalities, creating a rare and enriching exchange across generations and sectors.

Alongside the plenaries, the Forum employed a division into thematic working groups, a methodology designed to encourage in-depth exploration of specific issues related to peace, such as education, inequality, climate, and human rights (themes which will be detailed later in this report). These workshops promoted collaboration and creativity among youth, allowing for dynamic discussions and the co-construction of innovative ideas.

The Forum also included networking sessions, designed to build bridges between youth, NGOs, civil society organizations (CSOs), and institutional decision-makers, and featured exhibitions of youth-led peace projects from around the world, showcasing real initiatives already making an impact.

A key objective of this structured methodology was to guide participants through a process—from dialogue and debate, to the formulation of shared recommendations, concrete proposals, and actionable goals and projects. Participants were also supported in the design, drafting, and submission of new project ideas, while previously implemented peace-related initiatives were presented, with the most compelling among them selected for plenary presentation. Altogether, the Forum created a space where the voices of youth were not only heard, but amplified and connected to real channels of influence and implementation.

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II. Agenda of the forum

Day 1:
Location: Salle des Fêtes
08:30 – 09:15 AM

- Welcome and registration of participants

09:15 – 10:45 AM
Opening Ceremony

- Benjamin Sibille, Director and Founder, Service Civique Européen
- Arnaud Ngatcha, Deputy Mayor, in charge of Europe, Paris
- Anne Tallineau, General Secretary French German Youth Organization (OFAJ/ DFJW)
- Dorothée Merville, General Director, Fondation Hippocrene
- UNESCO Welcome Word
- Marie Trellu Kane, Co Founder and President, Unis Cité, and Civic Service participants
- Jessica Larsson, Head of EU Commission Representation in France

Opening Plenary: "Maintaining Peace Through Multilateral Frameworks: from Regional Cooperation to World Peace?"
MODERATION: Benjamin Sibille, Gregory Glamoc
Panel:
Ana Hrustanovic, Serbia Ambassador to France, **Bojana Kondic Panic,** Bosnia Herzegovina Ambassador to France, **Corina Călugăru,** Moldova Ambassador to France, **Jessica Larsson**, Head of EU Commission Representation in France **Yves Manville,** Diplomatic Conselor, Interministerial Delegation for fight against Radicalisation.

10:45 – 11:15 AM
Coffee Break

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM Introduction to Thematic Sessions and their Experts:

1. **Economic inequality and global conflict**, Juan De Lucas, Capucine Amez-Droz
2. **Education as a way of preventing conflict and promoting peace,** Luigi Balacco,
3. **Climate emergency as a catalyst for conflict and migration,** Boris Jaros, Anthony Weiler
4. **Respect for international law,** Thierno SD Niang
5. **The role and participation of Women, Minorities and other groups at risk of discrimination,** Andreea-Gabriela Carabulea, Yana Georginova and Julia Draminska
6. **The role of social media in spreading hatred and conflict,** Krystian Pakula
7. **Youth and civic engagement,** Simone Romagnoli and Ahmed Kuytov
8. **Sport as a mediator of Peace,** Silvère Tian

12:00 – 12:55 PM
Masterclass: "Helping Others to Help, the Power of Empowerment" – Dorothée Merville, Foundation Hippocrène

II. Agenda of the forum

Day 1:

12:55 – 01:00 PM
Art as a Weapon of Peace – Clet Abraham (French street artist, visio presentation)

01:00 – 02:00 PM
Panel: "Women Engaged for Peace and Solidarity"
MODERATION: Marinella Linati and Clothilde Mazurier
Martina Rogato, Women7 Co-Chair, G7 Italy, **Flora Coquerel**, former Miss France and Charity Founder, Benin NGO “Kelina”, **Didi-Stone Olomidé**, Ambassador UNICEF Congo, **Hatice Osman**, first woman elected and youngest ever Mayor of Bulgaria

02:00 – 04:45 PM
Parallel Thematic Workshops
(Held in: Salle des Fêtes, Salle d’Audience RDC, Salle des Commissions, Salle Rotonde RDC)
Covering all 8 thematic sessions listed above.

04:45 – 05:15 PM
First synthesis from the workshops

05:15 – 05:45 PM
Discussion of proposals and debate

05:45 – 06:00 PM
Closing Session of Day 1: "The Importance of Youth in Building World Peace"
Luigi Zotta – Youth Committee of the Italian Commission for UNESCO
Simone Romagnoli – International Youth Coordinator, ACLI
Remon Karam – Human Rights Activist (EuroMed)

Agenda

Day 2:
Location: Salle des Fêtes
09:00 – 10:00 AM
Inter-Associative Networking Breakfast : Jeunes Européens, European Movement, AFEV, Yes Akademia, Cidem, Ligue de l'Enseignement, Unis Cité, Maison de l'Europe

10:00 – 12:30 AM
Continuation of Group Work on the thematic sessions

10:30 AM: Coffee Break

12:30 – 02:00 PM
Networking Lunch

02:00 – 03:00 PM
Plenary: First presentation of final recommendations and projects

Official Presentation by **Mayor Jérémie Redler,** XVIth borough

03:00 – 03:30 PM
Final session theme and selection of recommendations/projects

03:30 – 04:15 PM
Final Plenary Discussion and Voting

- Presentation and voting
- Argumentation and critiques
- Video Intervention: **Emmanuela C. Del Re,** UN Special Representative for Sahel
- **Panel: "Europe-Africa Cooperation in Light of Mediterranean Crises"**

MODERATOR Gabriel Mvogo Saint, President European Cooperation System
Syed Mustafa Ali – Founder International Youth Conference
Fadimatou Iyawa Ousmanou – President, National Youth Council, Cameroun
Dieu Merci Mathsudi Senga – Labor and Entrepreneurship Conselor, Youth Council, Democractic Republic of Congo
Karim Ammelal – French Ambassador for Mediterranean

Agenda

04:15 – 05:00 PM
Closing Words **Rahma sofia Rachdi** – Founder of “The Good Samaritan App”, **Pierre Louis Giscard d’Estaing,** EU election participation promoter **Maria Chiara Prodi** – Director of Maison de l'Italie at the Cité Internationale Universitaire in Paris, **Pierre Jean Gire** – Pontifical Fondation, Ambassador, **Silvère Tian** - Former International Rugbyman

05:00 – 06:00 PM
Final Conclusion Panel:

- Reading and official presentation of youth-agreed recommendations
- Mediator: Collectif pour un Service Civique Européen
- Final reflections and forum **closing statement Domenico De Maio (Visio)**– Education and Culture Director , Fondazione Milano-Cortina 2026



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Proposals summary



PROPOSALS AND PROJECTS SUMMARY

Bringing together over 300 young participants from across the globe, the International Youth Forum, Special Edition for the Paris 2024 Olympics, served as a dynamic platform to co-construct peaceful futures through youth dialogue, diplomacy, and intercultural cooperation. Recommendations are addressed to U.N., E.U. and national decision makers, and projects to be funded under a stipend system.

1. The Impact of Economic Inequality on Global Conflict

Experts, Juan De Lucas (Spain), Arrabal Aid Malaga ; Capucine Amez-Droz (France), Central Bank of France

Addressing the intersectional discrimination and inequalities:

- Mobile help center: a school bus with access to all programs of job insertion, training, mobility.
- The development toolbox: is a one stop shop for States, and NGOs to find access to all development programs, calls, and best practices.
- “You don’t stand alone brother” app: a veteran targeted app to connect and support them, share their story and find ready to use psychological support, reinsertion opportunities.

