Call for proposals for international one-off youth co-operation activities in 2027 (2027.C5.A)

Questions & Answers

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Q1: In the call document there is a mention about the participants to reside in at least 7 CoE member states, what kind of justification is needed for this and at what stage does this need to be indicated: at the application or the reporting stage?

A: In the participants section when developing the application, you should estimate from which countries you expect them to come from. For the one-off international activity, they should come from at least 7 members states of the Council of Europe.

Q2: In the call document you indicate that there is a need to respect the ethical guidelines of the EYF. Do we need to reference them at the application stage? Could we apply our own policies or is the EYF ethical framework obligatory to follow?

A: The Ethical framework of the EYF needs to be applied for projects that are already awarded a grant. They are part of the grant agreement that is signed between the EYF and the grantee organisation and represent some minimum requirements of safeguards when managing public funds, however if the NGO has its own ethical frameworks, they can also apply them throughout project implementation. More information can be found in the Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation.

Q3: Does the character count in the application include with or without spaces?

A: The limit of characters is indicated with spaces.

Q4: Should we add partners in the application if they are our member organisation and they are only hosting the main event?

A: The partners that are somewhat involved in the content of the project needs to be indicated. If you involve partner organisations only at the logistical stage, you can indicate this in other sections of the project application.

Q5: Is it beneficial to have a partner? Is it scored better if a proposal has partners?

A: Partnerships are not a criterion for the grant. The award criteria are indicated in the call. Partners may nevertheless be useful in bringing more expertise to the project, or an added value that the applicant organisation does not have on its own.

The partner section is only mandatory for applicants that are national NGOs and that apply for the one-off youth co-operation activity, since for this type of applicant NGO partners are obligatory

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Q6: About the co-funding – is it possible to have different co-funding at the reporting stage than at the application stage, or do we have to have the same sources of co-funding?

A: Yes, it is possible that co-funding sources change between the application stage and the implementation/reporting stage. This is indicated through a self-declaration in the EYF platform.

Q7: Do you have a procurement threshold from which we are advised to search several prices offers?
A: We do not have such a threshold, but you should check your national legislation in this regard.

Q8: Can our organisation apply directly, or do we need to forward the application to our European partner organisations and have them apply on our behalf?

A: In order to apply for call for proposals for international one-off youth co-operation activities in 2027 (2027.C5.A) your organisation must, among other eligibility requirements, be registered as an organisation at support4youth.coe.int 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 non-governmental youth organisation or network as partner.

In case you represent the organisation, which is already registered in the EYF platform as the national non-governmental youth organisation, you can apply as such directly if you fulfil the above mentioned cases d or e. The partner organisations do not need to be registered in the EYF system. The applicant NGO is the one submitting the proposal on behalf of the group of partners.

Q9: Must our 3 core partner organisations from 3 other CoE member states be registered as national youth NGOs with the EYF to fulfil this specific quota?

A: The partner organisations do not need to be registered in the EYF system; the applicant NGO is responsible for submitting the proposal on behalf of the group of partners.

Q10: Would partnering with a registered, verified local youth NGO in the EYF system risk disqualifying our application because they do not hold a national status?

A: If the applicant is a national NGO and one of the three partner organisations is registered in the EYF system as a local organisation, that partner will not be considered eligible. Consequently, the application itself will not meet the eligibility requirements for the call.

Q11: Can a youth organisation based in Kosovo* formally register with the EYF? If not, can they still participate in the project as a non-registered partner?

A: No, an organisation that is not based in one of the 46 member states of the Council of Europe is not eligible to apply to the EYF. They can be additional partners to the minimum number of partners, however for the long-term co-operation projects, partnership is not required, the project can be implemented by the international NGO/network by itself.

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Q12: We understand that participants from Kosovo* and other non-CoE countries do not count toward the 7-country minimum threshold. For any non-CoE participants we plan to include, what specific narrative justification is expected? Furthermore, is there a maximum cap (percentage limit) on their overall inclusion in the project?

