



Forum for Local Youth Impact (FLY!) 2026

Valongo, Portugal | 15–16 October 2026

About the Forum

The Forum for Local Youth Impact (FLY!) brings together local authorities, youth organisations, youth councils, young elected representatives, youth workers, policymakers, researchers, and European stakeholders to discuss the future of youth participation and democratic engagement at local and European levels.

The 2026 edition will focus on the evolving framework for youth participation in Europe, including discussions on the revision of the EU Youth Strategy, the future of Erasmus+, and the role of local authorities and civil society in empowering young people. We expect between 30 and 50 participants, including speakers and staff.

Day 1 - Thursday, 15 October 2026

13:30 - 14:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

14:00 - 14:45 Opening Session – Welcome Addresses and Official Opening

Paulo Tomás Santos – Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Portuguese Institute of Sport and Youth (IPDJ)

Mathieu Mori – Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Bruno Gonçalves – Member of the European Parliament

Paulo Esteves Ferreira – Mayor of Valongo

14:45 - 15:00 Keynote I – Trends and Challenges for Youth Participation

Bruno António – Executive director of DYPALL

15:00 - 15:15 Keynote II – An Academic Perspective on Youth Participation

Fernando Nogueira – Assistant Professor at the Department of Social, Political and Territorial Sciences of the University of Aveiro

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee break & Networking

15:45 - 17:00 Panel of Practitioners – Innovations for Youth Participation

Ana Amorim – Porto Metropolitan Area

Laszlo Foldi – Coordinator of Democracy Reloading

Torcato Ferreira – Head of the Department of Youth, Sport, Education and Social Services Exchange moderated by **Alexandre Métreau** – Coordinator of ALDA's Youth Hub

17:00 - 18:00 Panel Debate – Erasmus+, CERV, AgoraEU and European Programmes for Youth

Flávio Ramos – Manager of Europe Direct Maia

Linda Rombolà – Project Designer for ALDA

Teodora Deljanin – Communications Officer at ALDA

18:00 - 18:15 Closing Reflections on Day One

19:00 Dinner hosted by the Municipality of Valongo





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Day 2 - Friday, 16 October 2026

- 09:00 - 09:30** Morning Coffee and Arrival
- 09:30 - 12:30** FLY! Un-Conference: Co-create today's Agenda
Coordinated by **Carlotta Magoga** – European Partnership for Democracy
- 12:30 - 13:00** Closing Session
- 13:00** Networking Lunch