

YOUTH WILL BE AT THE HEART OF THE CONCERNS OVER CONFERENCE ON FUTURE OF EUROPE

REGIONS OF FRANCE SAID ON MAY9

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The day ended with the organization at the Grand Est Regional Council of the first dialogue on the participation of young people in public life and democratic debate at local, regional, national and European level, in the presence of the President of the Region, Jean Rottner, the President of the European Committee of the Regions, Apostolos Tzitzikostas, the President of the European Youth Forum, Silja Markkula, and the First Quaestor of the European Parliament, Anne Sander. After listening to the proposals of five young people from different Member States, including Ukraine, the debate focused on how to strengthen their participation in public life and decision-making processes.

Carole Delga, President of the Regions of France: "I am delighted with the mobilization of the youth of all the French Regions, from Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur to Normandy, from Grand Est to Brittany, from Corsica to the Center -Val de Loire, via Ile-de-France, to be a source of proposals at this pivotal moment in European construction. While our national institutions are in the process of renewal and the voice of the youth was hardly expressed at the time of the elections, I am proud that our young people seized this opportunity to make their voices heard and to make our democracies more effective and closer to the expectations of our fellow citizens."-----

Jean Rottner, President of the Grand Est Region "I am happy to be able to welcome to Strasbourg, European capital, young people from all over France and from several Member States. They constitute our future and that of the Union, more than ever - given the environmental, technological, social and human challenges that we have to meet - it is essential that they can express themselves and be stakeholders in the future of Europe".

Apostolos Tzitzikostas President of the European Committee of the Regions: "With the Grand Est Region and Regions of France, we celebrated this Europe Day 2022 – a year dedicated to youth – with a dialogue between young people and local and European elected representatives. Youth is a political priority for the Committee of the Regions, whether in terms of access to high quality education, protection of the environment, access to the labor market, or participation in democratic life. We work every day to bring Europe closer to citizens, especially new generations, and build their confidence by showing Europe's added value on the ground." Source: Regions of France

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