

Czech-Bavarian cooperation:

How can we build a strong and sustainable Europe together?



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Results from the consultation
“Youth together for Europe” in
Czech Republic and Bavaria
March 2023

The context

The **Conference on the Future of Europe**, which concluded in May 2022, was a unique example of participatory democracy in Europe. One of the priorities that was widely expressed by the citizens of the various EU member states during the conference was the **strengthening of the EU and its values**.

The **European border regions** play a crucial and central role in this process. They connect the citizens in their immediate environment and contribute to the **promotion of a common identity**, without the filter of nationalism or belonging to one country.

At the end of the European Year of Youth and in the context of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU, the project “Youth Together for Europe” aimed to **sustainably strengthen the participation of young people in the border regions between Germany and the Czech Republic** through an online consultation.

The aim of this innovative participatory project was to promote **cross-border youth participation** and to identify priorities for strengthening Europe, its values and the cultural ties between its citizens.



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of the European Union



The context

From **December 14, 2022 to March 12, 2023**, young citizens from the western part of the Czech Republic (Karlovy Vary, Pilsen, South Bohemia and Prague) and Bavaria were therefore invited to express their **priorities for a stronger and more sustainable Europe**, as well as their ideas about the **role that cross-border projects** can play in strengthening Europe.

This project is funded by the **Bavarian State Ministry for Family Affairs, Labor and Social Affairs** through the Bavarian Youth Federation. It is part of the **Bavarian Youth Action Plan**.

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Make.org's digital participation solution and young people

Make.org, the platform for participatory citizenship that speaks to young people across Europe



- **We have designed an innovative, simple, fun and engaging experience with features that young people are familiar with and appreciate**
- **We have developed an engagement strategy to reach young citizens wherever they are, with the right messages**
- **Our neutrality and transparency are important trust-building measures for them**

While many consider it difficult to engage young people in participatory processes, **at Make.org, we have succeeded in achieving a high level of youth engagement in all of our consultations** by approaching them in the right way and by winning their trust.

Our expertise on youth issues



We have launched several major consultations aimed specifically at young people on the issues that affect them: the future of Europe, bullying at school, empowerment aimed at giving every young person a chance, the eradication of poverty in the world, etc.

We will draw on the expertise gained from these projects to support new initiatives and to provide in-depth analyses of the results of the consultations with young people.

Some examples of our flagship projects with and for young people

Young Ukrainians: How can you be helped to build your future?

20,000 participants
678 proposals
275,000 votes

How can we encourage young people to take better care of their health?

52,300 participants
692 proposals
337,000 votes

Young citizens, what are your priorities for the future of Europe?

95,023 participants
3,538 proposals
730,494 votes

From 14.12.2022 to 12.03.2023

Czech-Bavarian cooperation:

How can we build a strong and sustainable Europe together?



