

Reinventing Democracy in Europe. Youth Doing Politics in Times of Increasing Inequalities (February 2017-November 2019)

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BACKGROUND

- Political apathy of young people
- Lack of political representation
- Lack of opportunities for participation
- Increasing inequalities
- Economic crisis

But, since then: Fridays for Future (2018)

OBJECTIVES

- Descriptive objective
 - To provide systematic evidence on the ways in which inequalities are lived by young people and (re)acted upon, exploring the coping mechanisms which are embedded in young people's ways of doing politics
- Explanatory objective
 - To advance knowledge on the conditions and causes underpinning young people's ways of doing politics
- Prescriptive objective
 - To suggest a number of different future scenarios of the development of democracy and political participation in Europe, putting particular emphasis on implementing new democratic models that are more inclusive for young people especially those with fewer opportunities

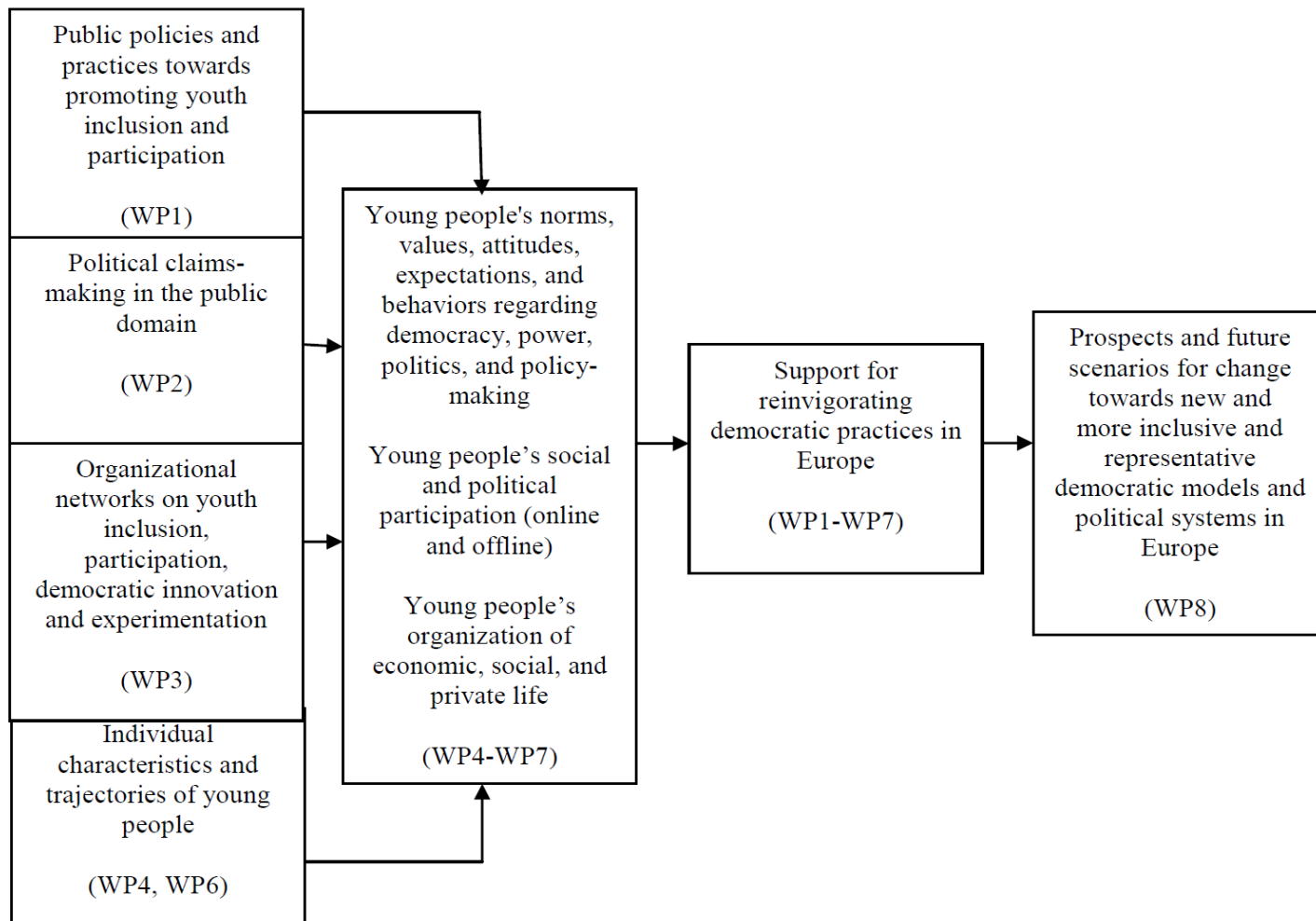
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What are the forms and goals of young people's ways of doing politics in different country and socio-political environments, and through which coping mechanisms do they react to the effects of inequalities in order to express themselves, develop agency and realize their goals online and offline?
2. What are the norms, values, attitudes, expectations, and behaviours of young people regarding democracy, power, politics, policy-making as well as social and political participation (online and offline) and the organization of economic, social and private life, and how do they vary across countries?
3. How can we explain the norms, values, attitudes, expectations, and behaviours of young people regarding democracy, power, politics, policy-making as well as social and political participation (online and offline) and the organization of economic, social and private life as well as their variations across countries and European polities?
4. What is the degree of support by young people for reinvigorating democratic practices in order to build more inclusive democratic models?
5. What are the prospects and potential for youth agency and political engagement online and offline in Europe?

