



L'ACADÉMIE NOTRE EUROPE

Putting citizens' empowerment at the heart of the European project

‘How can we ever build Europe if young people do not see it as a collective project and a vision of their own future?’



Jacques Delors, 1989



**Everyday at the
Académie Notre Europe,
we work to unlock young
people's potential
because they are
Europe's next generation
of changemakers.**



WE EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE

European challenges — from climate transition to social cohesion, competitiveness — guided by leading experts, policymakers and practitioners.

For the past nine years, the Académie Notre Europe has been offering a unique, free and inclusive leadership and citizenship programme designed to empower young Europeans to better understand, shape and lead the future of Europe.

Each year, 100 participants from 25–30 nationalities and diverse backgrounds take part in a year-long training programme combining policy learning, civic engagement, and personal development. Through nine monthly sessions, they explore key

What makes the Académie distinctive is its experiential, inclusive and multiplier approach. Half of the sessions are accessible online, allowing participants from all regions to join regardless of financial or geographical barriers.



Our cohort is as diverse as it gets: some are future diplomats or journalists, others work in AI, on construction sites, in hospitals or as entrepreneurs. They all share one thing in common: a desire to make a difference. The impact of the Académie extends far beyond its yearly cohort. Our 600+ alumni

form an active network of European citizens who continue to contribute to their communities and share their experiences with future generations.

Beyond its training programme, the Académie reaches out to young people across Europe by creating spaces where they can

meet, learn and act together. Each year, we organise flagship events like the Jacques Delors Conference, which gathers 200+ young people in Paris, as well as the Jacques Delors Agora, a four-day summer school hosted in a European city (Lisbon in 2024, Barcelona in 2025).

The Académie Notre Europe thus acts as both a **school of leadership and a community of purpose** — a living example of what non-formal education can achieve.

In nine years, the Académie has trained more than 600 young people in a spirit of openness, excellence, and shared learning.



At the Académie, **diversity** comes in many forms.

This year, our **116** young leaders represent a record-breaking **30** nationalities. More than a quarter come from a disadvantaged background.

Some are still studying, whether political science, journalism, cybersecurity, business. Some are already working, in AI, sustainable finance, construction, education. Some are **entrepreneurs**

Many are engaged in associations and community initiatives to help combat **climate change** promote social inclusion, and fight disinformation.

Each is driven by a desire to make a difference.



AT THE ACADÉMIE, YOUNG PEOPLE NOT ONLY LEARN FROM EXPERTS, THEY GET TO BE....



FACILITATORS

when they interview policymakers and experts, taking ownership of public dialogue



EDUCATORS

when they visit schools to inspire younger audiences and spark curiosity about Europe and other cultures



CREATORS

when they design social media content that reflects young people's hopes and needs



CHANGEMAKERS

when they propose policy initiatives during citizen assembly simulations



NEGOCIATORS

when they learn the importance of listening and finding compromise despite differing perspectives

BRIDGING GENERATIONS OF LEADERSHIP



1. Stéphane Séjourné, Executive Vice President of the European Commission
2. Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament
3. Frans Timmermans, former Executive Vice President of the European Commission
4. Josep Borrell, former High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
5. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Republic of Portugal

6. Teresa Ribera, Executive Vice President of the European Commission
7. Marya Gabriel, former European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth
8. François Villeroy de Galhau, Governor of the Bank of France
9. Dubravka Šuica, European Commissioner for the Mediterranean
10. Elisa Ferreira, former European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms
11. Thierry Breton, former European Commissioner for Internal Market
12. Clément Beaune, former French Minister for European Affairs
13. Nicolas Schmit, former European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
14. Aurore Lalucq, President of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee of the European Parliament

For nearly 30 years, the Jacques Delors Institute has built unparalleled expertise on European affairs, along with a vast and trusted network of high-level experts, practitioners and decision-makers. The Académie Notre Europe draws on this legacy to offer young Europeans direct access to the people and ideas shaping Europe today. Each year, we welcome high-level speakers — members of the European institutions and national governments, leading

researchers, and representatives of civil society — who engage openly with participants. Through these exchanges, the Académie provides unique insight into how European policy is made and creates genuine opportunities for dialogue, mentorship and collaboration. It is a gateway into Europe's leadership ecosystem — connecting emerging and established generations who together work to shape the continent's future.



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At a time when Europe faces profound social, environmental and democratic challenges, the Académie stands as a living expression of Jacques Delors' belief that education is the most powerful investment in peace, justice and progress.

ENRICO LETTA, FOUNDER OF THE ACADEMIE NOTRE EUROPE



This is not just a time to study Europe — it is a time to stand up for it.

“Our continent is under pressure and undergoing a profound transformation: national reflexes are re-emerging, yet our most essential common goods can only be safeguarded together.

The Académie Notre Europe is an extraordinary success — but above all, it is a call to action, to passion and to intelligence, to make Europe stronger, more united, and better prepared for the world to come.”

By partnering with the Académie Notre Europe, you can play a direct role in empowering young people, bridging social divides, and building a more inclusive and resilient European society.



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