

Do you have some velleities?

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A velleity (una veleidad) is something that you wish to do, but you do not put into action. Or in other words a velleity is a mere (mero) wish or desire which does not lead to anything. Let´s examine some sentences.

- The EU has many velleities (veleidades) but does little or nothing to implement them. A simple example is the idea, in 2019, to eliminate the hour changes every six months: a simple matter, but now a velleity, an idea not put into action four years later.
- Politicians are often guilty of velleities: wishes or ideas never put into effect.
- Tom has a velleity to stop smoking, but he makes no effort to cut down on smoking or stop smoking.

So, do you have any velleities?