

## Call for applications: Virtual #EngagEUrCouncil Think Tank

**Deadline extended until 30 August 2020!**

Youth Ideas development process for the Portuguese EU Council  
Presidency

28 September 2020 to 4 November 2020



The extended deadline for application is 30 August 2020 at noon. Do not miss this opportunity and apply by using the [application form](#).

### WHY:

Did **you** know that Germany, Portugal, and Slovenia are currently holding the rotating Presidency of the European Union? We want **you** to get engaged with your peers of this very unique Trio Presidency. We are interested in hearing **your** ideas for the Presidency, Europe and its Future. We support you in developing and formulating **your** ideas for the Portuguese EU Council Presidency within a guided process. At the occasion of key political events, elected project rapporteurs will present **your** demands to decision-makers of this multi-faceted Trio.

**WHEN:**

*Asynchronous sessions:* Monday, 28 September to Wednesday, 4 November 2020

*Synchronous sessions:* Four Virtual Labs will take place on specific dates during the ideas development process (expected to be Wednesday afternoons).

For more details on the scheduled project activities, see Project workflow below.

**WHERE:**

On the Virtual #EngagEUrcouncil Think Tank

**WHO:**

Participants must originate from or currently live in Germany, Portugal, or Slovenia, and be between 16 and 30 years old. The process will be held in English. The aim is to select up to 8 participants from each country of the Trio Council Presidency. Selection results will be communicated by Friday 4 September 2020. Selected participants also get the opportunity to participate in the follow-up activities of the project.

**WHAT:**

This **Virtual #EngagEUrcouncil Think Tank is going to be implemented for the second time** already. This time you will be empowered to develop youth ideas for the Portuguese EU Council Presidency that starts in January 2021.

On our Virtual Think Tank, you will find background information on the functioning and structures of EU Council Presidencies and on the different policy areas we are going to deal with. You will also be able to follow the workflow, exchange with other participants, work on your ideas and give feedbacks on the proposals of others.

Upon successful application and in due time before the kick-off of the process, we will provide you with all necessary information on this free (and easy to use) platform. Sessions on our Virtual Think Tank are supplemented by Virtual Labs. The project thus consists of **synchronous sessions** gathering all participants in video conferences and of **asynchronous sessions** that provide you the flexibility to work on your own or in working groups.

**Learn more** about the project #EngagEUrcouncil [here](#).

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**OUR OFFER FOR YOU:**

- **Exchange** with young EU citizens about current challenges – including the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic – and the Future of Europe,
- **Learn** how to successfully participate in EU decision-making,

- Become part of an **innovative** online debate,
- Become an **architect** of the European project,
- **Shape** a new, young narrative about Europe,
- **Set the agenda** of the Trio EU Council Presidency with your demands, visions and **ideas** for Europe,
- Become a rapporteur of the project and **present** the discussed demands to decision-makers of the Trio EU Council Presidency of Germany, Portugal, and Slovenia.

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**Interested?** Please [apply](#) by clicking on the button below to fill out the application form:

[Application](#)

**Important:** After filling out the application form, please send it together with your CV (pdf only) to the following e-mails: [sara.kibler@iep-berlin.de](mailto:sara.kibler@iep-berlin.de) and [jana.schubert@iep-berlin.de](mailto:jana.schubert@iep-berlin.de)

You can find more detailed information on the **Project workflow** here:

[Project workflow](#)

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If you have any **questions**, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail [jana.schubert@iep-berlin.de](mailto:jana.schubert@iep-berlin.de)

Pictures will be taken during the project. By registering, you agree to their public release.

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