

## 23<sup>rd</sup> UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT (UYD)

16-21 September 2024

Mollina, Spain

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### CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

**Deadline for proposals: 21 July 2024, 23:59 Lisbon Time (extended deadline)**

#### The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship and the Summer Universities

The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship is a partnership facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe that gathers youth-led organisations, international youth platforms and governmental institutions from Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and beyond. The Network was set up in 2011 as an informal platform of dialogue and multilateral cooperation at interregional level in the youth field.

Every year, the Network promotes international youth events called “Summer Universities”. **In each “University” a number of youth-led and youth-oriented organisations have the possibility to run their own activities (trainings, seminars, board meetings, etc.) within a dynamic and participatory context which encourages networking, cooperation and peer-to-peer education.**

The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is the most long-standing Summer University. Since 2000 the UYD represents an international hub for meetings, youth advocacy and exchange of good practices. **It gathers, for one week, hundreds of young people, youth workers, decision makers, experts from the field and institutional representatives, providing them all with a space to meet, debate, build their capacities and cooperate on youth policy issues.** The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is designed as a space for experiencing intercultural dialogue while debating the most pressing issues of the global youth movement.

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**Youth organisations and any other youth-related institution can apply to join the UYD and organise an activity within the framework of the event.** Each organisation is responsible for funding and managing its own activity (including selecting and bringing its own group of participants on-site).

**The organisations selected to run their activity within the 23<sup>rd</sup> UYD will join the partnership and collaborate with many other organisations for the success of the event and for the growth of the youth sector.**

- [Please consult this webpage to know more about the approach of the Summer Universities and to watch some explanatory videos \(link here\).](#)

## The annual theme

Every year the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship proposes **a theme representing the thread that connects all the activities taking place in the framework of the Universities that same year.**

The plenary sessions and all the other common moments of the University (the “Joint Programme”) explore the annual theme, connecting all partners’ activities and engaging all the participants involved in theme.

**The annual theme for 2024 is: “#Fortheculture of Human Rights and the Rule of Law”.**

- [Please consult the Concept Note \(EN / FR\)](#)

## The structure of the UYD

The UYD is a residential one-week long event. The schedule of the week enables organisations to run their own activities (training, workshop, seminars, etc.) while ensuring enough time for everyone to get together around the “Joint Programme”.

The “Joint Programme” consists of a series of special plenary moments where everyone involved in the University get together to explore the annual theme, to share personal experiences and good practices, to interact with experts and decision makers and to plan joint advocacy actions.

The “Joint Programme” also connects all the activities implemented in the framework of the UYD: it enriches the learning processes by allowing a transversal reflection among participants involved in different activities. **The Joint Programme is ultimately designed to encourage networking and intercultural dialogue while addressing the challenges young people face.**

The “Joint Programme” is developed by the Joint Team: a multifaceted group composed by experienced trainers, youth animators, musicians, graphic artists, and media professionals in charge of building up community spirit throughout the event and of ensuring a fruitful learning experience for everyone.

The educational model implemented in the UYD is largely inspired by the North-South Centre’s [Global Education Guidelines](#).

## The timetable of the UYD2024

The UYD 2024 will take place from Sunday 15 (arrival day) to Sunday 22 September (departure day) 2024. However, **staff from partners organisations is expected to arrive on Friday 13 September to ensure enough time for the joint preparation of the event** as well as to enable each organisation to prepare its own activity before the arrival of their participants.

