

## Call for proposals for international one-off youth co-operation activities in 2027 (2027.C1.A)

### Questions & Answers

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**Q1: We are an international NGO applying for one-off youth co-operation activities for 2027. Do we need to apply via the system or by email?**

**A:** Please follow the call instructions. Submit your proposal by email to [eyf@coe.int](mailto:eyf@coe.int) by **1 April 2026 (23:59 CET time)**. Due to the ongoing development of the new IT grant management system, applications for this call cannot be submitted through the current online system.

**Q2: Should we include a draft programme in the application for the one-off youth cooperation activities 2027?**

**A:** The application only requests in a specific question an outline of the programme, not a full programme.

**Q3: We are a local NGO and are considering becoming a national NGO. Can we apply for the one-off youth co-operation activities?**

**A:** You can submit a request in the system to change your status to national NGO. Please include a description of your nationwide activities and attach your latest activity report. If approved, you may apply as a national NGO with the required partners (three other national NGOs or one international NGO).

**Q4: Could you please confirm which countries are eligible to apply for Call for proposals for international one-off youth cooperation activities in 2027 (2027.C1.A)?**

**A:** Point 2.4 of the call for proposals addresses this question:

“The majority of activities must involve participants: residing in at least seven Council of Europe member States (with the possibility of including participants from other States, if justified), in adequate country representation”

Regarding eligible organisations, they must be based in one of the 46 member states of the Council of Europe.

**Q5: If our executive director is 33 years of age, but most other members of the organisation are between 15-30, and the target group for the projects are between 15-30, would we still be eligible to apply?**

**A:** Only organisations that are registered within the EYF online system ([fej.coe.int](http://fej.coe.int)) are eligible to apply for the ongoing calls. Please check the [Guide to the EYF grants](#) or the [Operational Regulations](#) to find out what type of organisations can apply to the EYF grants. As regards the age range, indeed youth-led organisations can have staff or volunteer members that are younger than 15 or older than 30, as long as the majority of the decision-making process is being taken by young people within this age range (15-30 years old).

**Q6: Our organisation is based in an African country with initiatives across Africa. We run youth-focused programmes that empower young people in human rights, public health advocacy, and community governance. Could you kindly confirm whether we are eligible and advise on the registration process for the EYF granting system?**

**A:** The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund that provides grants to youth organisations to promote and enhance Council of Europe values, standards and priorities with young people. Only organisations that are registered in member states of the Council of Europe are eligible to apply for EYF grants. Countries in Africa are not member states of the Council of Europe and therefore organisations based in African countries are not eligible to apply for EYF grants or to register in the EYF granting system. The list of the 46 Council of Europe member states can be found [here](#). Additional details regarding the eligibility criteria and registration process can be found [here](#).

**Q7: Is there a percentage of staff costs which is preferred by the EYF within a project budget?**

**A:** No, there is no preferred percentage. What is necessary is that the human resources included in the proposal are in a meaningful proportion to all project costs, in relation to the objectives that need to be reached.

**Q8: Does the proposal need to be relevant to the call objectives and to the EYF funding priorities?**

**A:** Yes, as indicated in the calls, the proposals must be relevant to the call objectives, which refer closely to the EYF funding priorities.

**Q9: Is there a preferred proportion of young people from non-Council of Europe member States to be included in the activities?**

**A:** No, there is no pre-defined proportion. The participation of young people from non-Council of Europe member States needs to be meaningful to the project objectives and the project reach out.

**Q10: Are training courses the preferred format of international youth co-operation activities?**

**A:** No. The formats of international youth co-operation activities are diverse. The call for proposals gives some additional examples, not just training courses. The format proposed must be meaningful and relevant to the objectives of the proposal.

**Q11: Can the same organisation apply for both calls with different ideas?**

**A:** Yes, this is possible.

**Q12: From the EYF priorities, are there some priorities more important than others? Are the grants distributed equally over the priorities?**

**A:** All priorities are relevant for the calls, as announced. The grants are not necessarily mathematically matched in numbers with priorities.

**Q13: For one-off international youth co-operation activities and also for the international youth co-operation activities within a long-term project, is the duration of 4 programme days obligatory?**

**A:** The calls state that the duration should in principle be of 4 programme days. If you wish to apply for a shorter programme, then a justification for this duration needs to be included.