DESIGN

- Multidimensional theoretical framework
 - Macro-level (institutional), meso-level (organizational), micro-level (individual) explanatory factors
- Cross-national comparative design
 - France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK
- Integrated methodological approach
 - Analysis of public policies and practices towards youth, analysis of actors' interventions in the public domain on issues relating to youth, organizational survey, panel survey, survey experiments, biographical interviews, analysis of social media

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



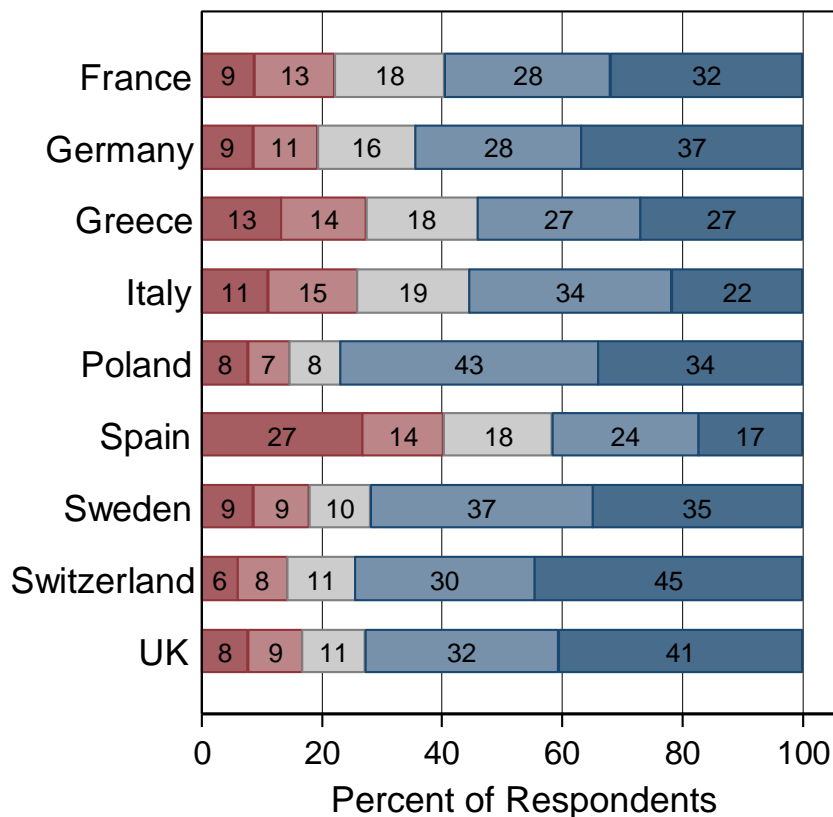
SOME FINDINGS

- Young people are most often not considered as a groups deserving specific policy measures
 - Lack of institutional opportunities for youth political participation
- Young people are most often passive objects rather than active subjects of interventions in the public domain
 - Lack of discursive opportunities for youth political participation
- Young people are skeptical of traditional politics, but many participate in less institutionalized forms
 - Complementarity rather than substitution between institutional and noninstitutional politics
- Active young people share their family's political standpoint
 - Importance of socialization
- Active young people take something positive from political participation
 - Deep personal impact

