



Youth

THE MAYOR DEFENDS TODAY IN BRUSSELS MALAGA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITALITY 2026

The Malaga delegation, led by the Mayor, presents a project created by the city's young people around three pillars: Moving, Living and Giving

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The chosen city will be announced on November 27 at a ceremony in Lublin (Poland), current Youth Capital

14/11/2023.- The Mayor of Malaga, Francisco de la Torre, is in Brussels today to defend Malaga's candidacy for the title of European Youth Capital 2026 before the jury of the European Youth Forum (EYF), at the headquarters of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union. The city of Malaga competes in the final phase with Sarajevo (Bosnia Herzegovina), Tromso (Norway), Izmir (Turkey), and Vila do Conde (Portugal) and aspires to become the first Spanish city to hold the title of European Youth Capital.

The EYF awards the title of European Youth Capital to those municipalities that develop a comprehensive strategy to support youth and involve young people in decision-making processes. The title is granted for a specific year during which events and activities of all kinds aimed at young people are developed and adapted. In the case of Malaga, it would be eligible to be a candidate for year 2026, following Lublin (Poland), the current European Youth Capital; Ghent (Belgium) in 2024, and Lviv (Ukraine) in 2025.

Malaga's candidacy objectives are divided into three categories, linked to the consonants of the city's name: Moving, Living and Giving.

- Moving. Related to actions in favour of the personal, educational and professional development of young people, especially in emerging sectors such as technology, sustainable mobility and relations with Europe.
- Living. Linked to citizen involvement in designing a sustainable and ecological environment, a realistic housing plan for young people, and support for young artistic creation.



- Giving. Includes solidarity actions to ensure no young person is left behind, support for young families, special attention for vulnerable or disabled individuals, and the strengthening of volunteer work.

According to the Mayor, “Malaga’s proposal aspires to be a benchmark for youth policies in the urban era, giving prominence to the active participation of young people individually or through associations. Additionally, we aim to leverage its role as a bridge between Europe and North Africa to empower youth initiatives”.

The slogan ‘Europe, the Union of Youth’ is presented by Malaga to bring young people closer to the values of the old continent and its institutions. These values include education for all, culture, innovation, volunteerism, diversity, sustainability, consumer protection, and support for active agign.

The proclamation ceremony fot the ‘European Youht Capital 2026’ will take place in Lublin (Poland) on November 27.