

Raising EU Awareness through accessible documents for youth

# READY Training | Report

Training in Strasbourg (FR), 11-17 December 2022

## Summary

On 11-17 December, young people with diverse backgrounds met in Strasbourg to **learn about Europe and the policies of the European Union** on the one hand, and **how to design efficient infographics** on the other hand. They were brought together by the READY partners, coming from Croatia, France, Germany, Greece and Italy.

The training was designed to **provide participants with the necessary knowledge to achieve the next steps in the READY project**. However, the young participants learned and discovered a lot more as it was the first time abroad and/or participating in such an international meeting for many of them.

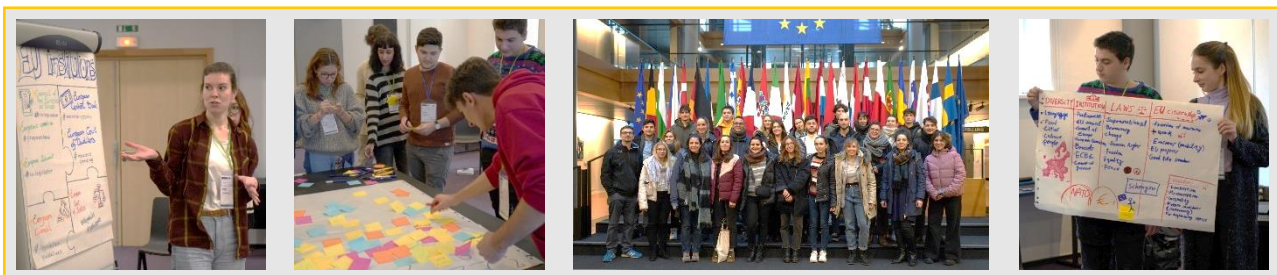
Cherry on the cake: the group could enjoy the famous Christmas market of Strasbourg, and even a snowy visit of the European Parliament!

The YES Forum participants wrote their own “online diary” to present the training with their own words, you can check that here! [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#).

## “EU Ready to Read” Activities – Understanding the European Union

The **READY project is all about making the European Union easier to understand for young people** all over Europe. To achieve this objective, young people are involved in **translating EU treaties into a “youth-accessible language”**, and will also **design infographics about EU policies themselves!** This participatory approach will ensure the results are understandable to youth, the READY participants’ own peers.

The target of the project is especially young disadvantaged people all over Europe, who often lack knowledge about the EU. That is why this first training focused on helping the participants understanding the European Union and its policies.



Each day focused on a different aspect of EU policies, each addressed **through participatory and interactive methods**:

- Understanding the European Union, its competences and policies

- Non-discrimination and EU Citizenship
- Free movement & the Schengen area
- Employability and Social Affairs, with a focus on education
- Environment
- The Euro and Economic and Monetary Union of the EU

To foster the young participants’ ownership of the READY project, each partner helped their group in preparing their own introductory activity on a different topic, and accompanied them in leading that activity in Strasbourg. Then the YES Forum dug deeper into each topic thanks to its own expertise on the European Union as a whole.

## Infographics Workshops – Training to design efficient visuals

Participants learned about the European Union, but also prepared to design “youth-accessible” infographics about this broad topic during the next phase of the project!

The partner Framework, a company involved in the creative field, led this part of the training. A first session on infographics provided some “tips & tricks” to the participants, to help them designing efficient visuals on a quite complex topic.



Then sessions used a “hands-on” approach. Participants trained in small groups, brainstorming and drawing their own infographics on specific keywords extracted from the EU-related activities. They were “coached” by Framework who provided some guidance during the sessions and feedback on their results. In addition, participants went through their own “youth check”: they provided feedback to each other to guarantee the project’s target group would understand such visuals as well!

## Next Steps – Towards “EU Ready to See” !

During the next phase of the project, partners will keep working with their young participants through local activities. Each will focus on a different EU-related topic to design a vast wealth of “youth-accessible” infographics on the European Union and its policies.

This is only the tip of the iceberg though: you can also expect a translation of the EU treaties in a “youth language”, as well as an additional training in 2023 to help youth & social workers using the project’s results! So ... stay tuned!

## Annex 1 – Programme

### Arrival Day – Sunday 11 December

(...) Arrivals

### Day 1 – Monday 12 December

#### Welcome & Introductions

- Morning*
- Overview of the Training: Objectives, Programme, Partners
  - Ice-breaker
  - Team-building

#### Topic 1 – Understanding the European Union

*Afternoon* Topic 2 – Non-Discrimination & Citizenship

### Day 2 – Tuesday 13 December

*Morning* Topic 3 – Free Movement

*Afternoon* Learning Infographics

### Day 3 – Wednesday 14 December

*Morning* Topic 4 – Employability & Social Affairs

*Afternoon* Free time!

### Day 4 – Thursday 15 December

*Morning* Learning Infographics

*Afternoon* Visit of the European Parliament

### Day 5 – Friday 16 December

*Morning* Topic 5 - Environment

Topic 6 - Euro

*Afternoon* Conclusions & Youthpasses Ceremony!

### Departure Day – Saturday 17 December

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## Annex 2 – Evaluation by participants

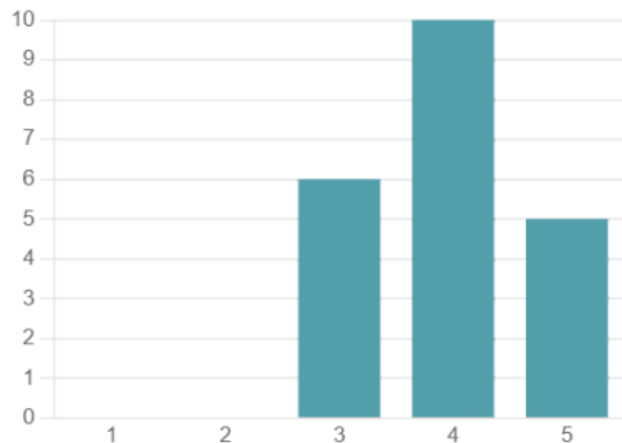
As shown by the summary of participants’ feedback below, the READY Training in Strasbourg **clearly achieved its objectives!**

Two questions highlight this success. On the one hand, participants reported an average **3.95 out of 5** for **“Since the project start, how much did you learn about the treaties and policies of the European Union?”**. On the other hand, they also reported an average of **4.33 out of 5** for **“Achieving your objectives”**.

For a [complete overview of the evaluations’ results](#), you can [simply check here!](#)

2. Compared to the project start, how much did you learn about the treaties and policies of the European Union?

**3.95**  
Average Rating



6. I was able to reach my goals for the Training

**4.33**  
Average Rating