2. Education as a Means of Preventing Conflict and Promoting Peace

Experts, Luigi Balacco, NGO INCO, Francesca Fecoli (Italy), UNESCO PhD Chair and Loukiane Douce (France)

Participants called for the implementation of "Schools Without Borders", an international digital and in-person education programme to foster intercultural dialogue, and "Empowering Educators", a toolkit and training scheme equipping teachers with skills in conflict transformation, intercultural learning, and non-violent communication.

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3. The Climate emergency as a catalyst for conflict and migration

Experts, Boris Jaros (France), Collectif pour un Service Civique Européen, and European Banking Agency, Anthony Weiler (France): Transition energy programs, Total Energie, Pietro Bova (Italy)

The group focuses on ways to implement COP agreed measures :

- enabling the creation of an international Climate Refugee status
- with a European Environmental Civic Service: funding young people to volunteer long term up to one year, full time, to commit to environmental and climate positive field actions, such as tree planting, depolluting, sensitisation and education to the environment, working in natural parks and sanctuaries. A three step process is imagined i) connecting at European level national general and environmental civic service, to have already massive youth exchanges, engaging jointly in environmental actions, such as in France, Germany and Italy; ii) ensuring a number of spots in the European Solidarity Corps are reserved for Environmental actions, to create a European Climate Corps. iii) accompany all willing countries to develop their own civic service, with environmental field missions.

4. Respect for International Law, Social, Economic and Human Rights, and Sustainable Development in the Construction of Peaceful Societies

Experts, Thierno SD Niang (Senegal): Author, geopolitical expert and consultant on Sahel and Western Africa geopolitics, Senegal, Remon Karam (Italy and Egypt), international activist

Proposals:

- Create a UN Human Rights Research and Implementation Agency
- Enable world / crossborder Citizen Initative consultation
- Create an automatic suspension of international bodies participation and rights in case of accusation of Human Rights violation recognized in courts
- Project - “Global Human Rights Network” of activists and journalists.

PROPOSALS SUMMARY

5. Global Solutions: The Role and Participation of Women, Minorities, and Other Groups at Risk of Discrimination

Experts, Andreea-Gabriela Carabulea (Romania), EU Commission and Yana Georginova (Luxembourg) and Julia Draminska (Poland)

The group decided to organize their proposals on two priorities 1) fighting all forms of discrimination and 2) rights and situation of migrants.

- On discrimination i) systematize anti discrimination and bullying formation as part of educators training ii) develop an online one stop shop and platform of resources on anti discrimination and help providing, iii) but also sources of inspiration for governments willing to act on those matters with policy guidelines and good practices.
- On migration i) having national support units to accompany on integration and provide all assistance centrally ii) develop multilingual access to administrative processes and resources, notably through AI.

One project attracted also attention the “the migrant assistance app” where a migrant can find all contacts for NGOs and institutions / information.

6. The Role of Social Media in Spreading Hatred and Conflict. Youth Views on Cybersecurity, Fake News, and the Online Fight Against Political Violence

Expert, Krystian Pakula (Poland), EU commission

The standout proposal “Touch Grass” advocates for mandatory school workshops combining digital literacy, outdoor activities, and critical thinking training, equipping young people (and their parents) to detect misinformation and resist online polarisation, with the help of AI-powered fact-checking tools.

Across the Forum, youth emphasised the urgent need to i) Strengthen multilateral frameworks for peace ii) Integrate young voices into institutional diplomacy iii) Recognise the transformative power of women and minorities in conflict resolution iv) Tackle structural barriers to education and representation.

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7. Youth civic engagement

Experts, Romagnoli, Simone (Italy): Head of ACLI Youth, Ahmed Kuytov (Bulgaria), Head of Institute Perspectives, Charlemagne Youth Prize 2022 and Nina Niemojewska

One key resolution is to promote the systematisation of career path counselling in all education systems and to develop a “right to complete career plan”.
Two outstanding projects, the second one now partially implemented, were developed:

- The international peace center: is a safe space with professional mediators, aimed at connecting locally people with migrant background from countries / people currently in conflict, in order to foster reconciliation, mutual understanding and not import wars.
- “Voices of Peace”: now applied to be developed for WW2 and former Yugoslavia war, is a specific social media channel enabling survivors of war to testify and speak out.

3. Sport as a peace mediator

Experts Silvère Tian (France): Former national and International Rugbyman, XV of France and Regina Valenzano (Italy)

Several outstanding projects were imagined and the first one immediately implemented during Paris 2024 and Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- “The People’s Gym” are open to all, free, citizens organized sport session, currently implemented, post-forum all across Europe by European Civic Service volunteers.
- “International Peace Tournament” aims to use sport to promote solidarity, youth empowerment, and inclusion.
- “Our Game, Our Voice” offers leadership training and visibility to disadvantaged youth through grassroots engagement,
- “Sporty Escape”: the goal is to propose sport activities to prisoners and youth in education facilities, to connect them through sport.

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ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS



730

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

230



300

RECEIVED PARTICIPANTS



AVERAGE AGE

22

40% Men

60% Women

GENDER DIVERSITY

ABOUT THE PROJECT

GROUP WORK'S HOURS

During the forum: 16h
Before and after the forum: 8h



NUMBER OF EXPERTS

16



NUMBER OF OFFICIALS

17



NUMBER OF YOUTH ASSOCIATION INVOLVED

15



RECOMMANDATIONS

25

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Panelist



PANELISTS

The International Youth Peace Forum, held in Paris on May 3 and 4, 2024, is an international event bringing together diplomats, institutional leaders, representatives of European organizations, civil society activists, and young people from diverse backgrounds. Its main objective is to promote global peace through multilateral dialogue, youth civic engagement, and international cooperation. Supported by the IL Network and the European Civic Service, the initiative is part of a broader movement to reflect on ways to build a sustainable and inclusive peace in the twenty-first century.

The program of the forum was structured over two days, combining institutional sessions, participatory workshops, and thematic panels. The first day opened with an inaugural ceremony attended by several political and diplomatic figures, including Benjamin Sibille, Director of the European Civic Service; Arnauld Ngatcha, Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of Europe and International Relations; and Anne Tallineau, Secretary General of the Franco-German Youth Office. Their opening speeches set the tone of the event by emphasizing the importance of European cooperation and youth involvement in shaping a peaceful future.

The plenary sessions and workshops addressed major contemporary issues related to world peace. Discussions explored the impact of economic inequality on global conflicts, the role of education in preventing violence, the consequences of the climate emergency on migration, the defense of human rights and sustainable development, the inclusion of women and minorities in peacebuilding, the responsibility of social media in spreading hatred and misinformation, youth civic engagement, and the role of sport as a mediator for peace. These themes reflect a global and interdisciplinary vision of peace that considers economic, social, environmental, and cultural dimensions of modern conflicts.



