Gender, Youth & Digitalisation

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💬 **EU policies and programmes** shall approach young people's participation in social and political life as a right;

💬 **Digital technologies** are becoming more and more important in involving young people in public life but they can only be **complementary** means to offline activities; they are **not a silver bullet and do not reach all young people equally**;

On Youth & Digitalisation

💬 Digital technologies have a potential to meaningfully contribute to fostering not only **traditional forms of participation in democratic life**, e.g. e-voting, but also **volunteering** and other forms of involvement in community development;

💬 There is a **need for a quality citizenship education** that equips young people with skills and knowledge necessary to adapt in the **quickly changing environment** brought upon citizens by increased **digitalisation** affecting all aspects of every day life, including participation;

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💬 Quality citizenship education that empowers citizens to use and access opportunities provided for them through digital means and tools as well as to **counter threats that come with increased digitalisation such as unreliable information** is needed;

💬 Citizens should also be empowered to take active role in society by taking a position based on their own critical analyses. **Critical knowledge and skills must be accompanied with facilities and tools to address digital illiteracy**;

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On Youth & Digitalisation

💬 If we really want to make it sure that digital technologies promote involvement of all young people, quality citizenship education, should be based on **non-formal education methods**;

💬 There should be **partnerships** established between formal and non-formal education providers, as a majority of **youth organisations** reach out to young people that are not in formal education.

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