



Values, Beliefs and  
Democratic Engagement in  
Europe: Learning across the  
EU27 in a new era of  
international relations

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## **Key highlights from our discussion during the workshop on the topic of values, beliefs and democratic engagement in Europe.**

1. Trust is a key uniting element in resilient systems, yet it is low and continues to decline in many parts of the EU.
2. Loneliness and a decline in active citizenship are critical problems, particularly affecting young people.

## **Policy levers to address this and build resilience include:**

- Focusing on relational government to deliver a citizen experience of effectiveness and fairness.
- Leveraging youth policy, culture, civil society, and sport as powerful tools to foster social cohesion and promote civic engagement
- Maintaining strategic communications to offer a mobilising narrative around democracy
- Supporting citizens' capacity to critically engage with content, to align with wider efforts to tackle disinformation.

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