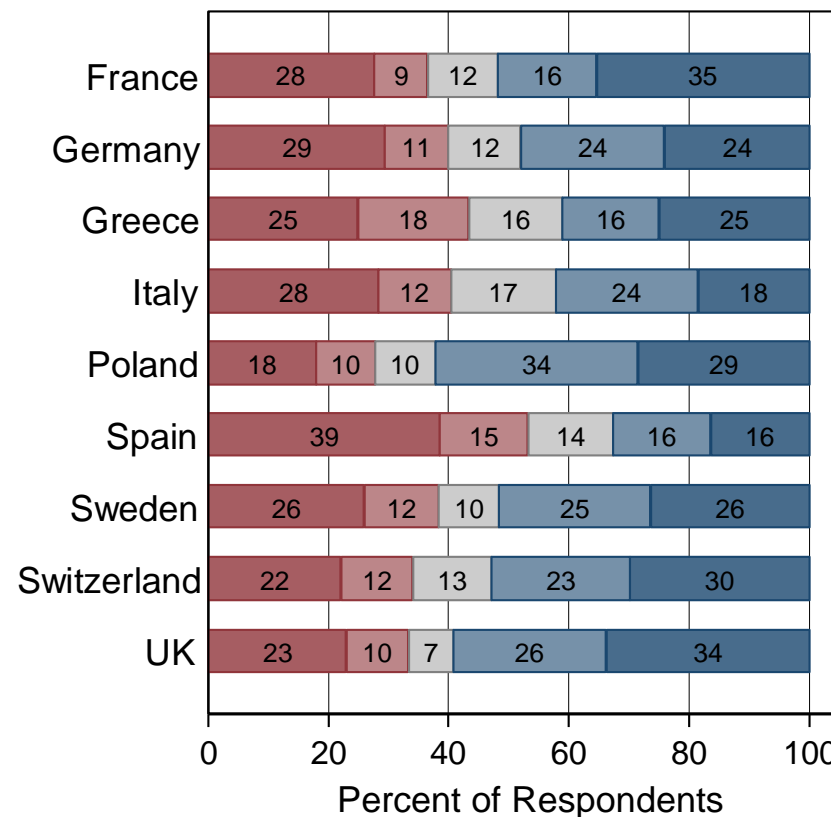
Youth activism has increased in all EURYKA countries

Attend demonstration, march, rally for age 18-34

Asked 2018



Asked 2019



Past 12 months

5+ years ago

Never ever

Past 5 years

Never, considering

FURTHER INFO:

<https://www.unige.ch/sciences-societe/euryka/home>

SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN CASE OF INTEREST

WP Number ⁹	WP Title	Lead beneficiary ¹⁰	Person-months ¹¹	Start month ¹²	End month ¹³
WP1	Policy analysis	4 - UU	38.00	1	6
WP2	Political claims analysis	7 - UoC	56.00	7	16
WP3	Organizational analysis	5 - USIEGEN	74.00	19	30
WP4	Panel survey analysis	2 - USFD	20.00	3	32
WP5	Experimental analysis	1 - UNIGE	20.00	11	16
WP6	Biographical analysis	3 - SNS	56.00	17	26
WP7	Social media analysis	9 - UOC	38.00	25	32
WP8	Prescriptive analysis	10 - EuroAlter	6.00	33	36
WP9	Dissemination and exploitation	1 - UNIGE	28.00	1	36
WP10	Communication	1 - UNIGE	22.00	1	36
WP11	Management	1 - UNIGE	6.00	1	36
WP12	Ethics requirements	1 - UNIGE	N/A	1	36
Total			364.00		