14,631

participants in total



593

submitted proposals in total



170,976

votes in total



6,505

participants



288

submitted proposals



71,578

votes



8,126

participants



305

submitted proposals

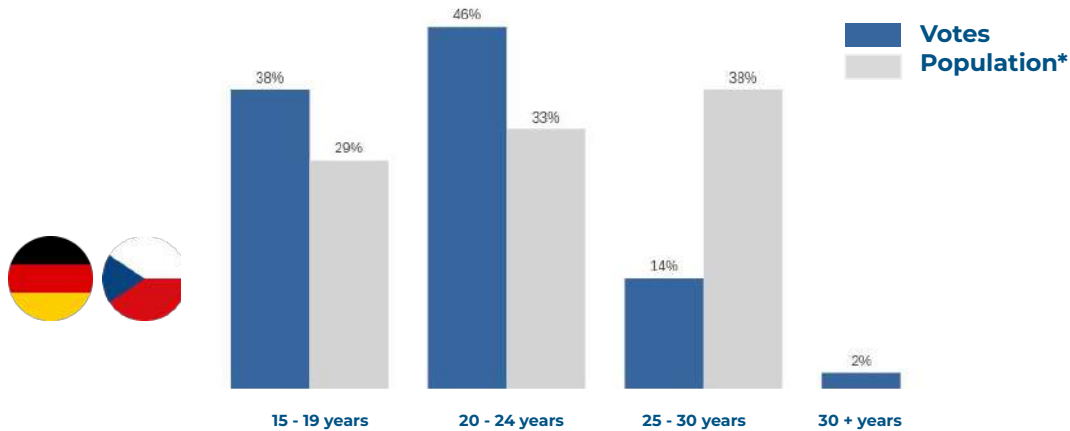


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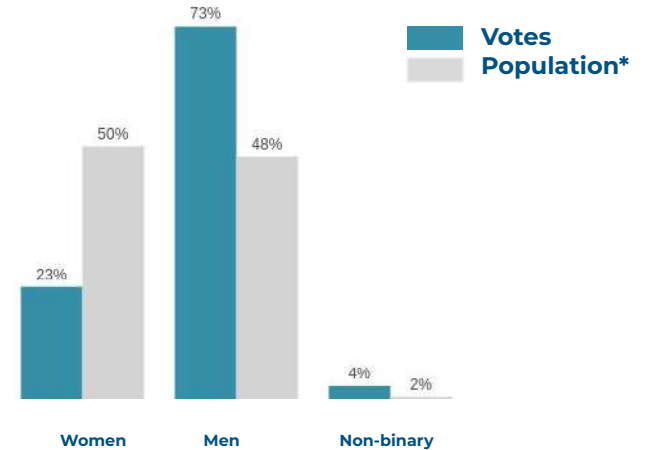
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Profile of the participants

Participation by age

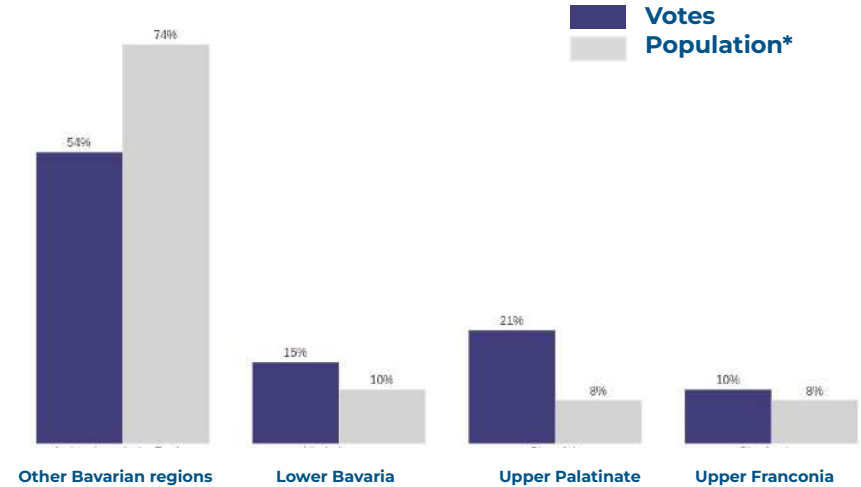
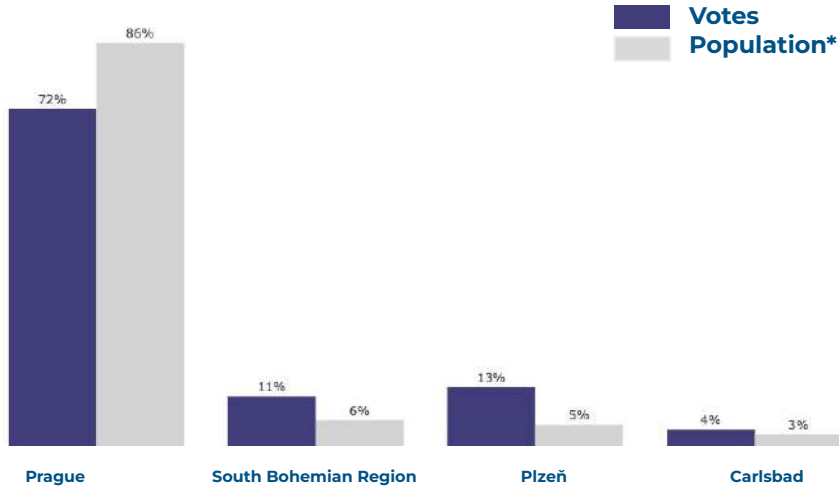