PANELISTS

Several key participants played a central role in the success of the event. **Benjamin Sibille**, Director of the European Civic Service, served as one of the main organizers and moderators, embodying the vision of strengthening transnational youth engagement across Europe. **Arnaud Ngatcha**, Deputy Mayor of Paris for Europe and the Francophonie, represented the political support of the City of Paris and its commitment to international diplomacy. **Ana Hrustanovic**, Ambassador of Serbia to France, participated in the opening panel on regional cooperation for peace, bringing a diplomatic perspective from the Balkans, a region with a complex history of reconciliation. **Marie Trellu Kane**, President of Unis-Cité, led an inspiring master class on the power of solidarity and volunteering, highlighting the importance of social engagement in building peace. **Remon Karam**, human rights activist and Euro-Mediterranean expert, emphasized the crucial role of youth and women in peace dynamics between Europe and Africa. Finally, **Jessica Larsson**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in France, linked the discussions to the European institutional context, stressing the shared responsibility of citizens in addressing global challenges related to peace and democracy.

The International Youth Peace Forum represents much more than a simple gathering of young people. It stands as a genuine laboratory of civic reflection and international cooperation. By bringing together diplomats, academics, civil society actors, and young leaders, it contributes to nurturing a culture of peace based on dialogue, solidarity, and shared responsibility. The forum embodies the conviction that peace is not merely an ideal but a living process that is built through education, cooperation, and collective engagement.



GENERAL INTRODUCTORY SPEECH

Benjamin Sibille – Founder and Director of the Forum and Collective for European Civic Service

Role: Co-moderator of the forum, central organizer, and key figure within the Charlemagne EU Prize Network. Carries the vision of a transnational civic service aimed at strengthening European cohesion and civic engagement.





Arnauld Ngatcha – Deputy Mayor of Paris (Europe and Francophonie)

Role: Patroned the forum and led the project for voting in Paris Parliament.
Ensures the connection between Paris's municipal diplomacy and international youth issues.

"The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games are the Games of the citizens, the Games of all of Europe, and therefore the Games of the young people who aspire to peace and unity. In this respect, this Forum is the best illustration of the Paris Games."

Anne Tallineau - General Secretary, French German Youth Organization (OFAJ/ DFJW)

Role: Patroned the forum andco-funded the participation of French, German and Western Balkans Youth. Came back to long term educational approach undertaken at Eruopean and French-German level, as a key pursuit of Peace



ACTING FOR THE YOUTH - INTRODUCTORY KEYNOTE SPEECH

"Young people demonstrate every day their ability and willingness to get involved, in Europe and beyond. All they need to continue doing so is to be provided with the necessary means for action, in the form of a European Civic Service or, more broadly, a project that embodies this ambition: a society that moves forward for, but above all through, its young people."

Marie Trellu Kane – Co-founder and President of Unis-Cité

Role: Led a Master Class on "The Power to Help Others to Help."
Brings a focus on volunteering and social inclusion, both essential components of sustainable peace.





Dorothée Merville – Director of the Hippocrene Foundation

Role: Led a Master Class on "the role of Foundation and supporting actors in developping Youth field"
The foundation promotes the future of Europe by Young People and funds projects for Europe.

PANEL “ FROM REGIONAL COOPERATION TO WORLD PEACE?”



Jessica Larsson – Head of the Representation of the European Commission in France

Role: Speaker in the panel on multilateralism and peace. Connects the discussions to European policy, especially in the context of the upcoming European elections.

“Europe has always stood for peace, a peace that is now under threat, making the enlargement of Europe all the more necessary. We will always uphold this promise of peace and openness to those who wish to join.”

Bojana Kondic Panic – Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to France

Role: Brings valuable insight from Bosnia and Herzegovina, a country with direct experience in post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, highlighting the importance of diplomacy and international cooperation in maintaining lasting peace in Europe.





Yves Manville – Diplomatic Conselor, Interministerial Delegation for fight against Radicalisation, Ministry of Interior

Representative of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
He moderated exchanges that emphasize cross-border cooperation as a cornerstone of peaceful societies.

PANEL “ FROM REGIONAL COOPERATION TO WORLD PEACE?”

Ana Hrustanovic – Ambassador of Serbia to France

Role: Former Ambassador to EU institutions. Speaker at the opening panel on regional cooperation for peace. Represents the diplomatic dimension and fosters dialogue between the Balkans and Western Europe. Re-explained how RYCO was negotiated and next steps



“Since the beginning of the EU enlargement process, young people have been at the heart of the project. This is what led also the Western Balkans countries to come together around RYCO, an unprecedented initiative for youth cooperation and projects. Our shared horizon, as expressed by everyone on this panel, is Europe. Developing a European Civic Service in the candidate countries and joining the momentum of an European Civic Service may be the best way to move forward toward this common Europe.”



Corina Călugăru – Moldova Ambassador to France

Role: She represented the Embassy of Moldova in discussions on the role of women in the global and European political sectors, and the will of Moldova of European integration.

PANEL “WOMEN ENGAGED, A MATTER OF PEACE”

“We cannot all try to solve everyone’s problems, but we can all try to do something for everyone.”



Flora Coquerel – Former Miss France and Founder of the NGO Kelina (Benin)

Role: Speaker in the panel “Women Engaged for Peace and Solidarity.”
Uses her public influence to advocate for women’s empowerment and humanitarian action in Africa. Her participation links cultural visibility with social commitment, showing how influence can be used to promote peace and solidarity.

PATRON INTRODUCTORY SPEECH

Jérémy Redler, Mayor of the XVIth Borough

Co funded and hosted the first edition of the International Youth for Peace Olympic Forum



“It was impossible for our City Hall, not to host the first edition of this event: about youth, about peace, about citizen engagement, about, in summary Paris and the French spirit!“

PANEL “WOMEN ENGAGED, A MATTER OF PEACE”

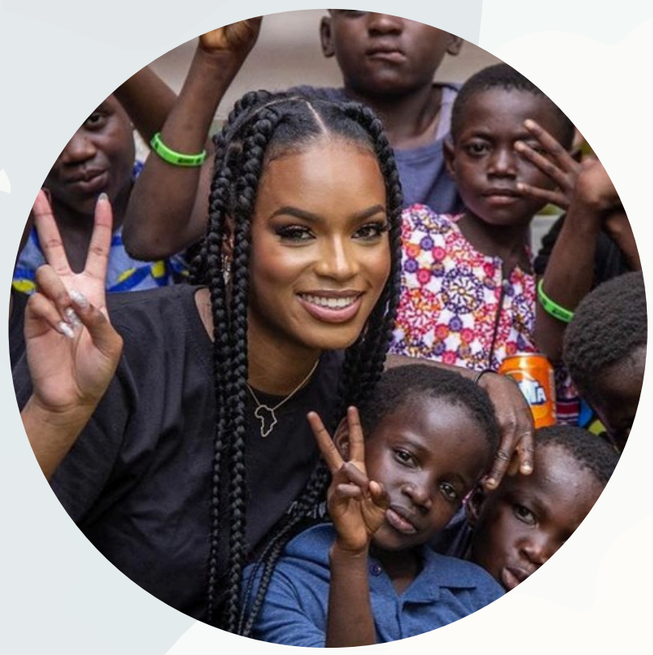


Martina Rogato – Women7 Co-Chair, G7 Italy

Discussed the strategic role of gender equality in global governance, showing how women’s leadership transforms peace and solidarity policies at the highest levels

Didi Stone Olomidé– Ambassador UNICEF Congo, International recognized singer and model

She shared the perspective of young female leadership in child protection, showing how youth advocacy influenced inclusive approaches to peace.





