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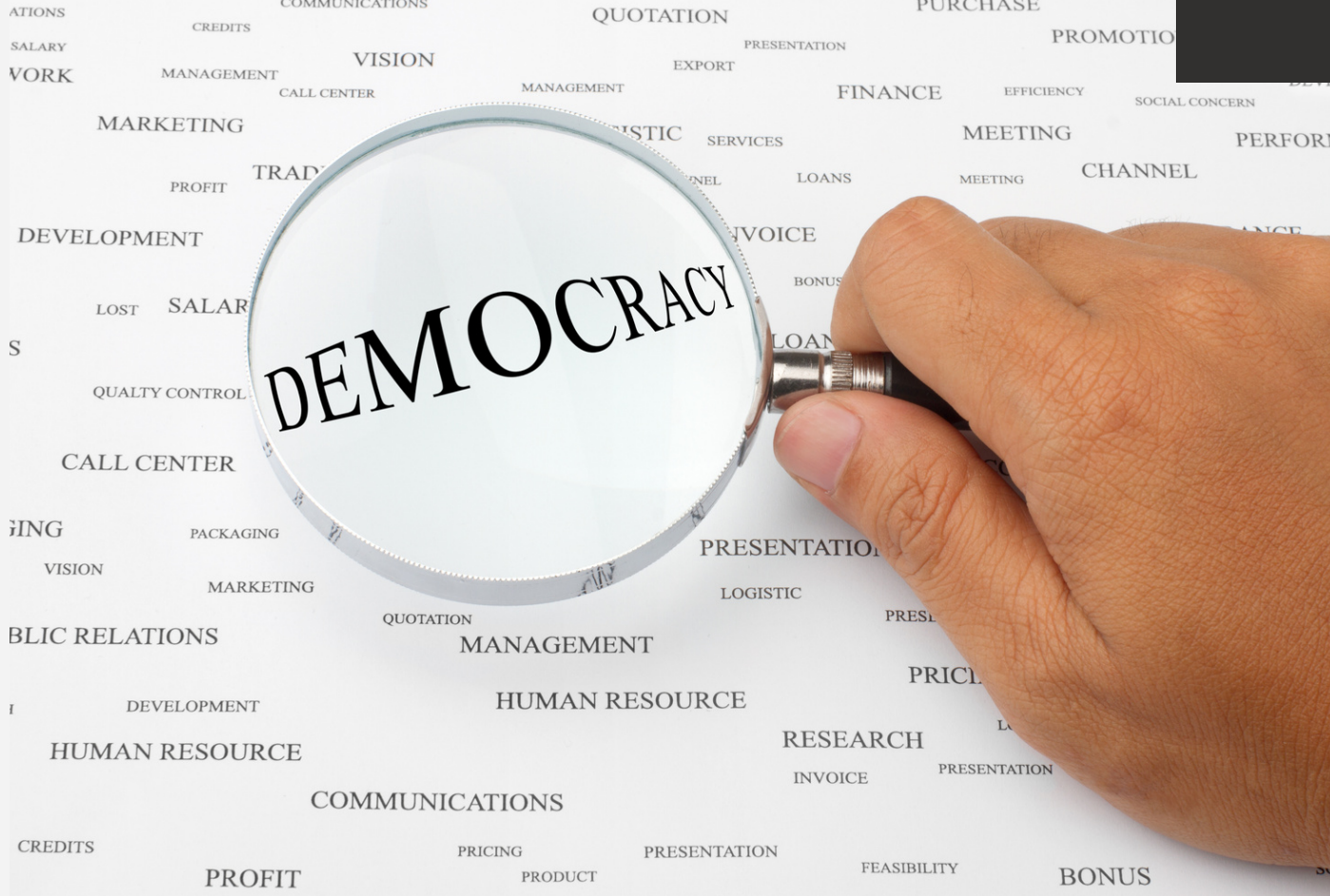
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YOUTH PERSPECTIVES IN MODERN POLICYMAKING

Young people are directly affected by many of the policies developed at local, national, and European levels. Their perspectives provide valuable insights into issues such as education, employment, digital transformation, climate action, and social inclusion. Including youth voices in decision-making processes helps create more effective, relevant, and sustainable policies.



- Reflect current social realities
- Promote innovative solutions
- Increase policy relevance
- Strengthen democratic legitimacy
- Encourage long-term thinking
- Improve public trust
- Foster social inclusion

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WHY YOUTH PERSPECTIVES MATTER



DECISION-MAKING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union relies on democratic institutions and consultation mechanisms to develop policies that address common challenges. Citizens, organizations, and stakeholders are increasingly invited to contribute to discussions and provide feedback on policy proposals. Young people can participate through various formal and informal channels.



PARTICIPATION CHANNELS AVAILABLE TO YOUTH

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- European Youth Dialogue
- Public consultations
- Youth organizations
- Student associations
- Online participation platforms
- Community initiatives
- Civic campaigns



DIGITAL COUNCILS AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

Digital councils provide structured spaces where young people can discuss issues, formulate recommendations, and engage with decision-makers. These participatory approaches strengthen democratic governance by ensuring that diverse perspectives are considered during policy development and implementation processes.



CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

- Transparency
- Inclusiveness
- Accessibility
- Accountability
- Open dialogue
- Mutual respect
- Collaborative problem-solving



LEADERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Participation in councils and decision-making forums allows young people to develop leadership skills and represent the interests of their peers. Through these experiences, participants learn how to communicate effectively, negotiate solutions, and contribute constructively to policy discussions.

SKILLS NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION

- Critical thinking
- Digital literacy
- Communication skills
- Media literacy
- Civic awareness
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Problem-solving abilities



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BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN YOUTH AND POLICYMAKERS

One of the most important objectives of digital democracy initiatives is to strengthen communication between young people and decision-makers. Constructive dialogue allows policymakers to better understand youth concerns while giving young people valuable insight into how public decisions are made. By creating spaces for discussion and cooperation, democratic institutions can become more responsive, transparent, and inclusive.

CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE DEMOCRATIC FUTURE

- Empowering young citizens
- Strengthening democratic participation
- Promoting civic engagement
- Encouraging innovation in governance
- Supporting inclusive policymaking
- Enhancing cooperation between youth and institutions
- Building a stronger European democracy



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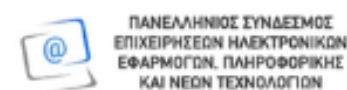
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