Participation by gender



Profile of the participants

Participation by geographic area

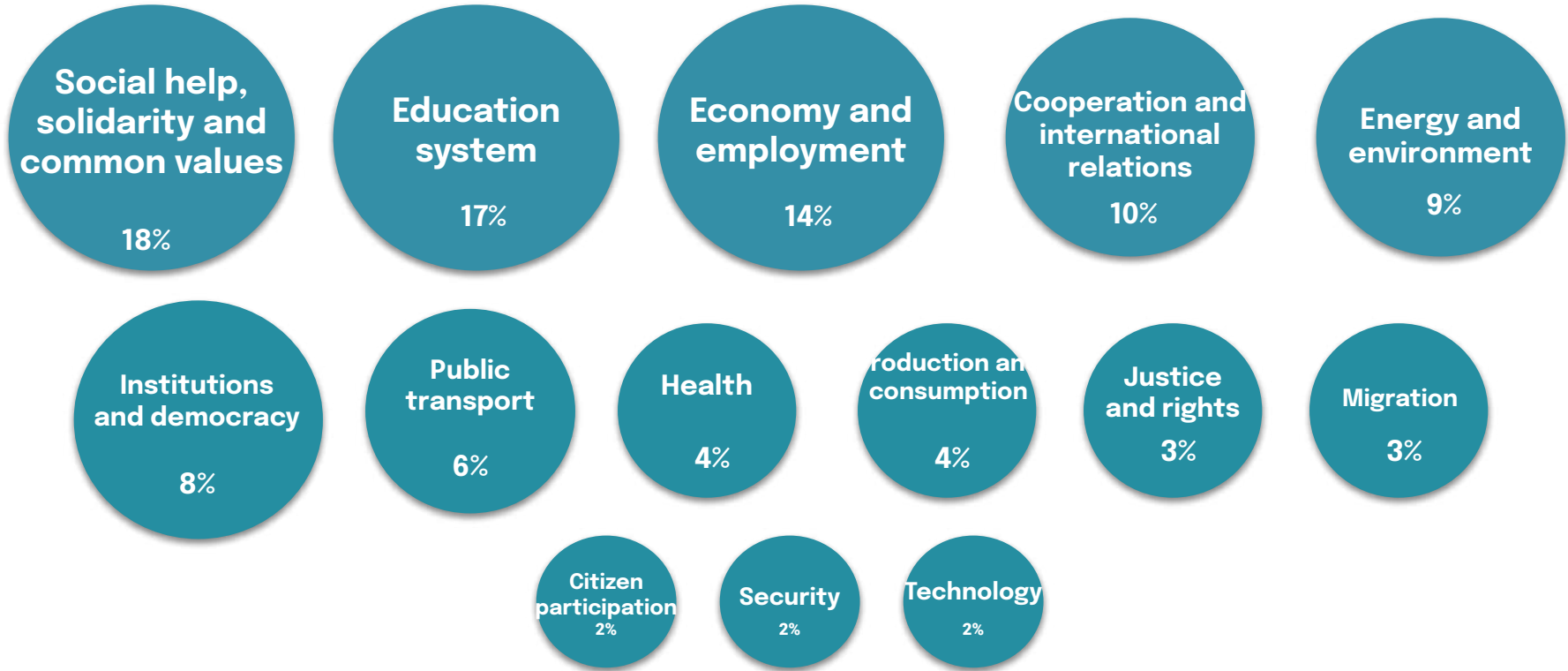


The main results of the consultation

- 1 A great participation rate, with almost 15,000 participants, which shows once again the willingness of citizens, especially young citizens, to **speak out and to build the future of Europe together**.
- 2 A **wide variety of topics were discussed and rich and constructive proposals** were submitted with a low rejection rate. *Before being published, proposals submitted must be validated by the moderators of Make.org, in accordance with the law and our moderation guidelines. The rejection rate corresponds to the percentage of proposals that were rejected during the moderation process because they were not consistent with our guidelines (unethical, off topic, partisan). A low rejection rate* underlines the **high-quality nature of the proposals**.*
- 3 Popular ideas on how to build a stronger Europe are shared by both countries, especially on the main themes **energy, environment, education and health, and common positive values such as tolerance and solidarity**.
- 4 **Many meaningful ideas that cover the subject of the Czech - Bavarian cooperation:** increasing school exchange programmes, promoting more common cultural projects, improving mobility, improving technology and digital infrastructure, etc.
- 5 Some **country-specific topics** are not fully agreed on in the other country. Topics such as economic and resource independence and economic and diplomatic cooperation can highlight specific cultural nuances and economical differences between the two countries.

What citizens from both countries are talking about*

Out of 593 proposals submitted, 553 were validated by the Make.org moderators (see "Methodology")



* The sum of the percentages is greater than 100% because some proposals fall under more than one theme.

Data collection

The Make.org platform collects two types of data: **citizens' proposals** written in 140 characters and **votes on those proposals**. Citizens' proposals are answers to single open ended questions, such as "Czech-Bavarian cooperation: How can we build a strong and sustainable Europe together?". Participants reach the platform via an interface called "the sequence", optimized to encourage participation. The sequence presents a series of 12 proposals on which participants are invited to vote "in favour", "against" or "I am neutral". After this first vote, the participants are invited to qualify their vote by indicating whether they find the proposal "realistic", "obvious", "favourite" or "irrelevant". This remark is optional. On average, 60% of the participants add a remark. Halfway through this sequence, participants are invited to submit their own proposal. This action is also optional.

Emergence algorithm

A central component of our platform is the **algorithm that chooses the proposals submitted to the vote** of each participant on the "sequence" (see "Data collection" section). The objective of this algorithm is to give each proposal **an equal opportunity of exposure**, while concentrating the votes on the most interesting proposals for analysis: the most consensual and the most controversial. These interesting proposals are called **emerging proposals**. In particular, the algorithm guarantees the neutralization of trolling attempts since the proposals submitted to votes are chosen by the algorithm and not by the voters. The **source code of this algorithm** is public and auditable.

