



# Strategy on Intergenerational Fairness

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# Agenda

1. What is intergenerational fairness?
2. Why a Strategy now?
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THE  
JOURNEY  
IS ON

# A lens for policymaking, intergenerational fairness is fairness...

between young people and older people in the present



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between generations in the present and generations in the future



# According to citizens



Tree planted by previous generations for future generations to reap its fruits



Olive branch symbolising continuity, wisdom and peace between generations



Glasses from four generations – learning to see through the eyes of other people

# Why a Strategy now?

1. Global momentum
2. Mega trends reshaping opportunities across generations
3. Increasing cost of non-action



# How was it developed?

- Widescale citizens and stakeholders consultation supported by the EU Policy Lab - [a co-created year-long process](#)
- Targeted consultations with children, young people and youth civil society
- [European Citizens Panel](#) – 150 randomly selected citizens
- Internal cross-departmental network



# Objectives

Commission 2024-2029  
priorities



A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness



Protecting our democracy, upholding our values



Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model

Objectives of the Strategy  
on Intergenerational  
Fairness

Reinforce long-term thinking  
in policymaking

Amplify youth voices

Unite generations

Institutionalise and mainstream intergenerational fairness.

# Fair policymaking



1. **Support building futures literacy in public administrations** across EU Member States by publishing a multilingual Future Oriented Policy-making package.
2. **Reinforce the use of strategic foresight in policymaking**, for instance by supporting the *Futures Balance Tool*, an AI-enabled tool for forward-looking policy analysis in development in partnership with the UN Beyond Lab.
3. **Continue the systematic application of the Youth Check, including Youth Policy Dialogues**, to the key initiatives of the Commission work programme to examine the potential impact of new policies on young people.
4. **Task the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE)** with providing analysis and recommendations on Fair Digital Futures, AI and Digital Public Goods.
5. **Publish an intergenerational fairness strategy progress report** in early 2028 to inform EU contributions to UN follow-up to the Declaration on Future Generations.
6. **Publish a Longevity Roadmap**, meant to map age-specific policy issues for all age groups to identify strategic opportunities for actively shaping longer, healthier and financially secure lives.