Hatice Osman – First woman elected and youngest ever Mayor of Bulgaria

She testified to the transformative impact of youth and women’s leadership in local governance, emphasizing community-based peacebuilding.

“Giving women their rightful place, whether in politics, the economy, the arts, or culture, is not about compensating for centuries of harm done to a minority; it is simply allowing society to move forward on both its two feet and not depriving itself of the contributions of half of humanity.”

PANEL : “VISIONS FROM THE YOUTH”



Luigi Zotta – Youth Committee of the Italian Commission for UNESCO

He outlined UNESCO-aligned youth initiatives promoting intercultural dialogue and showed how young people actively shaped peace structures.



Simone Romagnoli – International Youth Coordinator, ACLI

He shared experiences of community-based solidarity and cross-cultural engagement, advocating for youth as drivers of social cohesion.

“All young people aspire to peace, yet how many have been drawn into war? Giving young people a voice and enabling them to engage in the future of society is building a path toward lasting peace. This is why the initiative we are trying to implement for this forum is so important.”

Remon Karam – Human Rights Activist (EuroMed)

Role: Spoke in panels on migration and EU–Africa cooperation.
Represents the voice of young activists from the Global South, advocating for rights and international justice.



“I am Italian, I am Egyptian, I am a migrant, but above all, for all these reasons, I am a citizen of a world that is more open and inclusive of one another. The sufferings of today must become the lessons of tomorrow. This is the sacred mission to which we must all dedicate ourselves, young and old alike.”

MASTER CLASS



Emanuela C. Del RE – EU Special Representative for the Sahel, Former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and MP of Italy

As EU Special Representative for the Sahel, she could have addressed the urgent security, humanitarian, and governance challenges shaping the region's stability.

"It is important that young people are at the center of peace processes and intercultural dialogues, as they are an integral part of the solutions to systemic problems, and in many ways, sadly the current conflict in the Near East is the best example of this potential key contribution."

PANEL: “WHAT ROLE FOR AFRICA ON THE GLOBAL STAGE?”

Syed Mustafa Ali – Founder International Youth Conference

He brought a global perspective on youth participation, demonstrating how international youth platforms influenced peace and rights policies.





Gabriel Mvogo Saint – President of the European Cooperation System.

Representative of the Organizing Consortium.
He introduced the collective vision of the organizing bodies and later moderated exchanges that emphasize cross-border cooperation as a cornerstone of peaceful societies.

Fadimatou Iyawa Ousmanou – President, National Youth Council, Cameroun

She presented the aspirations and challenges of African youth, stressing their central role in addressing regional crises and building peace.



PANEL: “WHAT ROLE FOR AFRICA ON THE GLOBAL STAGE?”



Dieu Merci Mathsudi Senga – Labor and Entrepreneurship Conselor, Youth Council, RDC

He explored how employment, economic inclusion, and entrepreneurship supported peace by reducing vulnerabilities that fuel conflict.

Karim Ammelal – French Ambassador for Mediterranean

He analysed geopolitical tensions shaping the Mediterranean region and showed how coordinated policies addressed migration and stability challenges.



“In a world where wars — which, in truth, never disappeared — are increasingly present in the news, the role of the United Nations is more crucial than ever, and for that very reason, increasingly challenged. It is there, and only there, that nations and peoples meet on an equal footing to decide the common future of humanity. For us Africans, committed young people, citizens of the world, there is no other path towards the development of ourselves and of all of us together.”

EXCLUSIVE PARTNERS

Rahma sofia Rachdi – Founder of “The Good Samaritan App”

She presented her tech-based solidarity initiative, showing the film on how digital tools mobilized civic engagement and strengthened peaceful communities.



FIND HERE THE GOOD SAMARITAN APP

Pierre Louis Giscard d’Estaing

Promoter of a EU campaign for participation in 2024 EU Parliament elections





Clet Abraham – French Street Artist

He presented art as a symbolic force capable of challenging violence and creating societal dialogue through accessible visual expression.

Speaking about his work ***Peace*** *:*
“Art is not only a mediator of peace. Every artistic creation is about peace — peace as a way for individuals to express to the world what they carry within themselves.”

GENERAL CONCLUSION



Maria Chiara Prodi – Director of Maison de l'Italie at the Cité Internationale Universitaire in Paris

She illustrated how intercultural academic communities fostered peaceful coexistence and prepared young leaders for global citizenship and co-funded the forum.

"Gatherings of this kind, which we may sometimes see as nothing more than a brief enchanted interlude, are often what truly matters in the long term: allowing people to meet, to build connections, and to understand the human fragility we all share. This, undoubtedly, is what leads us toward lasting peace. Doing so by coming together around selflessness and the desire to build projects for society is what enables us to move forward together, with a deeper understanding of one another."



Pierre Jean Gire – Pontifical Fondation, Ambassador

He discussed humanitarian and ethical dimensions of interreligious relations, highlighting faith-based diplomacy as a tool for conflict mitigation.

"His Holiness Pope Francis has set two priorities for his apostolic mission: the same two that have challenged us for more than two thousand years and far beyond — the cause of the poor and the oppressed, and the pursuit of sustainable, equitable development that benefits everyone. It is a great pleasure and a privilege to see gathered in this room young people from all around the world, with their differences and their personal journeys, yet united by the same calling: to build together a better world for all."

GENERAL CONCLUSION

“Sport is never only about sport. It’s about values, it’s about your self development or reaching something greater for mankind. It’s about the pride of representing something positive and coming together.

Peace is certainly not only about Sport, but certainly Sport is about Peace”

Silvère Tian - Former International Rugbyman

He discussed humanitarian and ethical dimensions of interreligious relations, highlighting faith-based diplomacy as a tool for conflict mitigation.



CONCLUSION ENGAGEMENT



Domenico De Maio – Education and Culture Director , Fondazione Milano-Cortina 2026

Role: Contributed via video intervention during the closing session. Represents connection with 2026 Winter Olympics and Paralympics games.

"On behalf of the Milan–Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Games, congratulations to Paris — not only for Games that promise to be extraordinary, but also for this initiative that perfectly embodies the Olympic spirit: the spirit of self-transcendence, of bringing cultures and nations together around a common purpose, and, of course, of peace.

We are very proud, and we look forward to hosting the second edition of this forum during our own 2026 Games."

PANELISTS

The main panels were complemented by testimonials from **European Civic Service** alumni and current volunteers, whose lived experiences offered a grounded and human dimension to the discussions. These young voices—coming from various Member States and socio-cultural backgrounds—shared personal stories of engagement in post-conflict regions, social integration projects, and environmental initiatives. Their interventions powerfully illustrated how **civic service** acts as a laboratory for **peace**, **resilience**, and **intercultural dialogue.**

Together, the panellists created a dynamic space for **exchange and inspiration**, where institutional actors, civil society leaders, and youth representatives converged around a common ambition: **to build a more peaceful, united, and democratic Europe** through **engaged** and **empowered young citizens**.



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INTRODUCTION TO THEMATIC SESSIONS

As part of the Forum's work, eight thematic sessions were launched to address **key global challenges**. For each topic, a dedicated working group of young participants was formed. These groups became spaces for open dialogue, mutual learning, and respectful exchange of ideas.
The aim was to go beyond discussion: each group worked collaboratively to develop concrete proposals and **recommendations**. These outcomes, shaped by the diverse perspectives of the youth involved, will be further developed and included in the final Forum report. Dialogue, cooperation, and collective reflection were at the heart of each group's work, emphasizing the importance of youth engagement in building peaceful and inclusive societies.
Below is a brief overview of each thematic area:

1. The Impact of Economic Inequality on Global Conflict



This group examined how widening **economic disparities** contribute to social tensions, unrest, and violent conflict. Through discussion, participants explored solutions to promote **equitable economic policies** and **access to resources**.