Analysis of emerging proposals

For the analysis of popular and controversial ideas from a Make.org consultation, we focus on what we term "**emerging proposals**", the most consensual and controversial proposals. We proceed to the analysis of all these proposals by **grouping together proposals that convey the same ideas**. The grouping into "ideas" is based on the main meaning expressed in the citizens' proposals, **without over-interpretation of the citizens' words**. Ideas are often composed of several dozens of proposals, each having aggregated more than a hundred votes, thus allowing us to make our results more reliable by reducing the margin of error.

We got an average of 308 votes per proposal for the Czech consultation and an average of 224 votes per proposal for the Bavarian consultation, which is enough to ensure the statistical robustness of our results.

The specificity of this project: A two-phase consultation

Phase 1: A regional consultation

During the first phase, we asked Bavarian and Czech participants to answer the following question in their respective language:

Czech-Bavarian cooperation: How can we build a strong and sustainable Europe together?

At the end of this phase, we obtained a total of **20** ideas from both countries, including **16** popular ideas and **4** controversial ideas. We identified their origin and organized them into **9** different themes.

Phase 2: A transnational consultation

During the second phase, we submitted Bavarian proposals to Czech participants and vice versa.

Why? The goal was to create a dialogue between Bavarian and Czech participants and analyze how participants react to each other's ideas.

Analysis of the proposals and votes

Phase 1:
Regional
consultation



288 SUBMITTED PROPOSALS
282 VALIDATED PROPOSALS



Qualitative analysis by
grouping similar proposals

Consensus area

More than 60% of votes in favour

Controversial area

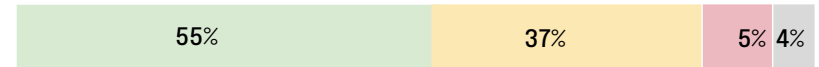
Less than 60% voted for
More than 15% voted against

7 popular ideas

3 controversial ideas



305 SUBMITTED PROPOSALS
271 VALIDATED PROPOSALS



Qualitative analysis by
grouping similar proposals

Consensus area

More than 60% of votes in favour

Controversial area

Less than 60% voted for
More than 15% voted against

9 popular ideas

1 controversial idea

Phase 2:
Transnational
consultation



Shared popular ideas

Popular ideas confirmed by the vote of the
participants from the other country

Shared controversial ideas

Controversial ideas confirmed by the vote of the
participants from the other country

Debated ideas

Ideas that have certain aspects which
are not shared in the other country

*The rejection zone corresponds to the share of proposals that received a majority of votes against.

**The limbo zone corresponds to the share of proposals that received a majority of neutral votes.

Results from the consultation: 10 shared ideas for young people in Czech Republic and Bavaria

Popular or controversial ideas confirmed by the vote of the participants from the other country

Energy and environment

- Promoting environmental and energy cooperation
- Encouraging the improvement and expansion of nuclear power

Digital transformation

- Improving technology and digital infrastructure*

International relations, institutions and democracy

- ⚡ Establishing military collaboration in Europe

Education and social affairs

- Increasing school exchange programmes*
- Promoting youth and public interest in politics

Transport

- Improving transport and mobility*

Migration

- ⚡ Controlling borders or abolishing them

Culture and common values

- Promoting more joint cultural projects and cultural exchanges between the two countries*
- Promoting mutual respect and tolerance



● Popular idea ⚡ Controversial idea

*Ideas with proposals mentioning the subject of the Czech-Bavarian cooperation.


Results from the consultation: 7 ideas debated among young people in Czech Republic and Bavaria

Ideas that have certain aspects which are controversial in the other country


Economy

-  Promoting economic and resource independence and sustainability
-  Strengthening economic cooperation in Europe and between the two countries*


Education and social affairs

-  Improving the education system and making it more attractive*



Culture and common values



-  Organizing regular events near the border*

International relations, institutions and democracy

-  Promoting diplomatic cross-border cooperation and cohesion in Europe*

Health and social welfare

-  Providing social and financial resources for vulnerable groups
-  Improving the health system, especially mental health care

 Popular debated idea  Controversial debated idea

*Ideas with proposals mentioning the subject of the Czech-Bavarian cooperation.

Theme 1

Culture and common values

Shared popular ideas:

- Promoting mutual respect and tolerance
- Promoting more joint cultural projects and cultural exchanges between the two countries

Debated idea:

- Organizing regular events near the border

Theme 1: Culture and common values

Idea 1: Promoting mutual respect and tolerance

6 proposals 2,142 votes

Popular idea shared by both countries



Promoting mutual respect and tolerance

This idea was only present in the Czech consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Bavarian participants to react to this idea.

This popular idea is based on promoting a culture of belonging, mutual respect, and tolerance within society. It suggests the need for individuals to respect and support each other, and for new generations to be raised in an environment of solidarity where people help each other.

