

# 25<sup>TH</sup> UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

## AI, Youth, and Peace: Preventing cybercrime and digital harm through responsible AI governance

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### CALL FOR ACTIVITIES

Deadline for proposals: 24 May 2026

[Form for proposals](#)

#### The University on Youth and Development

The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is the most long-standing youth University of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

Since 2000, the UYD represents an international hub that gathers, for one week, hundreds of young people, youth workers, 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 having as a reference the standards of the Council of Europe and other international organisations.

The activities taking place within the UYD allow for the sharing of knowledge and good practices, the planning of future actions to empower young people and the designing of common messages advocating for a youth perspective that is transversal to common priorities.

Youth organisations and any other youth-related institution can apply to join the UYD and organise an activity within the framework of the event. **The organisations selected to run their activity within a specific edition of the 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.**

The UYD is promoted within the framework of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship, 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.

- Please consult [this webpage](#) to know more about the approach of the Summer Universities.



Watch this video to understand the advantages of being a UYD partner!

#### The annual theme of the Youth Summer Universities in 2026

Every year the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship agrees on **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 2026 is:

**AI, Youth, and Peace:  
Preventing cybercrime and digital harm through responsible AI governance**

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



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### The structure of UYD 2026

The UYD is a residential one-week long event. While each partner organisation runs their own activity (training, workshop, seminars, etc.), all participants have the opportunity to get together during the “Joint Programme”. The “Joint Programme” consists of a series of special plenary sessions where everyone involved in the University gathers to explore the annual theme, share personal experiences and good practices, interact with experts and decision makers and plan joint advocacy actions. **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 UYD 2026

The UYD 2026 will take place **from Sunday 13** (arrival day) **to Sunday 20 September** (departure day) **2026**. However, **staff from partners organisations is expected to arrive on Friday 12 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. A provisional calendar is available on the next page.



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### UYD2026 PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

(subject to change pending agreement with the selected partners)

Friday  
11/09

Arrival of the partners' teams

Saturday  
12/09

Late arrival of the partners' teams + Preparation and coordination meetings

	Sun. 13/09 DAY 0	Mon. 14/09 DAY 1	Tue. 15/09 DAY 2	Wed. 16/09 DAY 3	Thu. 17/09 DAY 4	Fri. 18/09 DAY 5	Sat. 19/09 DAY 6	Sun. 20/09 DAY 7
09:30	Activity preparations, coordination meetings & arrival of participants (all day)	Opening 1	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Departure of participants (all day)
11:00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:30		Opening 2	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Teams evaluation meetings (incl. lunch)
15:00	Activity preparations, coordination meetings & arrival of participants (all day)	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Free afternoon	Partner activities	Partner activities	
16:30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break	
17:00		Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		Joint session	Final plenary	
18:00	Dinner	Free time	Free time	Free time	Dinner	Joint Session	Free time	Departure of partners' teams
20:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner	
21:00		Welcome evening	Evening activity 1	Evening activity 2		Evening activity 3	Free evening	

#### Partner activities

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.

#### Joint programme

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.

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### Practical arrangements

The 25<sup>th</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 40 euro per person/night (tbc), which includes board, lodging and the use of all training and leisure facilities**. The responsible entities for issuing invoices for board and lodging are respectively CEULAJ and the catering company working in exclusivity at the premises. They 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 (to be confirmed) 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.

### Submission of proposals for activities

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

- Organisations can apply with one activity
- Each activity must have the same length of the University: 6 days (from the 14 to 19 September 2026), having the 13 and the 20 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;
- 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.

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### Commitments of the selected organisations towards the University

The organisations that will be selected to run their activities within the UYD will become the official partner of the event contributing to its design and implementation. This participatory approach aims to strengthen the cooperation among partners. The selected organisations for the GUYD are expected to:

- **Contribute to the overall success of the event:**
  - financially (e.g. by offering any locally hired service, organising a side activity for the free afternoon etc) and/or
  - with in-kind contributions and/or
  - with human resources in accordance with their capacity (e.g. to design materials, to support the general coordination team at accreditation / assistance in transfers / media team, etc.)
- **Be involved in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of the UYD.**

### Preparation of the UYD:

- attend all the on-line and on-site preparatory meetings as indicated in the table below; provide all the necessary information and documentation in due time to efficiently deal with all the logistic and administrative duties<sup>1</sup>; contribute to the Joint Programme by suggesting activities and mobilising experts to feed the debate around the annual theme.

### Implementation of the UYD:

- 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;
- work together with other UYD partner organisations and the NSC to develop joint actions, advocacy initiative, recommendations, or joint statement the partnership deems relevant to release as an outcome of the UYD;
- promote the UYD and support its media coverage collaborating with the media team to increase its outreach. **Evaluation of the UYD:**
- take part in the final evaluation meeting;
- produce partners' activity report; share lessons learned;
- gather elements useful to assess the results of the event (e.g. sharing evaluation forms with their participants) disseminate the outcomes of the UYD through social media to increase its impact.

1. 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.

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Roadmap of the partnership engagement		
WHAT	WHEN (year 2026)	WHERE AND WHO
Deadline to submit the application for activity	24 May	Interested organisations
Notification of the results	28 May	North-South Centre
Kick off partners meeting	1 June - 14:00 (Lisbon time)	Online - Activity managers
Preparatory meeting	From 17 June, 09:00 to 18 June, 17:00	On-site: Mollina, Spain Activity managers and key staff involved in the activities
Deadline for requests for support in obtaining visas for participants	30 June	
Deadline for requests for material supplies	31 July	
Deliver final list of participants with arrival and departure details	18 August	
2 <sup>nd</sup> check-in meeting	25 August 14:00 Lisbon time (tbc)	Online - activity managers and all staff involved in the activities
Pre-event partners meeting	12 September 16:00 – 21:00 13 September 09:30 – 13:00	On-site: Mollina, Spain Activity managers
Pre-event coordination meeting	13 September 16:00 – 21:00 (dinner included)	On-site: Mollina, Spain All staff involved in the activities
Evaluation meeting	20 September 10:00 – 16:00	On-site: Mollina, Spain, Activity managers
Deliver final report of the activity	7 October	

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### Role 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 organiser and 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 areas (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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