# Fair opportunities



## To support fair opportunities, the Commission will:

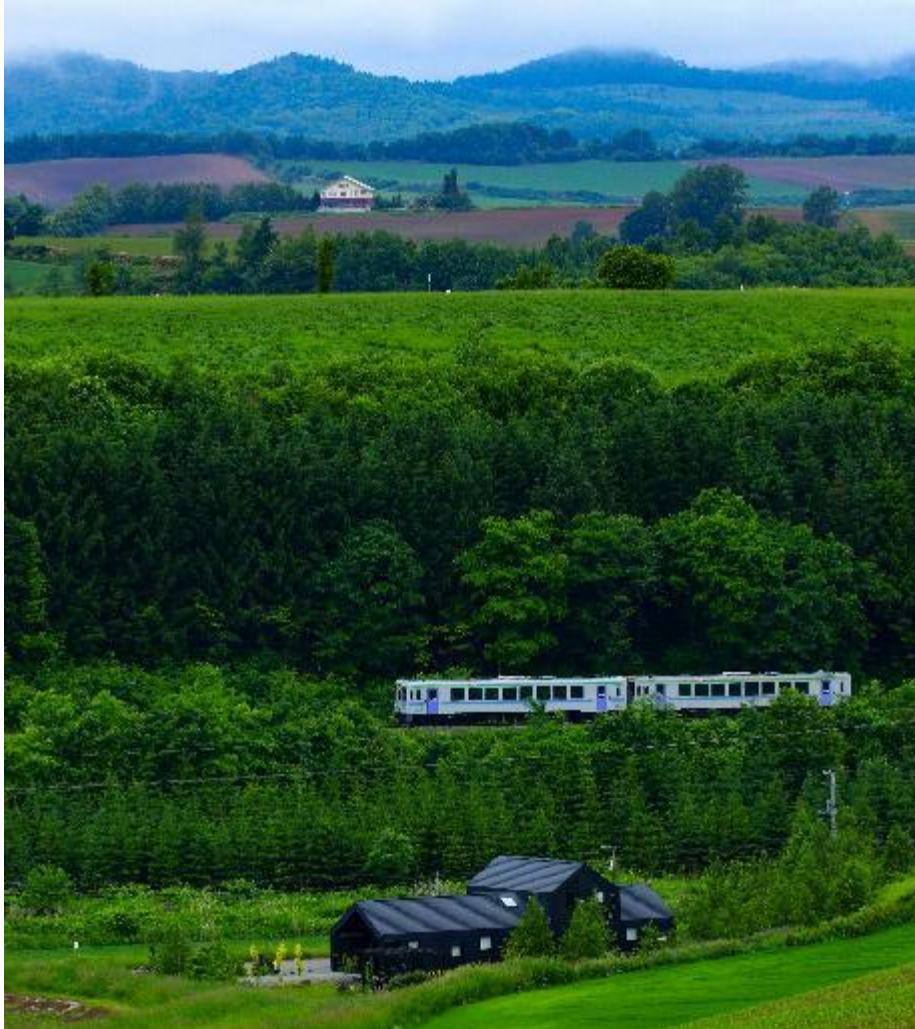
- 1. Compile an Intergenerational Fairness Index** to identify opportunities and gaps, inform policy decisions and promote fairness across generations.
- 2. Support the development of a compendium of best practices on age equality** by the High-Level Group on Non-Discrimination, Equality and Diversity building on the forthcoming study on discrimination on the grounds of age in the EU which provides an overview of national action plans or measures on age equality.
- 3. Encourage collaborative research activities** promoting intergenerational fairness under Horizon Europe.
- 4. Organise a Demography Forum** as a place for exchange and mutual learning on addressing demographic developments.
- 5. Boost citizens engagement – particularly of young people** – by supporting participatory and consultative processes including through:
  - a.** Promoting Intergenerational dialogues, participatory budgeting, participatory foresight, citizens' panels and innovative online civic tech tools.
  - b.** Organising the 2026 European Youth Week dedicated to solidarity and fairness.

c. Raising awareness particularly around November 16 as a day marking Intergenerational Fairness.

- 6. Strengthen the intergenerational fairness dimension in EU youth and sport policies through the post 2027 EU Youth Strategy and EU Work Plan for Sport**, as well as **strengthen child participation** in EU policy making, by upholding children's rights in all relevant EU policies<sup>27</sup> and building on the EU Children's Participation Platform.<sup>28</sup>

27 [EU strategy on the rights of the child](#), COM(2021) 142 final.  
28 [EU Children's Participation Platform](#) | European Union.

# Fair places



- 1. Launch the *Voices of the Future initiative*** with the Committee of the Regions, inviting local and regional authorities to engage in shaping their regions' future (announced in the European Democracy Shield).
- 2. Foster inspiration, connection and mutual care** by *building intergenerational partnerships* with libraries, museums, sport organisations and community centres, as well as cultural, academic, creative, forward-looking programs such as:
  - a.** Promoting intergenerational cultural exchanges and inclusion in line with the *Culture Compass for Europe*
  - b.** Highlighting inclusive, accessible and sustainable transport solutions for all generations through the *European Mobility Week 2026*
  - c.** Promoting intergenerational activities through sport, particularly initiatives that unite generations and provide easier access to sport and physical activity for all ages – with a #BeActive EU Sport award for the category “*across generations*”
- 3. Safeguard and regenerate public spaces for strengthened social cohesion and sustainability** through the *New European Bauhaus initiative* and its community-led activities and through knowledge on the role of public spaces for democratic resilience.

# How is this relevant to you?

- Long-term thinking - preparedness and resilience  
- innovation - futures literacy
- Life-course approach - breaking intergenerational transmission of disadvantage
- Youth engagement - trust - right to stay
- Intergenerational cooperation - social cohesion



# Thank you



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