This idea is also shared by the Bavarian participants, who completely agree with the values of tolerance mentioned by the Czech participants.



Klára Furstová, 20

We should respect and support each other.

85% in favour



Barbora Krchová, 24

We should encourage belonging and mutual respect.

72% in favour



Šimon Sládek, 20

We should build a culture of good coexistence.

68% in favour



Hana Šíková, 21

We should raise the new generation in an environment of solidarity, where people help each other.

64% in favour



Jana Orságová, 23

We should have a general discussion in society about respect and tolerance.

61% in favour

Theme 1: Culture and common values

Idea 2: Promoting more joint cultural projects and exchanges between the two countries

13 proposals 5,436 votes

Popular idea shared by both countries



Promoting more joint cultural projects and cultural exchanges between the two countries

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to understanding and cooperation between different countries through various means such as language courses, student exchanges, and sharing resources and knowledge on sustainable projects. They also suggest enabling young people to engage in international community service projects as an exchange experience, planning joint projects where language and culture can be learned.

This popular idea is shared by the Czech participants, obtaining a majority of “in favour” votes.

Sabrina, 34

We should enable young people to get involved in international community service projects as an exchange experience.

84% in favour

Moon, 16

We should broaden cultural understanding (language courses, student exchange programmes) and also share resources and knowledge for sustainable projects.

76% in favour

Nadya, 22

We should plan joint projects in which the respective language and culture can be learned.

78% in favour

Rudolf, 33

We should promote common cultural projects.

70% in favour

Theme 1: Culture and common values

Idea 3: Organizing regular events near the border

4 proposals 1,956 votes

Controversial idea *debated* among Czech participants



Organizing regular events near the border

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to react to this idea.

This controversial idea is focused on planning concerts and events for young people near the border to encourage engagement and interaction, hosting cultural festivals and inviting citizens from the other country, and holding regular events every two months at the border.

However, Czech participants agree on the general idea of organizing more interesting events.



Caro, 31

We should plan cultural festivals and invite the citizens of the other country.

54% in favour ⚡ 22% against



Theresa, 26

We should organize concerts and youth events near the border.

41% in favour ⚡ 27% against



Dominik, 31

We should bring people from both sides closer together culturally, e.g. every 2 months there should be an event at the border where the two nations meet.

40% in favour ⚡ 28% against



Tandem, 60

We should organize more interesting cultural events in the border region.

👍 69% in favour

Theme 2

Digital transformation

Popular shared idea:

Improving technology and digital infrastructure

Theme 2: Digital transformation

Idea 1: Improving technology and digital infrastructure

6 proposals 2,781 votes

Popular idea *shared* by both countries



Improving technology and digital infrastructure

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to react to this idea.

Both countries agree on the idea of promoting the expansion of mobile networks and digital infrastructure across Europe, investing in education and innovation to boost European scientific and technological knowledge, developing a common future with the help of technology, and bringing large technology companies to Germany and the Czech Republic.



Bennet, 19

We should invest more in education and innovation to promote European science and technology knowledge.

83% in favour



Igor, 30

We should invest more in new technologies.

79% in favour



Bennet, 19

We should greatly expand the digital infrastructure throughout Europe.

74% in favour



Niklas, 24

We should promote the expansion of the mobile network (Internet) on both sides.

74% in favour



Flo, 31

We should bring big Tech companies to Germany and Czech Republic.

71% in favour

Theme 3

Economy

Debated ideas:

- Promoting economic and resource independence and sustainability
- Strengthening economic cooperation in Europe and between the two countries

Theme 3: Economy

Idea 1: Strengthening economic cooperation in Europe and between the two countries

13 proposals 3,217 votes

Popular idea *debated* among Czech participants



Strengthening economic cooperation in Europe and between the two countries

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to react to this idea.

Bavarian participants agree on the need to strengthen economic cooperation within Europe by expanding trade networks, developing industry, and investing in infrastructure. There is a call for a trade agreement to boost the European economy, and a suggestion to promote the economy of both countries. The proposal includes improving trade relations, harmonizing the common European market to make it more attractive for direct investment.

Czech participants share the same needs but reject the possibility of introducing a single currency in Europe.



Lisa, 33

We should work on better economic cooperation.



86% in favour



Heike, 34

We should develop the industry together and expand the infrastructure of both countries.



81% in favour



Stanislav, 21

We should continue to harmonize the common European market to make it even more attractive for direct investments.



67% in favour



Jan, 19

We should try to introduce a single currency for the whole of Europe.



67% against

Theme 3: Economy

Idea 2: Promoting economic and resource independence and sustainability

9 proposals 4,793 votes

Popular idea *debated* among Bavarian participants



Promoting economic and resource independence and sustainability

This idea was only present in the Czech consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Bavarian participants to react to this idea.

