



Who are we

The European Partnership for Children and Youth in Peacebuilding (EYPB) is a coalition of Europe-based international peacebuilding and development organisations and independent experts. EYPB works towards achieving the meaningful participation of young people's voices at the EU-level, and ensuring their needs, capabilities and challenges are being taken into account in the EU's security and development policies. The Partnership's founding members are **Save the Children, Search for Common Ground, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY Peacebuilders), World Vision and PeaceMatters.**

“Today’s 1.8 billion youth population is the largest in world history”

Yet children and youth risk being marginalised in the debate: young people often find themselves being perceived as a security threat to be managed, or else as victims to be protected from violence. At the same time, youth groups (formal and informal) around the world are working to prevent violence and build peace at the community level. Their work is largely local and, for the most part, does not form a basis for national and regional conversations on peace and security. They rarely have a seat at the table taking decisions about peace and security related issues which nevertheless affect them significantly.

Our objectives

The collaboration inside the Partnership stems from a real concern that the **challenges regarding youth, peace, and security are diverse and complex, and therefore require coordinated and collaborative action by multiple actors as called for by [UNSCR 2250 \(2015\)](#).**

Members of the Partnership build on each other's expertise to ensure the children and youth demographic is seen as the key to innovation, development, sustaining peace, stability and economic growth and as agents of positive change. We collectively empower children and youth to bring lessons-learned from their local experience to EU stakeholders. Their involvement highlights **young people as key actors in peacebuilding communities around the world** with the objective to:

1. ***Support the EU to create an enabling environment where young people are meaningfully engaged in peacebuilding strategies, activities and processes, both at headquarters and in the field (EU Delegations).***
2. ***Ensure young people's recommendations and solutions are reflected in the EU's policies, programming, and funding.***
3. ***Attain the EU's endorsement of the UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security through: 1) the adoption of Foreign Affairs Council conclusions followed by an EU action plan, and 2) increased funding prospects for children and youth in peacebuilding in the new Multi-Annual Financial Framework starting 2020.***

“To partner up with young people is to invest in long-term solutions”

Young people must be engaged as partners in the design and implementation of programs and policies to effectively address violent conflict, promote peace, and have a positive impact on peace, security, and development in the long-term.

About UNSCR 2250 (2015)

The resolution is the first to recognise the important and positive role of young women and men in the promotion and maintenance of peace and security. The resolution asks for the recognition of the weight local voices carry in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. It is an opportunity to build on young people's capacity and provide the structures for ongoing participation at the regional and national level. It is also an opportunity to guide the mapping of actors among children and youth at the local and regional level to scale up our mutual effort to build an evidence base on youth, peace and security.



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Search is the largest peacebuilding organisation working to transform the way the world deals with violence away from adversarial approaches towards collaborative solutions. The office in Brussels does outreach towards the EU and bilateral governments for policy and fundraising supporting the other Search offices around the world.

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