

**OECD YOUTH
WEEK 2021**

**YOUTH AND
DEMOCRACY**
in Times of Crisis

20 September 2021

14:00–15:30 CEST

Webinar via Zoom

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CONTEXT

Less than 5 in 10 young people trust their government across OECD countries in 2021 and young people continue to lack voice and representation in public life. Already before the COVID-19 crisis, young people across 16 OECD countries were more likely than older people to hold a disenchanted view about democracy. The long-term effects of the COVID-19 crisis may widen generational inequalities and have lasting impacts on youth's trust in government and their association with democratic processes, as demonstrated in the OECD Policy Paper (2020) "[COVID-19 and Youth: Response, Recovery and Resilience](#)" and OECD Report (2020) "[Fit for all Generations?](#)". At the same time, young people have led social movements to demand greater ambition in tackling climate change and played an important role in building societal resilience during the pandemic.

The event will bring together a high-level panel of policymakers and representatives from youth associations to discuss how governments can strengthen the participation and representation of young people in democratic processes in times of crisis, notably in the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. The webinar will present preliminary results from the [2nd edition of the OECD Youth and COVID-19 survey](#) on the concerns of youth-led organisations over the long-term effects of the crisis and their priorities for the recovery. It will also present new OECD analysis on the integration of youth and intergenerational commitments in countries' recovery measures.

The webinar is organised by the OECD Public Governance Directorate in the context of the OECD Youth Week 2021.

AGENDA

*Kindly note the meeting will be held in English and simultaneous translation will not be available.
The meeting will be recorded and made available on OECD websites.*

13:40 - 14:00 CEST REGISTRATION

Speakers are invited to log-in and test their audio/visual connection

14:00 - 14:15 CEST OPENING REMARKS

- **Mr. Jeffrey Schlagenhauf**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- **Ms. Maria-Kaisa Aula**, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Finland
- **Mr. Raymond Knops**, State Secretary for the Interior and Kingdom Relations, the Netherlands

14:15 - 15:15 CEST STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY FOR AND WITH YOUTH

- **Mr. Mete Coban**, Chief Executive, My Life My Say
- **Ms. Bettina Bundszus**, Head of Children and Youth Department, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
- **Ms. Ayla Johnstone**, Chairperson of the Franklin Youth Advisory Board, New Zealand
- **Ms. Marta Cristina Rodríguez Sánchez**, Deputy Director of International Affairs, Mexican Institute of Youth, Mexico

Moderated by Ms. Federica Cocco, Financial Times

15:15 TO 15:25 CEST Q&A SESSION

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15:25 - 15:30 CEST CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Elsa Pilichowski, Director, OECD Public Governance Directorate