This popular idea suggests a need for greater self-sufficiency in key areas to reduce the vulnerability of EU countries to potential crises or acts of aggression. This includes reducing imports of goods produced under inhumane or non-environmental conditions, restoring agricultural and food self-sufficiency, reducing dependence on Chinese factories and manufactures, and changing the distribution of agricultural aid to reflect the contribution of each member to the self-sufficiency of the EU.

Nevertheless, two proposals lead to controversy among Bavarian participants: reducing dependence on fuel imports and promoting more independence of raw materials for the Czech Republic.



Alexander, 26

We should restore the agricultural and food self-sufficiency of each state in the EU. The global market is not able to respond to war and "wheat blackmail".

78% in favour



Lukáš, 16

We should reduce dependence on Chinese factories and manufacturers.

71% in favour



Jan, 18

We should significantly change the way agricultural subsidies are distributed within the EU. It is necessary to take into account the contribution of each member state to EU self-sufficiency.

58% in favour



Hugo Štolba, 17

We should reduce dependence on the import of fuel.

54% in favour 25% against



Jan, 19

We should support the independence of the Czech Republic from other countries in case a crisis occurs in countries from which the Czech Republic imports key raw materials.

47% in favour 21% against

Theme 4

Education and social affairs

Shared popular ideas:

- Increasing school exchange programmes
- Promoting youth and public interest in politics

Debated idea:

- Improving the education system and making it more attractive

Theme 4: Education and social affairs

Idea 1: Increasing school exchange programmes

23 proposals 6,791 votes

Popular idea *shared by*
both countries



Increasing school exchange programmes

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to react to this idea.

Participants from both countries wish to promote exchange and cooperation between European countries, particularly among young people in schools and universities. Proposals suggest offering more exchange programmes or internships and establishing partnerships and cooperations between schools and universities. Young people from border areas should be enabled to visit schools in neighbouring countries without problems.



N, 29

We should make it possible to do internships or studies in the other country and to have them recognized.

85% in favour



Peter, 31

We should encourage young people to build friendships between countries, e.g. through exchange programmes.

84% in favour



Tandem, 27

We should enable young people from the border area to visit schools in the neighbouring country without problems.

77% in favour



Patrycja, 49

We should encourage and build friendships of young people between countries, e.g. through exchange programmes.

75% in favour



Sebastian, 31

We should try to strengthen collaborations between universities or build new cooperation.

73% in favour

Theme 4: Education and social affairs

Idea 2: Promoting youth and public interest in politics

6 proposals 3,083 votes

Popular idea *shared* by both countries



Promoting youth and public interest in politics

This idea was only present in the Czech consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Bavarian participants to react to this idea.

Participants from both countries agree on the need for better education and engagement with the public, particularly young people, on topics related to politics, democracy, and European integration. This popular idea also emphasizes the importance of cultivating youth interest in public affairs.



Mari, 17

We should educate the general public about the politics and economics of Europe.

78% in favour



Anna Mírková, 20

We should cultivate youth interest in public affairs.

69% in favour



Václav, 28

We should educate intensively and systematically, not only young people in the school system, but everyone, on the benefits of cooperation of European integration.

63% in favour



Jakub, 22

We should explain concepts such as NATO, EU or UN to the general public so everyone knows what it means and the benefits of membership.

62% in favour

Theme 4: Education and social affairs

Idea 3: Improving the education system and make it more attractive

22 proposals 8,562 votes

Popular idea *debated* among Bavarian participants



Improving the education system and making it more attractive

This idea was only present in the Czech consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Bavarian participants to react to this idea.

Czech participants seek to adopt more modern teaching methods to prepare children for their future. Many current methods may be outdated, so updating them could help children succeed in an increasingly complex world. Proposals include: introducing more modern pedagogical approaches, adding disciplines that could be useful in real-life situations (such as financial literacy education), improving partnerships between schools, etc. The goal is to provide a more seamless educational experience for students as they progress through their schooling.

When it comes to foreign language teaching, Bavarian participants don't necessarily agree on more advanced foreign language teaching, potentially through additional hours or courses.



Gabriela, 21

We should learn with more modern methods in schools. Many pedagogical methods are already outdated and do not prepare children for the future.



82% in favour



Monika, 36

We should ensure the learning of financial literacy from kindergarten to school so that children know the value of money/work from childhood.



78% in favour



Jiří Procházka, 23

We should focus on more intensive foreign language teaching, especially in high schools, e.g. to have more hours or have some additional free courses after your regular lessons.

47% in favour



25% against



Petra, 19

We should further link and increase communication between countries and pay attention to foreign language teaching. Also, we should increase the level of language teaching.

