

8th AFRICAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT (AUJD)



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CALL FOR PARTNERS

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The North-South Centre and the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) plays a key role within the area of Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation since 2007 when the NSC organised, in Lisbon, the first Africa-Europe Youth Summit. Following this milestone, the NSC developed an “Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation Programme” (AEYC), a multiannual programmatic framework supported by both the European Union and the African Union which allowed for the implementation of a vast range of activities: training courses, funding schemes, monitoring groups and online resource centres, etc. Within this framework the **NSC acted as the facilitator of the “Africa-Europe Youth Platform”: a space of cooperation, policy development and exchange of good practices implemented in the framework of the EU-Africa Joint Strategy (JAES).**

- [More information about the NSC Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation Programme on this webpage](#)

Though the NSC’s engagement in the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation diminished in past years due to a refocus of the mandate, the willingness to re-launch the cooperation with Africa was recently expressed by the member States of the NSC: “a European centre that works on global interdependence, needs to look at and have stronger ties with the African continent to address migration, inequalities and regional stability”¹. The renewed focus of the NSC on Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation also ensures the follow-up and practical implementation of the CoE-Joint Council of Youth’s position as presented at the 32nd meeting: “The North-South Centre should keep having a leading and facilitating role in the Africa Europe Youth Cooperation Process”².

Conceived as an ‘Enlarged Partial Agreement’ and acting as a tool for the Council of Europe’s external policy, the North-South Centre has, in fact, a privileged position within the CoE’s architecture to act as facilitator for interregional cooperation through its approach based on Global Education and Intercultural Dialogue.

The NSC’s Summer Universities

Every year, the NSC and its network of partners promote international youth events called “Summer Universities”. The Summer Universities are international hubs that gather, for a week-long period, hundreds of young people, youth workers, field experts, and decision makers, providing them all with a space to meet, debate, build their capacities and cooperate on youth policy issues.

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 and peer-to-peer education.

The activities taking place within the Universities 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 youth participation.

At the Universities it is possible to experience first-hand intercultural dialogue and explore all dimensions of global citizenship through various approaches based on the non-formal education methodology that increases confidence between decision makers and young people.

¹ NSC Executive Committee Meeting in Rabat, 2017.

² [32nd meeting of the Joint Council of Youth \(CMJ\(2015\)17\)](#). Item for consideration by the GR-C at its meeting on 2 July 2015

So far, the following has been organised:

- 20 editions of the University on Youth and Development
- 7 editions of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship
- 7 editions of The African University on Youth and Development
- 11 editions of Latin America University on Participation and Citizenship – (not active anymore)
- 2 editions of the Meta-university (online)

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

The African University on Youth and Development

The “African University on Youth and Development” (AUYD) consists of a week-long event integrating capacity building activities, multilateral meetings and plenary sessions addressing common challenges. It is designed as a multilevel governance structure where grassroots initiatives, international youth networks, and intergovernmental organisations interact, sharing their concerns and lessons learned.

Following a hiatus of a few years, the 2022 edition of the **AUYD intends contribute to set up a new transparent, stable, and inclusive Euro-Africa youth cooperation framework by providing youth entities with the opportunity to connect at various levels and ensure a cross-sectorial approach to youth policies.**

The event responds to the need, expressed by many youth stakeholders, for more dynamic and flexible spaces for coordination in which participatory processes allow identifying common priorities, to share new practices, to converge around joint recommendations and policy orientations and, ultimately, **to foster a greater coordination among all players in the youth field in Europe and Africa.**

The AUYD 2022 is organised in the framework of the project “Peace YP - promoting Euro-Africa cooperation to enhance youth participation for peace” funded by the Government of Portugal and Spain. The event also relies on a partnership with the Government of Cape Verde and its Institute of Youth (IDJ).

Join the AUYD!

Youth organisations and any other youth-related institutions operating in the EMEA region (Europe, Africa and Middle East) are invited to join the AUYD2022 by organising an activity within its framework.

The organisations selected to run their activity within the AUYD2022 will join the partnership and collaborate with many other organisations for the success of the event and for the growth of the youth sector at an interregional level.

Each organisation is responsible for funding and managing its own activity (including selecting and bringing its own group of participants on-site).

The structure of the AUYD and the Joint programme

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 plenary moments that allow for the sharing of personal experiences and good practices, interaction between experts and decision makers, and the planning of joint advocacy actions. The “Joint Programme” is ultimately designed to encourage networking and intercultural dialogue whilst simultaneously addressing the challenges young people face.

The “Joint Programme” connects all partners’ activities and engage all participants around the annual theme. The annual theme of the NSC Summer Universities for the year 2022 is: “Building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions”.