Provisional calendar is available on the page below :

Friday 13 Sept.	Saturday 14 Sept.	Sunday 15 Sept.	Day / Time	Day 1 Mon. 16 Sept.	Day 2 Tues. 17 Sept.	Day 3 Wed. 18 Sept.	Day 4 Thur. 19 Sept.	Day 5 Fri. 20 Sept.	Day 6 Sat. 21 Sept.	Sun. 21 Sept.
Arrival of the Partners' Teams	Late arrival of the Partners' Teams	Partners' activities preparation & Coordination meetings	09.30	Opening Session I	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Teams Evaluation meetings
			11.00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
			11.30	Opening Session II	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Teams Evaluation meetings
	Lunch	Lunch	13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	Partners' Activities preparation & Coordination meetings	Arrivals Participants (all day)	15.00	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Free afternoon	Partner activities	Partner activities	Departure of the participants (all day)  Departure of the Partners' teams
			16.30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break	
			17.00	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		Workshop sharing	Final Plenary	
			19.00	Free time	Free time	Free time		Networking dinner buffet	Free time	
			Dinner	Dinner	20.00	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	
		Welcome evening	21.30	Evening activity	Evening activity	Intercultural musical evening	Free evening	Free evening	Glocal farewell fest	

<b>Partners activities</b>	Activities organised independently by organisations who applied through the present call for activities. Each activity takes place in an independent room, with their own trainers, participants, and resource persons, following their own programme and counting on their own financial and human resources.
<b>Joint programme</b>	Plenary moments gatherings all the people involved in the event (organisers, trainers, participants, volunteers). It consists of series of initiatives of different nature: from informal and playful evening activities to more formal debates to explore the annual theme with representatives from governments and experts from the field. The Joint Programme also includes musical sessions and moments of interaction with the local community. The Joint Programme is coordinated by the North-South Centre and implemented by the Joint Team through collaborative and creative non-formal education methods.

## Practical arrangements

The 23<sup>rd</sup> UYD will take place at the [Centro Eurolatinoamericano de Juventud \(CEULAJ\)](#) located in Mollina, a town 60 km North of Malaga (Spain). The nearest international airport is Málaga (AGP), 74 km away from CEULAJ, and the nearest railway station is Antequera-Santa Ana, 12 km from CEULAJ.

All those participating at the event will be accommodated in either a single or in shared rooms.

A fully equipped training room and a working/meeting space will be provided to each organisation. Leisure and sport facilities (swimming pool, indoor sport centre, etc..) are also available.

## Financial Provisions

### Board and lodging

Each organisation is responsible for covering the expenses of travel, local transport, board, and lodging of its own group (staff and participants) in CEULAJ.

By organising their activity within the framework of the UYD, each organisation benefits from the discounted rate applied to the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe by the CEULAJ of **around 30 euro per person/night, which includes board, lodging and the use of all training and leisure facilities.**<sup>1</sup>

The entity responsible for issuing invoices concerning board-and-lodging-related expenses is [CEULAJ](#) and CEULAJ can only issue invoices to organisations, not private entities nor individuals.

### Transfer services

The North South Centre will identify a company that provides transfer services for the arrivals and departures participants and staff from all organisations, between the [CEULAJ](#) and [Málaga airport](#) or [Antequera-Santa Ana railway station](#) (**NOT** Málaga railway station). This service has an estimated cost of 40€/person (both ways), to be charged to the partner and to be settled up to 30 days after the invoice is issued, after the activity.

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<sup>1</sup> according to the official rates (*Tarifa reducida grupo A*) available in: <https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2022/04/21/pdfs/BOE-A-2022-6545.pdf>

## Submission of proposal for activities

Organisations wishing to take part in the UYD, integrating their activities in the programme of the event should fill in this [Activity Form](#).

- Organisations can apply with one or more activities.
- Each activity must have the same length of the University: 6 days (from the 16 to the 21 September 2024), having the 15 and the 22 September as travel days.  
In exceptional cases and based on availability, it would be possible to accommodate shorter activities, as long as they align with the starting day of the University.

The activities shall:

- be organised by youth-led/youth-serving organisations or other entities having young people as a main target group;
- be related to the theme *#Fortheculture of Human Rights and the Rule of Law*
- seek gender balance and strive for the inclusion of young people in vulnerable situations in the composition of the group of participants;
- foster the universal values promoted by the CoE and be developed according to the North-South Centre's Global Education Guidelines.

