

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

### “SOLVE THE GAP” - 48H EU Youth Digital Hackathon

#### Summary

*Who?* Portuguese National Youth Council  
*What?* Call for 20 volunteers for the support team  
*When?* 00.00 12th to 23.59 13th March 2021  
*Where?* Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal and online  
**DEADLINE: 2nd March 2021**

#### 1. Background information

##### The context

Portugal is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union from January to June 2021, as part of the Trio Presidency of Germany, Portugal and Slovenia.

Within this framework, the Portuguese Ministry of Education and the Portuguese National Youth Council are engaged in the implementation of the EU Youth Dialogue and in organizing the EU Youth Conference in Portugal (12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March). The EU Youth Dialogue is a European process that aims at consulting young people on policy topics that affect their lives and put them in a direct dialogue with policy and decision-makers. The topic of the 8<sup>th</sup> Cycle is Youth Goal #9 “Space and Participation for All” under the title “Europe for YOUTH - YOUTH for Europe: Space for Democracy and Participation”.

Taking stock of this topic, a 48 hours digital hackathon will be organised as a side event of the EU Youth Conference in Portugal, from **12<sup>th</sup> March, at 00:00, to 13<sup>th</sup> March, at 23:59 (WET)**.

##### Objectives of the Hackathon:

Young developers, social innovators and youth participation enthusiasts, organised in teams of 3 to 6 people, are challenged to propose in 48 hours a digital tool to foster the participation of young people.

The digital event is expected to take place from 12th March at 00:00 WET to 13th of March at 23:59 WET.

A team of resourceful mentors will guide the participant teams through the different stages of the development process so the teams can work to develop a tool, to answer one of these 5 challenges:

- Fight Youth Vote Abstention in Elections
- Youth Outreach and Access to Youth-Friendly Information
- Building Transparency and Trust in Government
- Youth Engagement in Policy-Making
- Youth in Positions of Power

### Profile of the volunteers

- Good command of written and spoken English;
- Good command of online platforms like Slack and Zoom;
- Tech-related knowledge will be valued;
- Have good organizational and time management skills;
- Be between 18 and 30 years old and living in Europe.

Roles and tasks:

- Support to manage the participants in the online platforms;
- Answer to questions to participants, mentors or challengers during the hackathon;
- Attend preparatory and consolidation meetings of the Hackathon;

### How to apply

Upon assessing the required profile, you are kindly requested to submit your application.

Apply to be a volunteer <https://cnj.typeform.com/to/ZQetZ5vy>

NB: The selected candidates are expected to participate in the preparatory meetings (date to be announced) and in the Hackathon, completely online.

### Practical Information

All the volunteers will receive a *per diem* allowance.

A certificate will be issued to every volunteer recognizing their participation and the competencies developed during the activity.