2. Education as a Means of Preventing Conflict and Promoting Peace



Focusing on the transformative power of **education**, this group worked on ideas to strengthen educational systems as tools for **peace-building**, **inclusivity**, and **intercultural dialogue.**

3. The Climate Emergency as a Catalyst for Conflict and Migration



Participants addressed the link between **environmental degradation**, climate-induced **displacement**, and rising conflicts, proposing youth-led initiatives for **climate action** and **resilience building.**

4. Respect for International Law, Social, Economic and Human Rights, and Sustainable Development in the Construction of Peaceful Societies



This group reflected on how adherence to **legal and ethical standards** underpins peace. They discussed ways to reinforce global commitments to **human rights** and **sustainable development goals**.

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5. Global Solutions: The Role and Participation of Women, Minorities, and Other Groups at Risk of Discrimination

With an emphasis on **inclusivity**, this group highlighted the need for **equal representation** in peace processes, emphasizing **empowerment** and **protection** of marginalized voices.



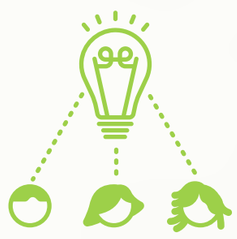
6. The Role of Social Media in Spreading Hatred and Conflict. Youth Views on Cybersecurity, Fake News, and the Online Fight Against Political Violence

Recognizing the **digital sphere** as both a tool and a threat, participants debated the **responsibilities o**f platforms and governments, and developed youth perspectives on **safeguarding digital spaces**.



7. Youth Civic Engagement

This group explored the importance of **youth involvement** in political and social life, brainstorming mechanisms to support **active citizenship**, **democratic participation,** and **leadership** development.



8. Sport as Peace Mediator

By examining the unifying potential of **sports**, this group proposed ways to harness sporting events and institutions to promote **reconciliation**, **dialogue**, and **peaceful coexistence**.



THE RICHNESS OF EACH GROUP'S WORK IS A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF YOUTH-LED DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION.

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WORKSHOP 1 - THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC INEQUALITY ON GLOBAL CONFLICT

Following the principles of Sustainable Development Goals of the U.N., this workshop focused on concrete projects and solutions fostering sustainable development, in an approach mixing up self development, education, development aid and participation:

To lead the discussion:

- **Juan De Lucas (Spain):** Head, Arrabal Aid Malaga
- **Capucine Amez-Droz (France):** Central Bank of France

Around **twenty five young participants** attended

GOAL OF THE WORKSHOP

Showcase how growth and fair development can work hand in hand, and how to develop society for all.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLUTION 1 - “THE MOBILE SUPPORT BUS”

It is a **youth-led initiative** calling for the creation of a **mobile bus** that travels through **cities** to promote **partner NGOs and public programs and institutions offering help**.

Its main goals are to:

- **raise awareness** about **social rights**, **mobility**, and **integration opportunities**,
- **provide information** and **guidance** through a **dedicated team**, uniting all type of expertises on one stop
- **bring together services** similar to **Europe Direct centers**, **youth centers**, and **social centers** in a **mobile format**.

Supported by **partner institutions** and **NGOs**, the **“Mobile Support Bus” project** envisions a **fully equipped vehicle** staffed by **professionals** who **engage with communities**, **offer educational sessions**, and **connect citizens** with **programs** and **resources** available **locally.**

RESOLUTION 2 - “THE DEVELOPMENT TOOLBOX”

Supporting economic development in developing countries is key to empowering communities and civil society.

The project “**Development Toolbox: A One-Stop Platform for Growth and Assistance**” provides a digital hub for successful development programs, policy examples, calls for proposals, and guidance for implementation.

It enables governments, NGOs, and citizens to access the tools and resources needed for sustainable growth, such as international help programs, open calls...

By centralizing **knowledge** and **opportunities** in one place, the platform aims to make development efforts more **effective** and **inclusive**.

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CONCRETE PROJECT TO BE FUNDED

PROJECT - “VETERANS CONNECT: A SUPPORT AND REINTEGRATION PLATFORM”

Facilitating the reintegration of veterans into society is essential for their well-being and for fostering inclusive communities.

The project “**Veterans Connect: A Support and Reintegration Platform**” is designed to provide a digital space where veterans from all countries can connect, access guidance, and receive assistance.

The platform includes:

- Opportunities to discuss experiences and share support with other veterans.
- Access to psychological help and counselling services.
- Job listings and a peer-to-peer support system offering pathways for social and professional reintegration.

By centralizing resources and connections, the platform aims to empower veterans and ease their transition back into society.



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WORKSHOP 2 - EDUCATION AS A MEANS OF PREVENTING CONFLICT AND PROMOTING PEACE

Following UNESCO's adoption in 2023 of the Recommendation on Education for Peace, Human Rights, and Sustainable Development, the **International Youth for Peace Forum** (special edition for the Paris 2024 Olympics) hosted a workshop focused on **"Education as a tool for conflict prevention and peacebuilding".**

To lead the discussion:

- **Luigi Balacco (Italy):** youth worker and project manager at Associazione InCo - Interculturalità & Comunicazione
- **Francesca Fecoli (Italy):** assistant at the UNESCO Chair and PhD candidate at the University of Ferrara

As coordinator:

- **Loukiane Doucet (France):** research director at FDNU and master's student at Sorbonne.

Around **twenty young participants** attended

GOAL OF THE WORKSHOP

Explored how young people can use **education** as a **key driver for peace** and **international understanding.**



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WORKSHOP 2 - EDUCATION AS A MEANS OF PREVENTING CONFLICT AND PROMOTING PEACE

FIRST SESSION
Three discussion groups worked on the following themes

1. Every child should have the opportunity to learn, grow, and become and agent of change-maker.
2. Educated individuals are sometimes involved in conflicts.
3. Education is both a basic right and a tool for a peaceful and sustainable future.

YOUNG PARTIPANTS IDENTIFIED

Polarization and **politicization** of **education** are key drivers of conflict
Integrate n**ew technologies** to **foster inclusion**
Being educated doesn't always **mean** acting for **peace**

SECOND SESSION

The participants were divided into two groups to imagine and create innovative educational projects for peace.
They started by analyzing the global education system, identifying key gaps and emerging threats.
The participants highlighted the **polarization of public debate** and the **politicization of knowledge** as **major challenges**.
In response, they developed a sustainable project and proposed two recommendations to strenghten education as a tool for peace.

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RESOLUTION 1 - “SCHOOLS WITHOUT BORDERS”

It is a **youth-led initiative** calling for the development of an **innovative international education system** for high school students worldwide.

Its main goals are to:



- **PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE-SHARING**,
- **ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**,
- **BUILD MEANINGFUL GLOBAL CONNECTIONS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE**.

Supported by regional organizations, the United Nations, and public fundraising efforts,
the “School without borders” project envisions a model in which students would **attend one class per month** taught by a teacher from a foreign country.
This experience would also offer opportunities for **cross-cultural collaboration** on academic projects with international peers.