- [*Please consult the Concept Note to explore in detail the three-year umbrella theme and the 2022 annual theme \(link here\)*](#)

Considering the specific occasion of the relaunching of the AUYD, specific plenary sessions will be dedicated **to the reflection on Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation**, following up on the [Abidjan Youth Declaration](#) of the 4th Africa-Europe Youth Summit and reflecting on the [EU Youth Action Plan for External Action](#) and the main outcomes of the Youth track of [Africa-Europe Week 2022](#).

Amid the current phenomenon of the shrinking of spaces dedicated to civil society, expanding interregional youth cooperation would also help in constructively coping with the growing sense of discontent of youth aimed at political establishments for failing to effectively respond to their needs.

The AUYD 2022 Joint Programme will also explore the interdependence between the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda (YPS) and SDG16 connecting the peacebuilding efforts of youth civil society to the measures undertaken by governments and international institutions to guarantee the protection of human rights. By doing so, the AUYD contributes to the Council of Europe’s Youth Sector Strategy 2030 Priority 1 “Revitalising pluralistic democracy” and Priority 3 “Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies”.

AUYD 2022 timetable

Saturday 19 Nov.	Sunday 20 Nov.	Monday 21 Nov.	Day / Time	Day 1 Tues. 22 Nov.	Day 2 Wed. 23 Nov	Day 3 Thur. 24 Nov.	Day 4 Fri. 25 Nov.	Day 5 Sat. 26 Nov.	Sunday 27 Nov.	
Arrival of the Partners' Teams	Partners' activities preparation	Partners' activities preparation	09.30	Opening Session I	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Departure participants (all day)	
		Coordination meetings	11.00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
				11.30	Opening Session II	Partner activities	Joint session	Partner activities	Partner activities	Team Evaluation meetings
	Lunch	Lunch	13.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	On-arrival Meeting	Arrivals Participants (all day)		15.00	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities	Free afternoon	Final Plenary	Team Evaluation meetings
				16.30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	Departure of the Partners' teams
				17.00	Partner activities	Partner activities	Partner activities		Final Plenary	
				19.00	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time		
	Dinner	Dinner	20.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
		Welcome evening	21.30	Evening activity	Euro-Africa networking night	Intercultural musical evening	Free evening	Glocal farewell fest		

Note: the programme might vary according to the inputs and the needs of the partners to be gathered during the preparatory phase

Partners 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), consisting of a series of initiatives of different natures: from informal and playful evening activities to more formal debates 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 aspects and financial provision

The AUYD 2022 will take place in the island of São Vicente in Cape Verde, from Monday 21st (arrival day) to Sunday 27th (departure day) November 2022.

The staff of the partner organisations are expected to arrive on Saturday 19 November 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.

The activities will be held at the Cape Verde University - Faculty of Education and Sport (FaED) while accommodation in single and double rooms will be provided in the nearby “Mindel Hotel” and “Don Paco Hotel”.

Each organisation is responsible for covering the expenses of travel, board, and lodging of its own group. **The Government of Cape Verde guarantees the negotiated all-inclusive rate of 58 Euro per person/per day** (35 euro for accommodation and fully equipped training rooms, including airport shuttle service; and 23 euro for the daily meals).

Submission of proposal for activities

Organisations wishing to take part in the AUYD2022, 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 should preferably have the same length as the University: 5 days (from 22 to 26 November 2022).
- The activities shall seek gender balance and strive for the inclusion of young people in vulnerable situations in the composition of the group of participants.

➤ **[Deadline for submission of the proposals: 30 September 2022.](#)**

Commitments of the selected organisations towards the University

The organisations that will be selected to run their activities within the 8th AUYD 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 online 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, mobilising experts to feed the debate, and building up the community spirit for a fruitful exchange;
- **be open to engage with other AUYD partners organisations for the development of joint actions, advocacy initiative, recommendations, or joint statements the partnership deems relevant to release.**

ROADMAP OF THE PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT		
WHAT	WHEN (year 2022)	WHERE AND WHO
Deadline to submit the application for activity	30 September	
Notification of the results	4 October	
Kick-off partners meeting	7 October - 15:00 Lisbon time	Online - Activity managers
1 st check-in meeting	19 October - 15:00 Lisbon time	Online - Activity managers
Preparatory meeting	26 and 27 October	Online/ On-site: Mindelo Activity managers and key staff involved in the activities
2 nd check-in meeting	7 November - 15:00 Lisbon time	Online - activity managers and all staff involved in the activities
Partners deliver final list of participants	7 November	
On-arrival meeting	20 November 15:00	On-site: Mindelo Activity managers
Coordination meeting	21 November 11:00	On-site: Mindelo All staff involved in the activities
Evaluation meeting	27 November 11:30	On-site: Mindelo Activity managers

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