**Q14: Could the project activities be held outside the Council of Europe member States?**

**A:** This is possible, on a justified basis. So, if you intend to do one of the activities outside the Council of Europe member States, please explain in the application why you chose the particular venue.

**Q15: What does adequate country representation mean?**

**A:** This means that there must be balanced numbers of participants from all the countries involved, and there will not be an over-representation of participants from one country.

**Q16: Can the applicant send more documents than what is required to make the application stronger?**

**A:** The assessment will only take into account the information in the required three documents, as indicated in the call.

**Q17: Among the non-eligible activities there are “sports events and competitions”. What does it mean?**

**A:** The call excludes sports events and competition. It does not exclude youth work related activities, that use sports as a tool for youth work.

**Q18: How will the EYF check the eligibility criteria 3 and 4, ie the financial capacity and the operational and professional capacity?**

**A:** The EYF may inquire in these aspects during the dialogue with applicants.

**Q19: Are there more specific assessment criteria beyond the 4 areas indicated in the call?**

**A:** The call award criteria are indicated in the call. No other more specific criteria will be published.

**Q20: Is it possible to indicate in the proposal that we would like to carry out an activity in the European Youth Centres?**

**A:** Yes, you may indicate this. However, you should check the availability and prices of the Centres, as you will need to pay for the Centres services if the grant is approved.

**Q21: Could we include participants from the Russian Federation or Belarus?**

**A:** This is possible, as the call indicates you may include participants from non-member States of the Council of Europe. The obligation is to have participants residing in at least 7 member States of the Council of Europe, in addition you may include participants from more countries, either members or also non-members of the Council of Europe.

**Q22: Are the 4 programme days including the travel days?**

**A:** No, 4 programme days mean 4 days during which there is a programme with the participants. Travel days are excluded.

**Q23: Is it obligatory for the preparatory and follow-up meetings to be in person? Can they also be online?**

**A:** There is no obligation related to the format of the preparatory and follow-up meetings. The main meeting for one-off international youth co-operation activities must be in person.

**Q24: How big should the group of participants be?**

**A:** The call indicates that the participants must be young people residing in at least 7 member States of the Council of Europe. So, in principle, the minimum size of the participant group is 7. However, to make the learning and exchange process richer and more fruitful, a bigger group may be useful. In previous similar calls, the EYF funded projects with an average group of 25 participants. Moreover, the size of the group depends on whether the project is bigger and has multiple sources of funding, where the group could be much bigger.

**Q25: What if we indicate a partner organisation and then they cannot make it?**

**A:** At the stage of applying, what is important is that you consult the partners and have their agreement for them to be partners in the proposal. Then, if the proposal is awarded and the project is in implementation, if for objective reasons the partners step down, there may be other partners replacing them, or other relevant adjustments can be made.

**Q26: Is it important that the proposal only responds to one of the call objectives or to several?**

**A:** In principle, the proposals must be relevant to all call objectives. Depending on its format and aims, a proposal may be more linked to one of the call objectives, but it needs to include considerations also of the other call objectives.

**Q27: We will have many partners. Do we need to include them all in the form or only a general description of the type of partners?**

**A:** One of the award criteria for the call is the “Expertise / experience of the organisation, partners and project team”. In this respect, the more precise the information about the partners, the more chances there are this criterion will be assessed on the basis of specific and relevant information. Only a general indication about the partners risks not providing sufficient and relevant information for assessing their expertise/experience.

**Q28: We are a local NGO. Can we apply for one-off or long-term youth cooperation activities?**

**A:** Organisations registered with the EYF as local NGOs are not eligible for these calls. Please refer to section 5.1 of the call for proposals for the eligibility criteria.

**Q29: Can we include participants older than 35 in our project?**

**A:** Yes, but at least 75% of participants must be up to 30 years old, as stated in article 2.5 of the call for proposals.

**Q30: How should we integrate the priority on rural youth into our project?**

**A:** You may decide to involve young people from rural areas in your project, or propose a project that tackles their challenges, for example.

**Q31: What are multiplier activities?**

**A:** Within EYF project grants, “multiplier activity” stands for a wide range of activities carried out by participants in project or member organisations of the grantee organisation in order to multiply the knowledge, skills and attitudes developed from the EYF-supported project among young people in different contexts. Multiplication means both carrying out additional educational, awareness or advocacy actions, as well as making sure the newly acquired know-how by each participant can be shared with more people. For further details, please consult the [Guide to the grants of the EYF](#).