RESOLUTION 2 - “EMPOWERING EDUCATORS: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES FOR PEACE TRAINING”

Educating teachers remains one of the most effective approaches to raise awareness among young people about conflict and peace-related issues.

The project “Empowering Educators: Innovative Strategies for Peace Training” is an initiative designed to equip educators with pedagogical strategies for conflict resolution.

The proposal includes:
Organizing a seven-day training course for teachers from different countries.

For those unable to attend in person, a **digital toolkit** will be made available, offering **comprehensive resources** on non-violent communication, intercultural interaction, and conflict management.

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WORKSHOP 3 - THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AS A CATALYST FOR CONFLICT AND MIGRATION

Following the GIEC and diverse COPs recommendations, reports and engagement, this group sought to identify concrete ways to mobilize the large willingness of Youth to engage on those urgent issues.

To lead the discussion:

- **Boris Jaros (France):** President, Collectif pour un Service Civique Europeen, Climate and environmental action task force, European Banking Agency
- **Anthony Weiler (France):** Transition energy programs, Total Energie

As coordinator:

- **Bova Pietro (Italy)**

Around **thirty five young participants** attended

GOAL OF THE WORKSHOP

Propose **concrete ways** to transform the willingness of the **youth to engage for environment in positive actions with an impact on the ground**



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CONCRETE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PROJECT - "EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL CIVIC CORPS" (PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED NOW THROUGH PROJECTS AND ONGOING DISCUSSIONS)

Promoting **ecological civic engagement** across **Europe** is essential to address **environmental challenges** and strengthen **youth involvement**.

The project "**European Environmental Civic Corps**" aims to **expand** and **coordinate** existing **civic service programs**, creating a **large-scale platform and deploy massively joint environmental missions**.

The proposal includes:

- **Scaling up** programs in countries like **France**, **Germany**, and **Italy and articulating them in a cooperation for common environmental missions**.
- **Establishing** environmental **civic service programs** where none exist.
- **Allocating a minimum quota** of the **European Solidarity Corps (ESC**) for **environmental projects and develop by this a European Climate Corps**.
- **Integrating** a requirement in **EU-funded environmental and climate programs** to involve **youth** through **ESC initiatives**.

By **combining** and **expanding** these efforts, the project seeks to **mobilize young people** across Europe for **impactful environmental action**.

RESOLUTION - "CLIMATE REFUGEE STATUS INITIATIVE"

Addressing the growing **climate crisis** requires **legal protections** for those forced to **flee**.

The project "**Climate Refugee Status Initiative**" proposes creating an official **status for climate refugees**, inspired by the way the **Nansen Passport** of the **1920s and 1930s**, which protected millions, led eventually to the **international refugee current framework**.

This status would provide **recognition**, **protection**, and access to **essential support** for **displaced communities**, representing a proactive step toward **global solidarity** in the face of **climate-related displacement**.

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WORKSHOP 4 - RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE BUILDING OF SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES

Threatened and negated internally and in many conflicts across the world, international law remains the safeguard of those in need of protection against abuse and tyranny. This workshop explores the actuality of the international law framework and how to mobilise around those notions.

To lead the discussion:

- **Thierno SD Niang (Senegal):** Author, geopolitical expert and consultant on Sahel and Western Africa geopolitics, Senegal
- **Remon Karam (Italy and Egypt)**: international activist

Around **twenty young participants** attended

GOAL OF THE WORKSHOP

Explored how to to protect Human Rights and foster their development as a way for shared collective and individual prosperity



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RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLUTION 1 - “UN HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND IMPLEMENTATION BODY ”

Strengthening **global human rights protection** requires dedicated structures capable of advancing **research**, **monitoring**, and **implementation** efforts.

The proposal suggests creating a new **United Nations body** specifically focused on **human rights research**, **capacity-building**, and supporting the **effective** implementation of international human rights standards across member states.

Inspired by existing similar **European agencies** in this field, this body would:

- Conduct **independent research** on human rights situations worldwide,
- Provide **technical assistance** to states to improve compliance,
- Support the creation of **evidence-based policies**,
- Reinforce **implementation mechanisms** within the UN system.

By establishing a dedicated global entity, this proposal aims to enhance **consistency**, **transparency**, and **effectiveness** in the promotion and protection of **human rights** worldwide.

RESOLUTION 2 - “GLOBAL CITIZENS’ INITIATIVE”

Introducing a **Global Citizens’ Initiative** is proposed to enhance **participation** and **accountability** at the **international level**.

This initiative would allow **individuals**, based on **collective positions**, to bring specific **issues** to the attention of the **United Nations**. It also includes the idea that **member states** could commit, in a **binding** way, to respect positions adopted through the initiative.

Such a mechanism would strengthen **citizen engagement** and make **international decision-making** more **inclusive** and **responsive**.

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RECOMMENDATION AND CONCRETE PROJECT

RESOLUTION 3 - “HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANCE”

Strengthening the enforcement of **human rights** within the United Nations is essential for global accountability.

The **Human Rights Compliance Proposal** suggests **reforming** the UN system to allow for the **automatic suspension of voting rights** in the **General Assembly**, and potentially the **Security Council**, in cases of **serious human rights violations**.

Such violations would be determined based on findings from **international courts** and **judicial bodies**.

This proposal aims to ensure that **member states** are held **accountable** for **human rights compliance** and to reinforce the **credibility** of the UN.

PROJECT - “GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS NETWORK”

Ensuring robust **human rights protection** requires a coordinated **global effort**.

The project “**Global Human Rights Network**” proposes funding an **international network** of **activists** and **journalists**, supported by **participating countries**, to **exchange information**, **collaborate**, and provide **mutual support** across borders.

The project also aims to strengthen the **capacity** of **human rights committees** by giving them more **influence** and **tools** to act effectively.

By connecting **experts** and **activists** worldwide, the project seeks to enhance **accountability** and protect **human rights** more effectively.

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WORKSHOP 5 - GLOBAL SOLUTIONS: THE ROLE AND PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN, MINORITIES AND OTHER GROUPS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

The working group was highly engaged throughout the Friday and Saturday sessions. Lively and thought-provoking, the debates were driven by both the young participants and the experts, who helped guide the conversation. To ensure productive discussions, key themes were carefully selected by the experts, focusing on moments that are particularly prone to fostering discrimination.

To lead the discussion:

- **Andreea-Gabriela Carabulea (Romania) :** EU Commission

As coordinators:

- **Yana Georginova (Luxembourg) and Julia Draminska (Poland)**

MIGRATION CONTEXT:

Particular attention was given to the challenges posed by **language barriers** for migrant families arriving in a new country.

ACADEMIC CONTEXT:

The focus was placed on the teacher-student relationship, highlighting its impact on the **learning environment**.

PROFESSIONAL CONTEXT:

The discussion aimed to address the **underrepresentation of women and minorities in leadership** and decision-making roles.

The group sought to identify the **true victims of discrimination** and understand the underlying reasons.

The goal was to place these individuals at the heart of the proposed solutions, ensuring they would be the primary beneficiaries of the measures put in place.

Here are the **victims identified**:



MIGRANTS

MIGRANT'S CHILDREN



WOMEN



DISABBLED PERSONS



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PROPOSALS

The workshop was divided into smaller sessions to better address the specific needs and characteristics of the targeted groups.
Two main areas were particularly highlighted for the clarity of their proposals and for being both pragmatically sound and feasible in implementation.

