



Statement of purpose

IDEA works all over the world, with our members, partners, and national organizations. In all of these countries, we are supporting or starting civic dialogue dedicated to broad engagement and open discussion. IDEA's mission is focused on five key areas:

1. **Supporting youth participation and fostering democratic practices** through empowering young people for civic engagement, advancing the dialogue between decision-makers and citizens. The programs in this field were developed for local, national, and transnational levels.
2. **Strengthening Global citizen identities** through engaging young people in the shaping of the future and engaging them with the notion of global citizenship, communicating interdependence, and openness in a globalized world. Activities in this area are focused on inter-European dialogue and dialogue between young people from all over the world, developing a joint framework of thinking for a more inclusive and sustainable future.
3. **Promoting human rights through inclusion and anti-discrimination** programs, giving voice to youth with fewer opportunities. These programs are mainly focused on the immigrant population, religious and ethnic minorities, and non-organized youth.
4. **Advocating for and improving citizenship education with particular focus on tackling threats to democratic governance** through direct citizenship education programs enabled by IDEA and carried out by our members or through programs specifically designed to foster media and information literacy and active participation of young people.
5. **Promoting Debate** both as a tool and methodology of empowering young people to learn, live and work more successfully, highlighting the importance of democratic educational process and participative learning, focusing on the creation of critically thinking active citizens.

We empower young people to become active citizens who participate constructively and in an informed critical way in society at all levels. Increasing their capacity for participation, inclusion, and making them more resilient to anti-democratic tendencies makes young people a key element in the fight against the threats to democracy, sustainability and a more just society.