56% in favour



20% against

Energy and environment

Shared popular ideas:

- Promoting environmental and energy cooperation
- Encouraging the improvement and expansion of nuclear power

Theme 5: Energy and environment

Idea 1: Promoting environmental and energy cooperation

13 proposals 3,585 votes

Popular idea *shared by*
both countries



Promoting environmental and energy cooperation

This idea was present in both national consultations in the first phase.

Participants from both countries agree on the need to promote renewable energy and sustainable practices to combat climate change. Proposals include: working together to produce renewable energy, developing a joint energy policy quickly, launching joint environmental projects, building new green buildings, investing more in research for new energy storage technologies, taking sustainability and long-term improvement of the environment into account in state management, switching to greener forms of energy extraction, discussing ideological solutions for energy transformation, and increasing public education on ecology and energy management. Overall, these proposals are aimed at creating a greater focus on the environment and promoting more sustainable practices.



Tom, 26

We should expand renewable energies together.

76% in favour



Svatopluk Čech,

We should take sustainability and long-term improvement of the ecological situation into account more in the framework of state management.

74% in favour



Václav, 20

We should focus more on the environment. More public education on ecology and energy management.

69% in favour



Melanie, 34

We should start common environmental projects.

65% in favour



Viktor, 22

We should discuss views on the energy transformation with an emphasis on the search for ideologically neutral solutions.

63% in favour

Theme 5: Energy and environment

Idea 2: Encouraging the improvement and expansion of nuclear power

7 proposals 6,167 votes

Popular idea *shared by*
both countries



Encouraging the improvement and expansion of nuclear power

This idea was only present in the Czech consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Bavarian participants to react to this idea.

Participants from both countries agree on the need to improve thermonuclear and nuclear power technologies. According to participants, nuclear power needs to be confirmed as a clean energy source, expanded and commissioned as coal power is phased out.



Tomáš Červený, 23

We should improve technologies in the field of thermonuclear and nuclear energy before we can fully switch to renewable resources.

79% in favour



Adam, 27

We should support the development of nuclear fusion, which will complement the classic fission nuclear power plants.

72% in favour



Hugo Štolba, 17

We should expand energy production in nuclear power plants.

70% in favour



Jan, 18

We should put new nuclear resources into operation in connection with the end of the coal energy operation.

68% in favour



Jan, 25

We should invest in small Thorium modular reactors throughout Europe, which will balance fluctuations in renewable power.

60% in favour

Theme 6

Health and social welfare



Debated ideas:

- Providing social and financial resources for vulnerable groups
- Improving the health system, especially mental health care

Theme 6: Health and social welfare

Idea 1: Providing social and financial resources for vulnerable groups

10 proposals 2,399 votes

Popular idea *debated* among Bavarian participants



Providing social and financial resources for vulnerable groups

This idea was only present in the Czech consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Bavarian participants to react to this idea.

Czech participants want to respond to the social and economic needs of citizens and their proposals include: helping socially fragile groups (seniors, orphans, etc.) integrate into the labor market, setting up programmes to make employment and housing available to socially fragile groups, providing more help for single mothers, and improving communication between authorities and people in need of assistance and social benefits.

Among these measures, the one that suggests establishing different rules (more strict and rigorous) to avoid any misuse of social benefits by the Romani population leads to controversy among Bavarian participants.



Jana Němcová, 21

We should support poorer families and allow children equal opportunities (in different areas) to help them become an active citizens.

76% in favour



Patricie Indráková, 20

We should provide more extensive assistance to single mothers.

71% in favour



Hedvika Ruzsová, 23

We should help socially fragile groups (seniors, orphans, etc.) to navigate new trends and help them to integrate into the labor market.

68% in favour



Svatopluk Čech, 19

We should provide education and more affordable support for poor people or appropriate job opportunities to those in disadvantaged situations.

66% in favour



Svatopluk Čech, 19

We should have better rules for social benefits for the Roma people in the Czech Republic and their compulsory financial education.

35% in favour 26% against

Theme 6: Health and social welfare

Idea 2: Improving the health system, especially mental health care

10 proposals 2,409 votes

Popular idea *debated* among Bavarian participants



Improving the health system, especially mental health care

This idea was only present in the Czech consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Bavarian participants to react to this idea.

This popular idea is aimed at improving the health sector in the countries. Some proposals focus on the need to create better conditions for patients and staff in state-run hospitals and clinics. This includes improving access to medicines for all and improving the working conditions of nurses, attendants, and orderlies. Czech participants also wish to create a more supportive and accessible system of mental health care for all. They call for improvements in the field of psychological health: expanding mental health help and therapy, busting myths about therapy and mental health care, and improving education about mental disorders. It also calls for greater awareness of individuals with mental health issues.

All these proposals find consensus among the Bavarian participants, except for one that calls for access to psychological visits twice a year, which is *slightly* controversial.



Niko, 18

We should focus more on healthcare and create better conditions for patients and employees in state hospitals and other health institutions.

