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Empowering youth in shaping the European  
Cultural & Political landscape

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## ABOUT

Despite the EU's constant efforts to promote youth-focused initiatives and frameworks for civic participation, many young Europeans remain unaware of the mechanisms available to them. According to the Flash Eurobarometer on Youth and Democracy (545, 2024), only 24% of respondents aged 15-30 were aware of EU social media channels and websites, including the European Youth Portal, 16% recognised initiatives such as European Youth Week, and just 13% were familiar with mechanisms like Citizens' Dialogues or the EU Youth Dialogue.

At the same time, youth workers continue to face a lack of recognition and professionalisation across Europe, often operating without formal accreditation, structured career pathways, or adequate support.

curiEUs Youth was developed in response to these challenges, bringing together cultural heritage, digital curation, and civic engagement to empower young people and youth workers across Europe.



*The Antikythera mechanism (fragment A) the oldest example of analogue computer (II-I century BC - Athens Archaeological Museum)*

## NEWS & UPDATES

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## WHERE DOES THE IDEA COME FROM?

curiEUs Youth is inspired by the historical Cabinets of Curiosities, early collections where objects from different places and disciplines were gathered to understand the world through observation, comparison, and curiosity. These cabinets were not only about preserving objects but also about creating connections between knowledge, culture, and discovery.

Building on this idea, the project reinterprets cabinets of curiosities for the present day, treating archives and collections as open systems rather than closed institutions. Objects serve as entry points for exploring cultural identity, shared European histories, and the ways in which knowledge is constructed, questioned, and reimaged over time.

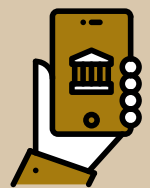
curiEUs Youth creates a link between cultural heritage, youth participation, and contemporary European policies by using curiosity as a starting point for engagement. Rather than approaching policy through abstract concepts, the project invites young people to explore how European values are embedded in objects, collections, and shared cultural experiences. This approach supports meaningful dialogue between generations, institutions, and young people, fostering awareness, critical thinking, and active participation in Europe's cultural and civic life.

## WHAT WE BUILD TOGETHER



Three educational e-booklets on "Cabinets of Curiosities" linking digital cultural heritage artefacts with EU policies on the Environment, Education, and the Digital Age.

A collaborative web app enabling young participants to explore, curate, and interact with European heritage collections in a digital environment.



A structured Study Visit and Training programme at PROM in Poland, focused on EU youth participation mechanisms and advocacy strategies.

National Cultural Hackathon events where youth apply heritage and civic skills to co-create policy recommendations through the curiEUs Youth Manifesto.





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# The Team



## COORDINATION

**CIP-Citizens In Power (Cyprus)** A non-profit educational and research organisation in Cyprus focused on global education, social innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable growth. CIP promotes lifelong learning and collaboration across Europe.



## YOUTH COUNCILS

**PROM-Polish Council of Youth Organisations (Poland)** The largest federation of youth NGOs in Poland. PROM chairs the National Working Group for the EU Youth Dialogue and connects youth with national and European decision-makers.



**NYCM-National Youth Council of North Macedonia** The representative body for youth organisations in North Macedonia, advocating for youth inclusion in policy and civic processes.

## RESEARCH & EDUCATION



**SMPL-Symplexis (Greece)** A non-profit promoting social inclusion, equality, and human rights through research, education, and community-based initiatives across Europe.



**EDU-Edukratia (Croatia)** An educational organisation focused on non-formal learning, digital literacy, and youth empowerment through creative and participatory methodologies.

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## CULTURAL HERITAGE



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**KSA-KEHSIA (Luxembourg)** An organisation working at the intersection of gender equality, cultural heritage, and technological innovation to build more inclusive and resilient communities.



**ARC-Larnaka Archives - Phivos Stavrides Foundation (Cyprus)** A research centre housing over 50,000 historical documents, promoting Cypriot heritage through research, seminars, and exhibitions.



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## What's Next for curiEUs Youth?

As curiEUs Youth begins its journey, the months ahead are full of activity and purpose. Our consortium has already laid the groundwork, establishing management structures, launching communication channels, and beginning the desk research that will form the foundation of the project's educational outputs.

In the coming months, youth workers and young participants from all partner countries will come together for a Study Visit and Training at PROM in Poland, where they will explore EU youth participation mechanisms, gain practical policymaking tools, and learn from the EU Youth Dialogue model.

Alongside this, work is underway on the three thematic e-booklets, *Naturalia*, *Artificialia*, and *Scientifica*, each linking 50 digital cultural heritage artefacts with EU policies on the Environment, Education, and the Digital Age.

Later in the project, national Cultural Hackathons will challenge young participants to turn heritage knowledge into civic action, culminating in the curiEUs Youth Manifesto: a youth-led policy document to be presented at local stakeholder events across Europe. This is just the beginning. curiEUs Youth is about building something lasting: a generation of young Europeans who see culture not as something behind glass, but as a living force that shapes the policies and values of the continent they call home.





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## JOIN US IN WARSAW!



### STUDY VISIT & TRAINING AT PROM

28 APRIL 2026

curiEUs Youth is heading to Warsaw! On **28-29 April 2026**, the project's first **Study Visit and Training** will take place at **PROM, the Polish Council of Youth Organisations**, in partnership with the Europa Experience at the EU Commission Office in Warsaw.

This two-day event will bring together youth workers and young participants from across Europe to explore EU youth participation mechanisms, gain hands-on policymaking tools, and learn from the EU Youth Dialogue model led by PROM's Youth Dialogue Ambassadors.

The programme includes workshops on youth advocacy and civic engagement, a visit to the Europa Experience interactive exhibition, and cultural activities exploring Warsaw's heritage, including the National Museum and the city's own "Cabinets of Curiosities."

### CAN'T MAKE IT TO WARSAW?

You can join online! The training sessions on the **28<sup>th</sup> of April** will be **streamed live**, with interactive participation for remote attendees.



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## WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CURIEUS YOUTH?

Reach out to us and join the conversation about cultural heritage, youth participation, and European identity. Together, let's empower young people to shape Europe's cultural and political future. Stay connected and inspired: follow us on social media for updates, insights, and more!



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