



This is the change we want.



WE WANT TO MOVE FREELY

We need reliable town buses with consistent routes, flexible timetables, and transport that works for young people's real lives. We need consistent town buses, good routes, flexible timetables, and transport that helps us get to school, work, training, friends, activities, and services.

Without transport, opportunities are out of reach.

And the people who drive our buses and keep our communities moving should be paid fairly and treated with respect.

Rural life should not mean being stuck.

Connected to EU Youth Goal 10: Sustainable Europe

WE WANT A PLACE TO SPEAK, SHARE AND BE HEARD



We want our voices to count

We want **an online platform where young people can share ideas, raise needs, vote, comment, and discuss solutions together. It should be simple, open and only for young people!** Our ideas should not disappear after one meeting or one project.

They should have a place to grow, connect, and reach the people who can act on them.

Connected to EU Youth Goals 4 & 9: Quality Learning; Space and Participation for All

WE WANT AN EDUCATION THAT PREPARES US FOR REAL LIFE

Schools and extracurricular activities should help every student build the skills they need to succeed.

We want schools and extracurricular activities that support every student to build the skills they need: practical skills, communication skills, digital skills, creative skills, teamwork, confidence, emotional intelligence, and knowledge about our rights and opportunities.

- **Not everyone learns the same way.**
- **Not everyone has the same starting point.**

But everyone deserves the chance to grow.
Education should prepare us for the world we are entering

Connected to EU Youth Goal 4: Quality Learning

WE WANT FAIR CHANCES TO WORK

Young people in rural areas deserve fair and transparent hiring processes, not depending on who you know, where you come from or if someone has already a fixed idea about you!

We want fair and transparent selection processes for young people entering the workforce, especially in rural regions where opportunities can already be limited.

Jobs, internships, training, and opportunities should be based on skills, motivation, effort, and potential.

We are ready to work.
We need a fair chance.

Connected to EU Youth Goal 7: Quality Employment for All



WE WANT A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE AND A FUTURE HERE!

We need support to access affordable housing and to exercise our right to live in comfortable houses.

Young people should not be forced to leave their communities just because housing is too expensive or inaccessible.

We want the chance to build a future here, to access affordable housing and to imagine a future here in our rural communities, not to be pushed out!

Connected to EU Youth Goals 2 & 9: Equality of All Genders; Space and Participation for All

WE WANT TO BE SEEN FOR WHO WE TRULY ARE



We want adults, institutions, and communities to see us as we really are.

Do not judge us by how we look, where we come from, what we wear, or whether we fit society's standards. We are more than your stereotypes. We are young people with ideas, talents, struggles, identities, and voices.

**We want to feel like we are seen.
We want spaces that belong to us**



WE NEED SAFE, WELCOMING PLACES TO MEET, CREATE, ORGANISE, RELAX, LEARN, AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

We want youth centres in small towns, with free rooms that young people can actually use for what they need (and not what you, adult, think we need). These places should be easy to book, not too expensive or controlled in a way that makes young people feel un-welcome.

WE need more than places to pass through. We need places where we belong and where we are trusted.

Connected to EU Youth Goals 3 & 9: Inclusive Societies; Space and Participation for All



INCLUSION HAS A COST: WE NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Taking part in community life, education, travel, activities, and opportunities often costs money. Inclusion has a cost, and it should not fall on young people alone.

Inclusion has a cost, and if only young people who can afford it participate, then you are leaving us behind. The cost of participating in things should not fall only on us or our families!

If you truly want youth participation, make it accessible.

Connected to EU Youth Goal 3: Inclusive Societies



OUR MESSAGE

Listen to us before decisions are made.

Invite us before plans are finished.

Trust us with real spaces, real budgets, and real responsibility.

Do not only ask for our opinions when you need a youth quote. Work with us from the beginning.

We are rural youth.

We want to move freely.

We want to learn fully.

We want to work fairly.

We want to live with dignity.

We want to participate meaningfully.

We want to be seen, heard, and included.

Do not decide for us without us.

See us.

Hear us.

Include us.