

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

EURYKA undertakes the following research activities:

- ▶ **Policy analysis:** Tracking public policies and practices which promote youth participation and inclusion in each country as well as at the EU level.
- ▶ **Political claims analysis:** Studying how young people and their particular ways of doing politics are dealt with in the media, as well as the presence of organized youth in the public domain and the claims for new democratic models and social and political change they raise in each country.
- ▶ **Organizational analysis:** Investigating youth political participation by examining the networks and (youth-led) organizations that are active in the fields of youth inclusion, participation, national and transnational democratic innovation and experimentation.
- ▶ **Panel survey analysis:** Causally disentangling the different forms of youth political participation: retrieving their norms, values, attitudes, expectations, and behaviors regarding democracy, power, politics, policy-making as well as social and political participation (online and offline) and the organization of economic, social and private life, as well as their individual characteristics that might be associated with that.
- ▶ **Experimental analysis:** Testing hypothesized causal mechanisms on young people's experience of inequalities and their support and potential for social and political change to strengthen democratic life, especially those that may include avenues for reimagining democracy in Europe.
- ▶ **Biographical analysis:** Examining the individual trajectories of young people since their childhood to investigate how they influence young people's ways of doing politics and how inequalities are lived by, and (re-)acted upon, by individual young people in different countries and socio-economic contexts.
- ▶ **Social media analysis:** Investigating youth political participation online and the impact of inequalities on this by examining the use young people make of social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and how digital participation and representation may (or may not) provide the seeds for reinvigorating democracy in Europe.

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EURYKA – Reinventing Democracy in Europe: Youth Doing Politics in Times of Increasing Inequalities

EURYKA is a **cross-national research project** which provides systematic and practice-related knowledge about **how inequalities mediate youth political participation**. It suggests novel democratic models to help reimagine a more inclusive European politics. EURYKA brings together researchers and civil society practitioners from nine European countries: France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

With the aim of strengthening European democratic life, the project intends to reach a better understanding of the conditions, processes, and mechanisms underpinning how young people do politics: how do they form opinions and take actions to bring about social and political change?

At the core of EURYKA's conceptual framework lies the idea of youth political participation as forms of coping mechanism for dealing with inequalities. We thus investigate the norms, values, attitudes and behaviors underpinning such mechanisms and how these relates to issues of democracy, power, politics, policy-making, social and political participation (online and offline) and the organization of economic, social and private life.

OBJECTIVES

EURYKA has the following objectives:

- ▶ **To provide systematic evidence** on how inequalities are experienced and mediated by young people, exploring the coping mechanisms which are embedded in how they do politics. These coping mechanisms are manifested in multiple forms, i.e. as either political (dis)engagement and contestation online and offline or as (trans-)national democratic innovation and experimentation.
- ▶ **To advance knowledge** on the conditions and causes underpinning youth political participation. This involves an examination of their norms, values, attitudes, and behaviors regarding democracy, power, politics, policymaking, social and political participation (online and offline) and the organization of economic, social and private life.
- ▶ **To make various, novel suggestions** to strengthen democratic life in Europe, with particular emphasis on those that are more inclusive for young people – and especially those with fewer opportunities.

RESEARCH DESIGN

The overall design of EURYKA has three main components:

- ▶ **A multidimensional theoretical framework** that combines macro-level (institutional), meso-level (organizational), and micro-level (individual) explanatory factors, while accounting for the complexity of youth experience of inequalities and the differential aspects of how young people do politics in Europe.
- ▶ **A cross-national comparative design** that includes European countries with different degrees of exposure to inequalities and different policy regimes (France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and UK).
- ▶ **An integrated methodological approach** based on multiple sources and methods: an analysis of public policies and practices towards youth; an analysis of actors' interventions in the public domain on issues relating to youth; an organizational and panel survey plus survey experiments; biographical interviews; and an analysis of social media.