1 RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION AND DISCRIMINATION

Participants of the workshop recognized that **discrimination** against **sociocultural groups** often originates within **educational systems**, particularly through the way young people are exposed—or not exposed—to diverse role models, especially those from minority backgrounds.
A major factor contributing to the persistence of this issue is the limited **access to relevant information** and the **absence of networks** for sharing effective anti-discrimination strategies.

To address the root causes of discrimination in education, participants proposed the following measures:



1.Specialized Training for Educators
Implement a dedicated **training program** for educators focused on **revising teaching methods** and reinforcing **preventive approaches**. The goal is to foster inclusive learning environments where discrimination has no place.

2. Online Support Forum
Develop an **online platform** to facilitate dialogue between students experiencing discrimination and educators who can offer **guidance and support**.





3. Dynamic Digital Platform
Digital sphere played a central role in the debate, leading to the formulation of a specific **recommendation**.
The idea centers on creating a dynamic digital platform. This tool would provide **daily strategies** for combating discrimination and offer **up-to-date information** on **anti-discrimination organizations**, such as the European Observatory on Discrimination.

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2 RESOLUTION ON MASS MIGRATION AND MIGRATORY FLOWS

Europe is at the heart of one of the largest **migration flows** in the world, though not the only one. **Migration** often brings significant challenges for those experiencing it, with **language barriers** being among the most critical. Migrants frequently do not speak the language of the host country, which can lead to **discrimination** against both parents and their children. While children tend to adapt more quickly, they still carry the burden of being perceived as different from local peers and create social **inequalities** between local youth and newcomers.

This highlights the urgent need to support parents, particularly with **administrative procedure**s, which can be a major obstacle and play a decisive role in the future inclusion of both the family and the young migrants' **integration journey**.

Here are some proposals raised to alleviate this situation:

1 .Support Units in Each Country

Establish **national support units** to relieve children with migrant backgrounds of **administrative duties** by assisting their families directly with bureaucratic processes. Thanks to this measure, the burden of navigating administrative processes would no longer fall on either the parents or the children.



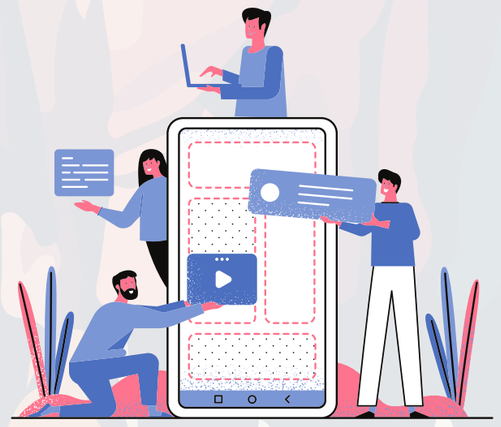


2. Multilingual Administrative Documents

Translate essential administrative documents into **multiple languages** beyond just French and English to support migrant families' **understanding** and **autonomy**. This idea tackles the language barrier at its source and heals discrimination by making crucial **information accessible** and **understandable** to newcomers. It can leverage AI tools.

3. Assistance App

Develop a mobile application that shares **contact** details for **associations** that help migrant families navigate administrative procedures. In the age of the digital era, the use of technology can become a powerful tool in the fight against discrimination.



The two-day workshop fostered in-depth discussions, enabling participants to explore a wide range of perspectives on discrimination. The key insight was that discrimination is a deeply entrenched issue that demands targeted action at its roots. Education and inclusive communication emerged as crucial areas for development to effectively combat and diminish discrimination in the long term.

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WORKSHOP 6 - THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN SPREADING HATRED AND CONFLICT. POINTS YOUTH PERSPECTIVE ON CYBERSECURITY, FAKE NEWS AND THE ONLINE FIGHT AGAINST POLITICAL VIOLENCE

The growing influence of social media in modern societies, particularly among youth, was widely acknowledged. While individuals regularly use these platforms to share their worldviews, it was observed that they do not always act as agents of peace.

The working group, composed of approximately 15 participants, focused on the impact of social media on society, with a specific emphasis on its effects on young people—an issue at the heart of the International Youth Forum for Peace held in Paris on May 3–4, 2024.

To lead the discussion:

- **Krystian Pakula (Poland):** EU commission

Each subgroup examined a distinct topic: fake news, cyber violence, and online political violence. These groups worked on identifying the challenges associated with each issue and proposed corresponding solutions at the local, regional, and international levels. At the conclusion of the sessions, participants formulated a set of recommendations. Through a collective voting process, three key recommendations were selected for presentation to the public. All three were found to converge on a single central theme: education.

There was unanimous agreement among participants on the urgent need to raise youth awareness regarding the risks and harmful consequences of social media misuse. Consequently, the group resolved to concentrate their efforts on developing a single, comprehensive proposal centred on education as a preventive and constructive approach.



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PROPOSAL

Following a series of discussions and exchanges, the thematic group put forward a key recommendation titled “**Touch Grass**”, a symbolic call to reconnect with foundational values and reality in the digital age.
The central aim of this proposal is to **make digital education workshops mandatory in schools**, particularly in middle and high schools, as part of the formal curriculum.
The initiative targets young people aged 10 to 25, as well as parents of children under 18, with age-specific content designed to **foster digital awareness, critical thinking, and emotional resilience**. Recognizing the growing exposure of youth to online hate speech and misinformation, the workshops will equip participants with tools to navigate these challenges.

Key components of the workshops include:

- **Simulated exercises** (e.g., role-playing bullying or gossip scenarios),
- **Prevention activities and outdoor sessions**,
- **Roundtable discussions**,
- **Re-education on cultural values and emotional well-being**, aimed at preserving the essence of a healthy childhood.

An important feature of this recommendation is the **multistakeholder approach**. Educational delivery will be supported by:

- Academics, trained specifically in media literacy and online behaviour,
- NGOs,
- The European Commission,
- National government representatives,
- School institutions themselves.

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Educators selected for these programs will ideally be **young teachers with firsthand experience using social media**, ensuring relatability and relevance in their engagement with students.

To address misinformation and online hate effectively, the initiative also proposes the integration of AI-powered fact-checking tools into the curriculum. Students will learn how to verify content by identifying keywords and cross-referencing information from global sources. Additional exercises, such as scrolling tasks, will teach students to critically assess the content they consume.

The expected benefits of this initiative include:

- Raising awareness that **online life is not a complete or accurate reflection of reality**,
- Teaching that **social media content is often personalized**, thus creating echo chambers,
- **Fostering a sense of belonging through shared real-life experiences**,
- **Developing critical thinking skills** to assess and interpret media content.

This recommendation reflects a proactive and systemic approach to countering hate speech and misinformation, while promoting responsible digital citizenship and emotional well-being among youth.



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WORKSHOP 7 - YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Following UNESCO's adoption in 2023 of the Recommendation on Education for Peace, Human Rights, and Sustainable Development, the **International Youth Forum for Peace** (special edition for the Paris 2024 Olympics) hosted a workshop focused on **"Education as a tool for conflict prevention and peacebuilding".**

To lead the discussion:

- **Romagnoli, Simone (Italy):** Head of ACLI Youth, the Social Movement from the Church
- **Ahmed Kuytov (Bulgaria):** Head of Institute Perspectives, Charlemagne Youth Prize 2022

As coordinator:

- **Nina Niemojewska**

Around **twenty young participants** attended

GOAL OF THE WORKSHOP

Explore concrete action opportunities and ways for the youth to influence the society and build their own future



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RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION - “YOUTH EDUCATION AND CAREER GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL”

Fostering **youth development** and **active participation** in **governance** is essential for building **inclusive societies**.

