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Connecting for the Future

Adam Nyman's presentation describes how he and his team are building a pan-European online debating community called Debating Europe.

Its overall goals are:

- To engage citizens and policymakers from across Europe in an on-going conversation on vital issues shaping our future;
- To empower citizens to reject traditional 'top down' EU thinking and start believing in a citizen-driven 'bottom-up' approach;
- To include a broad range of voices and opinions in its debates, particularly striving to make high-level European policy issues accessible to Europe's youth, and focusing on voices from Europe's so-called "periphery".

At the heart of Debating Europe is an online discussion community where participants contribute their views and recommendations in response to a number of 'stimulus' questions, interviews, videos and posts that help initiate discussions.

While Debating Europe aims to address all of Europe's citizens, it is the continent's young people who are of special interest to the project, striving to make high-level European policy issues accessible to Europe's youth.