**Q32: How are travel costs reimbursed to the participants?**

**A:** The grantee organisation can choose how they want to reimburse travel to the participants. Using the EYF distance-based lump sum calculations could be helpful. In this case, for reporting purposes the grantee organisation needs to fill in a table with all participants and project team, including the starting point of the journey, the venue of the activity and the end point of the journey. If the two legs of the journey fall under two different travel distance categories, then the grantee organisation must compare the two different unit rates and choose the option that produces results closest to the real cost paid by the participant.

This information is available in the [Guide to the grants of the EYF](#), in the section on Financial Reports.

Although grantee organisations no longer need to submit all travel receipts with the report, each grantee must keep all the original financial documents for 10 years for audit purposes.

**Q33: We are a business currently implementing a project on building bridge between two communities in a Council of Europe member State and we miss some funds to complete it. We would also need to buy some chairs to furnish the youth facility. Can you support us?**

**A:** We do not fund projects that are already underway. Additional examples of activities that are not eligible for EYF funding can be found in the section 2.6 of the Call for proposal, and in the [Guide to the grants of the EYF](#).

**Q34: We are registered on the EYF platform as a local NGO. Are we eligible for applying if we have 3 other local/national NGO`s from countries that are members of EYF, creating a partnership with a total of 4 NGO`s?**

**A:** To apply for international one-off youth cooperation activities, you must, among other criteria outlined in the [Call for Proposals overview document](#), be registered in the European Youth Foundation’s granting system as:

- a. an international non-governmental youth organisation, *or*
- b. an international network of non-governmental youth organisations, *or*
- c. a sub-regional network of non-governmental youth organisations, *or*
- d. a national non-governmental youth organisation, provided it has at least 3 partner national youth organisations in 3 other member States, *or*
- e. a national non-governmental youth organisation, provided it has an international nongovernmental youth organisation or network as partner.

If you are currently registered as a local NGO, you may request a status change to national NGO in the system, provided you meet the eligibility criteria. Please include a description of your nationwide activities and attach your latest activity report. If approved, you may apply as a national NGO with the required partners (three other national NGOs or one international NGO). Please find more about the eligibility criteria for different type of NGOs in [Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation](#)

**Q35: In relation to the budget, is it correct that we must submit the budget form with the detail of the foreseen use of the EYF grant only, and then a full budget in another file, for which we can use our own template?**

**A:** This is correct.

**Q36: What are indirect eligible costs?**

**A:** These are costs that may occur and are not covered by other budget lines. It is an automated calculation of 7% for which no proof will be needed at reporting stage.

**Q37: Does the co-funding need to meet a specific threshold of the grant?**

**A:** No. The applicant needs to declare the co-funding it will have and need to have some co-funding as co-funding is a principle in all EYF grants. However, there is no specific threshold.

**Q38: What does in kind co-funding refer to?**

**A:** In-kind contributions can cover services offered to the project by individuals or entities, spaces made available for the project to be used, equipment offered to the project, or the time of volunteers involved in the project.

**Q39: What kind of information is needed when reporting on multiplier activities?**

**A:** You will need to provide the agreement made between the grantee organisation and the participant or entity receiving the funds for the multiplier action, and any other relevant proof according to the national legislation. Then, you need to provide information on the results coming from the multiplier actions, such as lists of participants, a narrative report of the results achieved etc. For the financial report, you will have to provide the signed agreement and a proof of payment.

**Q40: How do we estimate the travel costs at application stage?**

**A:** At application stage, you need to make an average estimate of travel costs per person. During implementation, once you know who the participants and team members are, you will need to use the distance calculator to check whether you are under spending or over spending on the travel line. Adjustments in the use of the grant are possible in the implementation phase, as per the Guide to the EYF grants.

**Q41: If we are an international youth organisation or international network of youth organisations, do we need to indicate all our members as partners in the call application section Partners?**

**A:** No. As an international youth organisation or international network of youth organisations, all your members appear in your profile of NGO as registered with the EYF. You need to indicate in the section Partners other external partners.

**Q42: If we make our submission by email and it ends up in spam, is there something we can do?**

**A:** You may contact the EYF just after the submission to make sure it was well received.