INTERFACED — Policy Lab #1 — Agenda

How to increase the political engagement of marginalised groups?

Brussels, Thursday 19 November 2026, 09:30–13:30

The INTERFACED Policy Labs bring together policymakers, researchers, civil society and practitioners to co-create recommendations on the political participation of disadvantaged and disengaged groups. This first lab of the series asks: who are the marginalised, do they participate in politics, and how?

Date and time	Thursday 19 November 2026. Registration from 09:00; Policy Lab 09:30–12:30; lunch 12:30–13:30
Venue	BeCentral — Boardroom (2nd floor), Cantersteen 12, 1000 Brussels. In person only.
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Time	Session	Speakers
09:00–09:30	**Registration and welcome coffee**	
09:30–09:45	**Policy Lab methodology** The INTERFACED Policy Lab approach and objectives	Giulia Sandri, ECAS
09:45–10:00	**Policy Lab opening** Welcome and introduction to INTERFACED	Marta Azevedo Silva, ECAS
10:00–10:30	**Evidence input** Presentation of the background paper	Felipe G. Santos, City St George's, University of London Valeria Resta, Dublin City University
10:30–11:00	**Stakeholder perspectives** Short interventions followed by an exchange with the room	Alin Gramescu, INTERFACED Fellow Thomas Kemps, INTERFACED Fellow Paulo Rosa, European Commission Joint Research Centre (online) **Moderation:** Giulia Sandri, ECAS
11:00–11:15	*Coffee break*	
11:15–12:00	**Co-creation workshop** Small-group work at three tables: young people and first-time voters; persons with disabilities; migrants and ethnic minorities	**Facilitation:** Elisa Lironi, Marta Azevedo Silva, Giulia Sandri, ECAS.
12:00–12:25	**Synthesis and recommendations** Table report-backs and vote on the recommendations	Table rapporteurs **Moderation:** Giulia Sandri, ECAS
12:25–12:30	**Closing and next steps**	Giulia Sandri, ECAS
12:30–13:30	*Lunch, open to all Policy Lab participants*	

Working language: *English. A short background paper is circulated to participants ahead of the lab; printed copies will be available on site. The INTERFACED consortium meeting follows from 13:30 (consortium members only).*

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