A: There is no specific limit towards the participants residing outside Council of Europe member States. There is a narrative part where the applicant is required to explain the profile of its participants, this justification should be included there. A suitable justification can be that your organisation already has partnerships with Kosovo* or there are member organisations there, or the proposal can highly benefit young people from Kosovo*, for example .

Q13: Is there any possible way for a community youth organisation outside of the Council of Europe to participate in an EYF-supported project as a partner, rather than as a direct applicant?

A: Yes, a community youth organisation outside of the Council of Europe can participate as additional project partners in EYF-supported international projects, but they cannot be among the minimum number of partners for the applications.

Q14: We are not a youth organisation by definition, but our activities like international and transcultural youth meetings are all about young Europeans, democracy and empowering young people. So, the question is: Can we meet the eligibility criteria, even if not being a 'youth organisation' strictly speaking?

A: An organisation interested in applying for an EYF grant must first register in the EYF online grant management system: Support4Youth. During the registration process, the EYF assesses whether the organisation meets the criteria for being considered a youth organisation.

To be approved, an organisation must:

- be non-governmental and non-profit;
- have their own statute and governance rules that demonstrate a democratic governance and youth participation approach;
- have a primary focus on youth-related activities and run activities for young people;
- work for and with young people;
- be managed, in relation to their programmes and budget, by young people;
- have members aged 15 to 30 included, for a vast majority of their overall members (they could, in addition, have younger or older members than this age range);
- work in line with the Council of Europe values and principles;
- be registered in one of the countries which is a European Youth Foundation Member (in the case of a network, this only applies to the headquarters' organisation and other members, not to the network as such).

Your organisation must demonstrate that it fulfils all of the above criteria, including having a primary focus on young people and being managed, in relation to its programmes and budget, by young people.

If the organisation does not meet these criteria, the EYF will not be able to approve its registration, and it will consequently not be able to apply for an EYF grant.

Further information is available on page 17 of the Guide to EYF Grants.

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Q15: If our organisation applies to the EYF 2027.C5.A call for international one-off youth co-operation activities, is it also permitted to submit another application for a 2027 long-term project grant under a different call? Could you please clarify if an organisation can apply to, or receive funding from, both scheme types in the same year?

A: Yes. An organisation may apply for both calls (2027.C5.A and 2027.C6.B) provided that it meets the eligibility and other requirements of each scheme. The two applications and activities must be clearly distinct.

Q16: We are planning a consultative meeting, focused on developing an advocacy strategy for young people in Europe. We would like to ask if this type of consultative meeting would be considered in line with the call?

A: The format of the meetings is not prescriptive, we indicate an open ended list in the call. What is very important is that you take into account the technical parameters of the call and its objectives. As long as you can explain how this kind of meeting reflects the call objectives, the thematic priorities of the EYF, and the other call parameters, you can submit such application.

Q17: Is the international network required to have a formal structure? What kind of evidence should we provide to verify the network's willingness to partner in the proposal?

A: An international network of non-governmental youth organisations is not required to have a formal legal personality, provided that they meet the relevant requirements set out in the Guide to EYF grants (p. 18). You need to provide the partner organisation's details in the application form.

Q18: If our organisation applies from Azerbaijan as the lead representative of our consortium, is it permitted to implement the project activities fully or partially in another country, such as Georgia or Turkey?

A: International one-off youth co-operation activities must, as a general rule, take place in one or several of the 46 Council of Europe member States. Since Georgia and Turkey are the Council of Europe member states, it is possible to implement project activities there.

Q19: Does our organisation's validation status allow us to apply to this call?

A: If your organisation is registered in the European Youth Foundation granting system as a local organisation, you are not eligible to apply. The call 2027.C5.A is open for the organisations which are registered as:

a. an international non-governmental youth organisation, or
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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 non-governmental youth organisation or network as partner.

As your organisation does not meet this eligibility requirement, the application form for this call is not available in the platform. Consequently, the call button is inactive for your organisation.

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