

EU Commission and DG REGIO updates Steering group meeting of the Priority Area 9 People and Skills



POLITICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE CURRENT EUROPEAN COMMISSION 2024-2029

Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness



A global Europe: **Enlargement and** relations to neighbourhood



Supporting the citizens, **Supporting Young** people of the **European Union**



Defence and Security, preparedness of the **Union Strategy**









Where do we stand?

- The report was published on 13 May 2025 and presented at the REGI committee of the Parliament on the same day;
- Opinion of the Council of European Union with the Polish presidency is expected before end of June.

The report highlights:

- Implementation and the action plans;
- The support to Ukraine;
- MRS and Youth;
- The support to the Commission's priorities: digital, green and fair transition, enlargement.

Youth for Future Cooperation



Youth consulted on the future of cooperation:

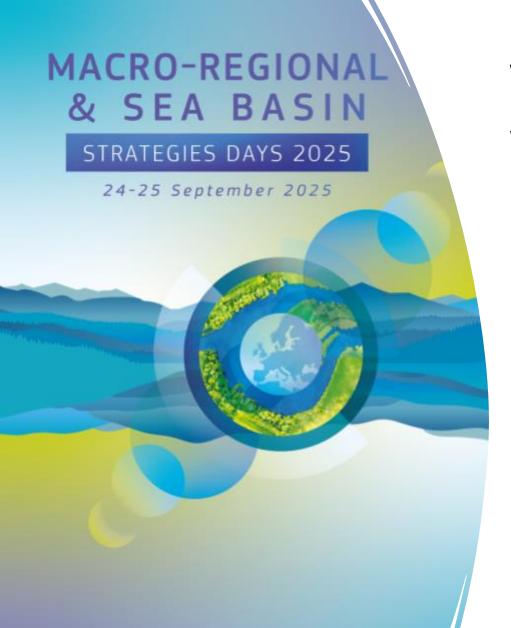
What does the young generation expect from EU and cooperation?



The declaration by young people on the future of territorial cooperation

Seven recommendations with **concrete actions** to be taken into consideration for the future:

- * Reinforce capacity building through Interreg and Macro-regional Strategies for applicants, stakeholders create tailored calls for capacity building;
- ❖ More small scale projects (max EUR 50 000) 100% co-financing higher pre-financing simpler administration and shorter project duration;
- ❖ More large scale infrastructure projects.



When? 24 and 25 September 2025

Where? Brussels, Area 42, Rue des Palais 46



Followed by the High level group meeting on the Macro-regional Strategies

Friday, 26 September 2025

| 12:00- 13:30 | Start of registration and lunch |
|---------------|---|
| 13:30 - 14:30 | High level opening of the Strategies Days 2025 |
| 14:45 - 16:30 | Workshops time (parallel workshops) Water resilience through European Union Strategies lenses Increasing energy security and accelerating green energy: the role of the Strategies Cooperation in action: addressing maritime security challenges through collective efforts Transnational Interreg programmes: strengthening cooperation in Macro-regions and Sea basins Coastal Communities at the forefront: empowering communities in implementing the European Ocean Pact |
| 16:30 - 18:00 | Speed dating with the Commission |
| 18:00 - 20:00 | Cocktail and dinner |

| 9:00 - 9:30 | Welcome coffee |
|--|---|
| 9:30 - 12:30 (coffee break in between at 11:00) | Cross strategies Fertilisation session organised by the Assistant Mechanisms and Interact |
| 12:30 - 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 - 14:40 | Synergies panel and closing of the event |