

## 5.2 Youth participation in representative democracy

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### Young people as voters

Since 1981, every Belgian from 18 years of age has the right to vote, and since 2014 one can be elected for the federal Parliament from age 18.

### Young people as political representatives

#### Jugend für Freiheit und Fortschritt (JFF)

The [JFF](#) is a liberal oriented youth movement in the German-speaking Community of Belgium for young people between 15 and 35 years. They are linked to the political party [Partei für Freiheit und Fortschritt](#) (PFF). Their aim is to inspire young people, to develop ideas and, above all, promote critical and innovative thinking.

#### Junge Mitte

The [Junge Mitte](#) is a self-organized youth movement with a political character (central democratic) in the German-speaking Community of Belgium, which is open to all interested young people. They are linked to the political party [Christlich Soziale Partei \(CSP\) Ostbelgiens](#). Its aim is to represent youth interests and problems in its activities and to be open to all political issues.

#### Pro DG-u30

[ProDG-u30](#) is a political movement of persons who want to think about the social challenges of the ideology as a whole, as well as on democratic principles. The aim of the association is to contribute to political education. Anyone between 16 and 30 years can be a member.

#### SP-Jugendgruppe

[Jusos Ostbelgien](#) are a group of young socialists and social democrats who want to actively shape politics in the German-speaking Community of Belgium.