

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' PANEL

Tackling Hatred in Society

2024

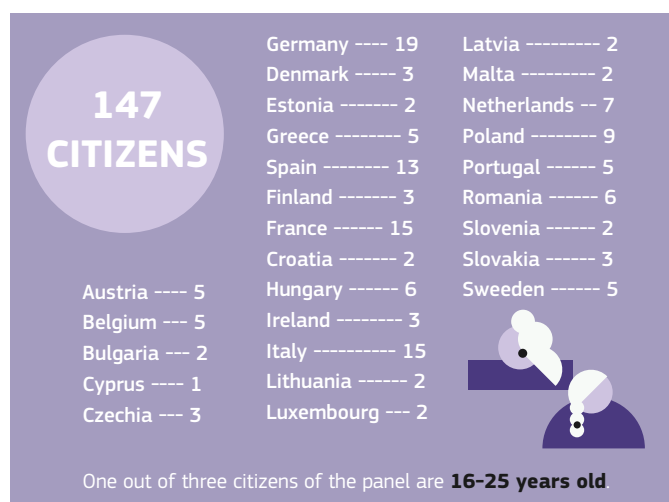
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Who participated?

The citizen participants are randomly selected by phone interview, using number generation technology. The final selection is representative of diversity of the EU population based on the Eurostat:

- Age
- Gender
- Rural/City
- Education
- Socio-economic background



More informations

The deliberations of the Panels are also inspired by the debate in the Citizens' Engagement Platform:

<https://citizens.ec.europa.eu/>

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Timeline

Participants work in small groups and plenary sessions across three weekends of deliberation:

- Session 1** 5 - 7 April 2024
Developing a common understanding of hatred, identifying causes and drivers and discussing potential fields of action.
- Session 2** 26 - 28 April 2024
Stocktake of Session 1 and refinement of ideas by theme and topic, and first phase of formulating recommendations.
- Session 3** 17 - 19 May 2024
Drawing conclusions of debates and recommendations, and explaining next steps (impact on policymaking and feedback moment).

Why does this Panel matter?

European Citizens' Panels provide European citizens with the opportunity to develop concrete proposals that impact EU policies. They were central to the Conference on the Future of Europe, and have now become a regular feature of our democratic life. The Panel on Tackling Hatred in Society is organised to gather citizen recommendations on the following question:

What can we do about hate and how can we enhance mutual respect in our societies?

Analysis and feedback process

The Panel follows the adoption of the Joint Communication "[No place for hate: a Europe united against hatred](#)" by the European Commission and the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs in December 2023. The recommendations will be captured in a Citizens' Report, informing future policies to tackle hatred and reaffirm equality, respect for human rights and dignity. To ensure transparency and accountability, a feedback event will be held after the Panel's conclusion, where Commission policymakers report on how citizens' recommendations have been taken into account.