90% in favour



Patřicie Indráková, 20

We should have medicines for all.

74% in favour



Gabriela, 21

We should have better working conditions for nurses, carers, ambulance employees, etc. It is necessary to completely reform health care in the Czech Republic.

72% in favour



Svatopluk Čech, 19

We should have better education about mental disorders and greater awareness about people suffering from them.

69% in favour



Nikola Červenková, 24

We should have a visit to a psychologist covered by public health insurance, e.g. twice a year.

57% in favour 22% against

Theme 7

International relations, institutions and democracy

Shared controversial idea:

Establishing military collaboration in Europe

Debated idea:

Promoting diplomatic cross-border cooperation and cohesion

Theme 7: International relations, institutions and democracy

Idea 1: Establishing military collaboration in Europe

4 proposals 1,577 votes

Controversial idea *shared*
by both countries



Establishing stronger military collaboration in Europe

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to react to this idea.

In this idea, Bavarian participants discuss building a common military alliance and establishing a common defense and security policy in Europe. Czech participants respond in the same way and reiterate this controversial idea which obtains as many “in favour” votes as “against”.



Na, 18

We should build a military alliance together.

57% in favour ⚡ 23% against



Abdullah, 33

We should strengthen our military service along with others.

57% in favour ⚡ 23% against



Raphaël, 21

We should unify the military.

56% in favour ⚡ 23% against

Theme 7: International relations, institutions and democracy

Idea 2: Promoting diplomatic cross-border cooperation and cohesion

23 proposals 5,747 votes

Popular idea *debated* among Czech participants



Promoting diplomatic cross-border cooperation and cohesion

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to react to this idea.

Bavarian participants want to strengthen international relations, especially between the two countries. Their proposals emphasize the importance of working together and making decisions together. Overall, the goal is to foster cooperation and collaboration between countries while promoting democratic values.

The second phase of the consultation shows that this idea is partially shared by the Czech participants: proposals that suggest creating a strong alliance between Bavaria and Czech Republic as a model for other European countries and proposals that encourage negotiating compromises between politicians from both nations are *slightly* more controversial.



Bernadett, 22

We should make sure that the countries can work closely together but still respect each other's traditions and cultures.

85% in favour



Lisa, 21

We should focus on increased international relationships. In this way, the binding and cooperation between the states is strengthened in every area.

78% in favour



Manuel, 30

We should encourage both countries to stand up for democracy.

72% in favour



Jamul, 29 ans

We should form a strong alliance, as a model for the other EU countries.

57% in favour 23% against



Cathryn, 22 ans

We should get politicians together and let them negotiate compromises.

56% in favour 23% against

Theme 8

Migration

Controversial shared idea:

Controlling borders or abolishing them

Theme 8: Migration

Idea 1: Controlling borders or abolishing them

4 proposals 2,673 votes

Controversial idea *shared* by both countries



Controlling borders or abolishing them

This idea was only present in the Bavarian consultation in the first phase. During the second phase, we asked Czech participants to react to this idea.

This controversial idea suggests different approaches to the issue of borders and migration within Europe, all of which are controversial.

They call for the reintroduction of border controls and, in contrast, for the immediate abolition of border controls to promote cultural unity and transition between European countries. They also suggest promoting and expanding the European sea rescue operation to save more lives during emergencies.

Czech participants' responses confirm the controversy on this issue.



Jahn, 21

We should reintroduce border controls.

41% in favour ⚡ 17% against



Alpher, 18

We should liquefy inner-European borders and thus promote cultural transfers and unity between countries.

36% in favour ⚡ 34% against



Bennet, 19

We should financially support and expand the European sea rescue more strongly to save more people's lives!

39% in favour ⚡ 33% against



Theme 9

Transport

Popular shared idea:

Improving transport and mobility

Theme 9: Transport

Idea 1: Improving transport and mobility in the EU

25 proposals 7,245 votes

Popular idea *shared* by both countries



Improving transport and mobility

This idea was present in both national consultations in the first phase.

Participants from both countries agree on the importance of improving transportation infrastructure and increasing connections between different regions and countries. Proposals include expanding bus and train connections in villages, making transport more affordable, extending railroad lines, creating better transport connections for young people to travel within Europe, and promoting European tickets. Overall, these proposals aim to simplify and improve transportation, increase frequency and connections, and promote sustainable mobility practices.



Sophia, 18

We should expand bus and train connections so that people can rely on them even in villages.

87% in favour



Anna, 27

We should lower the prices for public transportation.

86% in favour



Drawy, 23

We should invest more in public transport and increase its frequency, including investing in international train services.

76% in favour



Abi, 21

We should build a good infrastructure between the two countries. Like, for example, make travel even easier and more attractive.

72% in favour



Florian, 27

European tickets should be promoted.

69% in favour

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