The “**Youth Education and Career Governance Proposal**” suggests integrating **mandatory education** and **individualized career planning** into **youth governance structures**.

The proposal includes:

- Creating **neutral spaces for dialogue** to engage communities and promote **intercultural exchange**.
- Establishing **individualized career plans** as a **right** for all **young people**.
- Involving **youth** in the **governance** of these structures, such as **youth centers** and **local mission offices**.

This proposal aims to **empower young people** and strengthen their **role in society** by combining **education**, **career support**, and **governance participation**.

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CONCRETE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED

PROJECT 1 - “PEACE CENTRE / MAISON DE LA PAIX”

Promoting **dialogue** and **understanding** among **youth** is essential for building **lasting peace**.

The project “**Peace Center / Maison de la Paix**” proposes creating a **safe space** where **young people** can **meet**, participate in **conferences**, and engage in **dialogues** led by **youth from countries affected by conflict**.

The center will also host **interfaith** and **multiethnic exchange sessions**, fostering **mutual understanding** and **collaboration**.

By providing a dedicated **space for interaction** and **learning**, the project aims to empower **youth** to become **ambassadors of peace** in their communities.

PROJECT 2 - “VOICES OF PEACE PODCAST”

Amplifying the **voices** of those affected by **conflict** is essential to foster **understanding** and **peace**.

The project “**Voices of Peace**” proposes creating a **global podcast platform** to share the **testimonies** of individuals who have **experienced** or are still **experiencing war**.

By giving **victims** a platform to share their **stories**, the project aims to raise **awareness**, promote **empathy**, and contribute to a **culture of peace** worldwide.

Focus on a success story : this project is now starting to be implemented, first collecting living memories from WW2 and Yugoslavian wars, before expanding to other realities.

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WORKSHOP 8 – SPORT AS A MEDIATOR OF PEACE

During the sessions held on the 3rd and 4th of May, focused on the theme "Sport as a Mediator for Peace," extensive discussions were conducted with participation from various experts. The core of the subject was promptly addressed, with a meticulous examination of the implications of sport as a catalyst for peace.

The exchanges were enriching and productive, allowing for a thorough exploration of the various aspects of this theme. Various solutions were identified by both attendees and experts, aimed at revitalizing sport and promoting cooperation and unity through its platform. The primary objective was clearly defined: to harness the power of sport to foster collaboration and solidarity among communities.

To lead the discussion:

- **Silvère Tian (France):** Former national and International Rugbyman, XV of France

As coordinator:

- **Regina Valenzano (Italy)**



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CONCRETE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED

During the thematic group discussions, both participants and experts identified a series of initiatives designed to revitalize the role of sport as a vehicle for promoting cooperation, unity, and social inclusion. These proposals reflect a shared objective: to harness the transformative power of sport to strengthen community ties and foster solidarity across diverse populations.

1. **The Community Gym ("Salle de sport populaire")**

This initiative envisions the establishment of community-centered gyms. The gym, free and self managed, would serve as a local hub for promoting diverse sporting disciplines, encouraging community participation, and fostering integration. The primary beneficiaries include students, who will gain physical and life skills; unemployed individuals, who may access employment pathways through skill-building and networking; and women, with targeted efforts to promote gender equality and safe environments in sport. Additionally, the gym will actively welcome people from diverse ethnic and social backgrounds to promote cultural exchange and inclusivity.

Focus on a "Success Story": this project was immediately implemented during Paris 2024 by Italian and Polish Youth deployed during its organization and continue to be implemented across the European Civic Service Volunteers network.

2. **International Peace Tournament**

A multisport event with an international dimension, this tournament will feature mixed-nationality teams, inclusive sports, and thematic debates centered on fair play and diversity. Each participating team will support a charitable organization, with winners receiving funds to further social initiatives. The event aims to promote integration, support disadvantaged groups, and encourage volunteering. Target audiences include youth, unemployed individuals, women, people with disabilities, and those from multicultural backgrounds. By incorporating inclusive practices and cross-cultural participation, the tournament seeks to highlight sport as a catalyst for unity and peace.

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3. **Our Game, Our Voice ("Notre jeu, notre voix")**
Focused on youth empowerment, this project targets adolescents aged 13 to 18 by promoting leadership, inclusion, and gender equality through sport. Team captains will participate in training sessions with experts, share experiences, and disseminate new knowledge within their local clubs. The initiative aims to equip young people with leadership, conflict resolution, and team-building skills, while fostering a culture of collaboration and mutual support. Participants are also encouraged to become ambassadors for social change within their communities.

4. **Sporty Escape ("L’évasion sportive")**
This socially-driven project seeks to connect disadvantaged youth from diverse backgrounds with local sports teams tailored to their interests. Through thematic tournaments addressing issues such as health, well-being, and environmental awareness, participants experience meaningful engagement and community integration. The initiative aims to boost confidence, develop social skills, and foster a sense of belonging. A highlight of the program is the opportunity for participants to present their journeys and achievements at a major sporting event, thereby raising awareness of sport as a powerful tool for social inclusion.

These initiatives underscore the exceptional capacity of sport to transcend boundaries and serve as a platform for peace, empowerment, and inclusion. By investing in sport-based programs that promote diversity, intercultural dialogue, and fair play, communities can advance tangible solutions to social challenges and build a more harmonious future. The thematic group extends its sincere appreciation to experts Ms. Regina Valenzano and Mr. Silvère Tian for their outstanding contributions to the development of these proposals.

FINAL GLOBAL RECOMMENDATION

GLOBAL OVERARCHING PROJECT FOR YOUTH

PROJECT - “GLOBAL CIVIC SERVICE”

Providing all **young people** with opportunities for **long-term educational** and **work-related experiences** is essential for **personal development** and **societal progress.**

The project “**Global Civic Service**” proposes that every **young person** has the **right** to a **funded 6- to 12-month civic service placement** in an **NGO** or **public institution**, carrying out m**issions of general interest** in their own country or a **partner country** after completing **secondary education**.

This initiative would enable **large-scale public investment** to address **21st-century challenges**, including **environmental protection**, **energy transition**, **digitalization**, and **public health**, through the mobilization of **civic service programs**.

It would also give all **youth** access to a **Vocational Public Interest Gap Year**, allowing them to **explore their interests**, **gain professional experience**, and make more **informed choices** about **future studies** or **careers**.

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Initiative included in the Gen26 educational program of Milano Cortina 2026

- Implementation of peace solutions for the future
- Citizen engagement and social participation
- Creating a global network of engaged young leaders
- Intercultural and multi-faith dialogue among youth

within the framework of Gen26 EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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This guiding vision will shape the **2026 Peace Forum**.

The second edition, **confirmed as an official initiative included in the Gen26 educational program of Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics** aims to further promote the values of **youth inclusion** in institutional processes and contribute to building a **peaceful** and **empowered Europe**.

The Forum will take place in the Lombardy region—an area rich in history and culture, with U.N., E.U. and Catholic Church patronages.

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