

INTERGENERATIONAL PACT FOR EUROPE 2026–2029

Together for Europe

Foreword

The international system is in crisis and Europe is facing unprecedented challenges, including a dramatic war within its borders. Conflicts, inequalities and the climate crisis constitute global threats. In response to these, solutions that are equally global are needed, not only in space, through the international extension of multilateralism, but also in time, through the inclusion of younger generations in public life. In response to this need, young people who are part of the network of Christian communities and movements known as *Together for Europe*¹ are proposing an ‘Intergenerational Pact for Europe’ to MEPs and specialists in European public policy, based on the Christian roots and principles of peace, human dignity and the common good, understood in their universal and inclusive sense.

Our commitment

Many young people today see Europe as the natural space in which to move freely, study, work and actively participate in its development. Recognizing that the present challenges call for greater commitment and the taking on of full responsibility, we are committed to:

- creating spaces for encounter, dialogue and reconciliation between the different political cultures of Europe, with particular regard to situations torn apart by war;
- promoting European citizenship, which, regrettably, is still perceived as weak, and encouraging informed participation in democratic life;
- highlighting processes that promote socio-economic development based on environmental sustainability, inclusion and intergenerational equity.

By organizing international meetings and activating processes to support the peace initiatives of European institutions, we young people will establish new and creative channels of communication to achieve these objectives.

In line with the commitment we have made, we call on MEPs and key figures in national and European public life to:

- promote initiatives that facilitate intergenerational dialogue on European policy issues, particularly in the areas of peace and development;
- support practical forms of youth participation in decision-making processes, including through the development of consultative and advisory tools;
- create opportunities for younger generations to be involved in shaping public policy, especially in sectors that are strategically important for the future of Europe;
- recognize the role of the younger generations as an integral part of democratic processes.

Conclusion

The ‘Intergenerational Pact for Europe’ is a specific proposal for this part of the 2026–2029 EU legislative term. It calls for reciprocity, so that through cooperation between generations, it becomes possible to build a more inclusive Europe, capable of implementing its democratic life and renewing its mission to peace and solidarity.

¹ *Together for Europe* is a journey of communion, a voluntary coming together of Christian communities and movements from different Churches, spread across the continent. Whilst retaining their autonomy, they work together as a network towards shared goals, contributing their own charisms whilst respecting diversity. Its social and cultural aims are summarised in the ‘seven yeses’: to life, family, hospitality, creation, justice, peace and reciprocity (see www.together4europe.org).