➤ [Deadline for submission of the proposals: 21 July 2024 23:59 Lisbon Time.](#)

## Commitments of the selected organisations towards the University

The organisations that will be selected to run their activities within the 23<sup>rd</sup> University on Youth and Development (UYD) will become the official partner of the event contributing to the design and implementation of different aspects of the event.

**In view of this participatory approach, having as an objective the strengthening of the cooperation among youth entities, the selected organisations are expected to:**

- attend all the on-line and on-site preparatory meetings as in the table below;
- provide all the necessary information and documentation in due time to efficiently deal with all the logistic and administrative duties;
- contribute to the Joint Programme by suggesting activities and mobilising experts to feed the debate around the annual theme;
- cooperate with the Joint Team to design and set up common spaces and activities to build up the community spirit around the event for a fruitful exchange of knowledge, good practices, and opportunities;
- be open to engage with other UYD partners organisations for the development of joint actions, advocacy initiative, recommendations, or joint statement the partnership deems relevant to release;

- promote the UYD and support its media coverage collaborating with the UYD media team to increase its outreach;
- contribute to the evaluation process at the end of the event by taking part in the final evaluation meeting, elaborate the final report, share lessons learned, and gather elements useful to assess the results of the event;
- contribute to the overall success of the event either financially, in kind or with human resources in accordance with their capacity.
- In the eventuality of the participation of minors at the UYD, specific requirements apply, in conformity with the *\*CHILD PROTECTION MEASURES OF THE CoE*. Two different parental authorisations are required by the organisers: one for the Council of Europe, another one to be sent to the CEULAJ.

Partners are also welcomed to contribute to the general coordination in multiple ways: by offering any locally hired service; designing materials; organise a side activity for the free afternoon.

The General Coordination team welcomes the involvement of participants as volunteers to support the general coordination team at accreditation / assistance in transfers / media team, etc.

ROADMAP OF THE PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT		
WHAT	WHEN (year 2024)	WHERE AND WHO
Deadline to submit the application for activity	12 July, 12:00 Lisbon Time	Interested organisations
Notification of the results	22 July	North-South Centre
Kick off partners meeting	25 July	Online - Activity managers
Preparatory meeting	29 July, 13:00 - 15:30 Lisbon time 30th July, 13:00 - 15:30 Lisbon time	Online - Activity managers and key staff involved in the activities
Deadline for requests for support in obtaining visas for participants	7 August	
Deadline for requests for material supplies	19 August (tbc)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> check-in meeting	22 August - 15:00 Lisbon time (tbc)	Online - activity managers and all staff involved in the activities
Deliver final list of participants with arrival and departure details	28 August	
On arrival meeting	14 September 17:00	On-site: Mollina, Spain Activity managers
Pre-event coordination meeting	16 September 15:00	On-site: Mollina, Spain All staff involved in the activities
Evaluation meeting	22 September 11:30	On-site: Mollina, Spain Activity managers
Deliver final report of the activity	7 October	



## The role and of the North-South Centre

On behalf of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe acts as the coordinator of the event, collecting and connecting all the inputs shared by the partners and dealing with all the financial and logistics aspects to guarantee the sustainability of the event.

The North-South Centre provides:

- ✓ a set of professionals in various area (graphic facilitators, musicians, youth animators) to design and implement the Joint Programme and ensure interaction among all partners' activities;
- ✓ resources and expertise to engage experts and institutional representatives in the event enabling a structured dialogue on youth policies with relevant decision-makers;
- ✓ a media team producing audio-visual material of the event for the benefit of all partners;
- ✓ logistic support for transfer services, CEULAJ's canteen and administration;
- ✓ support for visa applications (requested until the deadline);
- ✓ administrative support for the smooth running of all partners' activities;
- ✓ office, stationary and educational supplies for all activities;
- ✓ on-site info desk to orientate and support all participants;
- ✓ liaising with local service providers and with the local community.

For more information:

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