



European Youth Foundation

2020-2021 Structural Grants

Allocation criteria approved by the Programming Committee on Youth at its 40th meeting, December 2018

I. Eligibility criteria

International youth NGOs (branches in at least seven member States of the European Youth Foundation) and international networks (composed of at least seven member organisations from at least seven member States of the European Youth Foundation)

- with a European structure or a European secretariat;
- having received support during the 3 previous years (reference period: 2017, 2018 and 2019) for at least 3 international activities (EYF grant or study session in the annual programme of the European Youth Centres);
- having received EYF grants in at least 2 out of the 3 years of the reference period.

The following are considered as support for international activities:

- an EYF grant for an international one-off activity;
- an EYF grant for an annual work plan (the number of international activities within a work plan will be taken into account up to a maximum of 2 per work plan)¹;
- one study session in the programme of the European Youth Centres (Strasbourg or Budapest) during the three-year reference period.

An international organisation/network is not eligible if:

- it has been supported only for study sessions during the reference period;
- it did not receive any EYF grant during the two most recent years of the reference period (2018 and 2019);
- it has received EYF grants for only one year during the reference period.

II. Method of calculation

1. Quantitative criteria

(a) Grants received from the EYF and support to study sessions in the EYCs during the three previous years: ***past relations with the EYF***

For each reference year 2017, 2018 and 2019 a maximum of 8 points can be allocated: 6 points for an annual work plan and 2 points for an international activity (up to 4 points if no work plan granted). Pilot activities will not be considered, as international NGOs and networks are not eligible for this category. The maximum number of points for this criterion is 24 points (8 for each reference year).

¹ For example, if an organisation did not have an EYF grant in 2017, but had a work plan with 2 international activities in 2018 and a work plan with one international activity in 2019, it will be eligible. On the other hand, if it had a work plan with one international activity in 2017 and a work plan with one international activity in 2019, and no other EYF grant or study session, it will not be eligible.

(b) Number of signatory States of the European Cultural Convention in which the organisation/network applying for a grant has branches or members: recognition of the European dimension of the organisation/network

Each international organisation/network is awarded 0.5 point for each member State of the Council of Europe in which it has one or more branches/members (minimum 3.5 points / maximum of 23.5 points).

In addition, each organisation/network is awarded 1 point for each of the 3 non Council of Europe member States signatory to the European Cultural Convention (Belarus, Kazakhstan and Holy See) in which it has one or more branches/members (3 countries, maximum of 3 points).

In total for this criterion: minimum 3.5 points, maximum 26.5 points.

(c) Staff employed by the European structure or secretariat of the applicant organisation/network: direct link with a financial need

Each international organisation/network is awarded 4.5 points if it employs staff (regardless of the number of employees, wages and number of working hours). The organisation/network must provide proof of employment.

2. Qualitative criteria

(d) Evaluation of the strategic approach of the organisation/network: support to the political priorities defined by the Joint Council on Youth

Each organisation/network is awarded a maximum of 30 points based on the assessment of the strategic approach of the applying organisation/network in relation to the priorities defined by the Joint Council on Youth for the biennium in question.

The NGO is now responsible to explain, in a table, the links between their strategic approach and the youth sector's priorities and how their future activities will contribute to each expected result. Once completed, they will add this table in the validation page of their application in the online system. The NGO must specify in the table where to find the information in the documents attached (Strategic approach and Planned activities)

For 2020-2021, the Joint Council on Youth agreed on 3 expected results: 1) Access to rights, 2) Youth participation and youth work, 3) Inclusive and peaceful societies.

Therefore, the applying organisation/network will receive a qualitative mark of up to 10 points for each expected result, according to how it is included in the strategic approach (maximum 30 points).

Some NGOs mostly focus on only one area of work, which can represent an unfair disadvantage in the calculations. The secretariat has the flexibility to attribute an extra 3 points to be added to the total points for those NGOs that only cover some of the expected results due to the nature of their work.

3. Amount of the grant

Eligible organisations can request a maximum annual grant of €25 000, i.e. a maximum of €50 000 for two years. The actual amount granted will be calculated on the basis of the above criteria. If the grant is awarded for 2020, the same amount will be awarded in principle for 2021, based on the validation by the EYF of an interim report after one year.