

European Youth Foundation

Call for proposals for international long-term youth co-operation projects in 2027 (2027.C2.B)

1. INTRODUCTION

This call for proposals is launched by the European Youth Foundation (EYF) of the Council of Europe to support international long-term youth co-operation projects that promote and develop international understanding and solidarity and contribute to the promotion of human rights and democracy.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2.1 Call objectives

This call aims to support long-term international projects involving young people that address several of the following objectives:

- Contributing to the strategic development of the work of the applicant organisation, its members and networks on subjects relevant to the thematic priorities for EYF funding.
- Building capacities and knowledge hubs in youth organisations on subjects of relevance to the thematic priorities for EYF funding, for example through the development and use of new tools, manuals, research, policy outputs.
- Fostering long-term strategic partnerships and cross-borders co-operation between young people and youth organisations, on subjects of relevance to the thematic priorities for EYF funding.
- Equipping young people with knowledge and skills on subjects of relevance to the thematic priorities for EYF funding.
- Reaching out to young people at all levels through multiplier actions of educational, awareness-raising, co-operation or advocacy nature, on the thematic priorities of the EYF.

The thematic priorities for EYF funding are:

- Revitalising pluralistic democracy
- Young people's access to rights
- Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies
- Youth work.

For more information about these priorities, consult the Council of Europe youth sector's [Strategy 2030](#) and the priorities as decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the period 2024 – 2027 and the [Guide to the EYF grants](#).

2.2 Types of activities

The grants will support projects that include a combination of international meetings and other activities, such as campaigns, advocacy projects, production of educational and other resources, research, support for local activities or regional initiatives. At least one of the project activities must be an international meeting of young people with a duration of at least 4 programme days. Multiplier activities may also be included in the proposals. Find more information about multiplier activities in the [Guide to the EYF grants](#).

The activities must be prepared and implemented by multicultural project team, with a concern for quality in line with the Council of Europe [quality standards](#). The activities must also make use of the approaches of the youth sector of the Council of Europe in youth activities such as non-formal education, intercultural learning, youth participation and human rights education.

Projects must also, as a general rule, take place in one or several of the 46 Council of Europe member States.

2.3 Implementation period

The implementation period of the projects should start the earliest on 1 January 2027 and at latest on 31 March 2027. The maximum duration of the projects to be supported under this call is 18 months. Reporting requirements shall be completed within 2 months after the end of the project at the latest. Projects completed prior to the date of submission of the application will be automatically excluded.

2.4 Participants

Within a long-term project, the majority of activities must involve participants:

- residing in at least seven Council of Europe member States (with the possibility of including participants from other States, if justified), in adequate country representation;
- of whom at least 75% are not older than 30 years of age;
- with attention to the inclusion of young people with disabilities;
- with specific considerations for gender equality and social inclusion of young people.

2.5 Grant amount

Applicants may request a maximum grant of €60 000 (sixty thousand euro). The application form includes an estimated budget which must be consistent, accurate, clear, complete and cost-effective, considering the activities proposed.

Each grantee must contribute to the project either by way of its own resources or by contribution from third parties. Co-financing may take the form of financial or human resources or in-kind contributions.

2.6 Ineligible activities

The following activities are excluded:

- operations of a commercial nature or profit-making ones;
- the purchase of land or buildings;
- the construction or renovation of buildings;
- the purchase of fixed equipment for buildings;
- tourism activities;
- scholarships;
- sports events and competitions;
- school exchanges;
- activities that are part of a school or university programme or that have a strictly vocational character;
- activities which are not related with the Council of Europe's work or priorities, and do not provide space to explore the Council of Europe's standards, approaches and resources;
- statutory meetings of youth organisations.

2.7 Funding conditions and reporting requirements

The funds for a grant shall be distributed as follows:

- 80 % will be paid to the grantee when the grant agreement between the grantee organisation and the European Youth Foundation is signed;
- the balance will be paid to the grantee organisation upon presentation and acceptance by the Council of Europe of the final narrative and financial reports of the project.

The grantee organisation must submit a narrative report and a financial report to the Foundation within 2 months after the end of the project. More information about reporting can be found in the [Guide to the EYF grants](#).

Regarding the eligibility of organisations for the EYF structural grants 2028-2029, grantee organisations which are international youth organisations or networks, or sub-regional youth networks, and that have received a grant from the European Youth Foundation under this call, may include this grant as two international one-off youth co-operation activities when meeting the eligibility criteria for EYF structural grants.

3. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The indicative available budget under this call for proposals is €600 000 (six hundred thousand euro). The European Youth Foundation intends to award 10 grants of a maximum amount of €60 000 (sixty thousand euro) each. The European Youth Foundation reserves the right not to award all available funds, and/or to redistribute the available funds in a different manner depending on the project proposals received and on the outcome of the call for proposals.

4. HOW TO APPLY?

4.1 Registration and submitting applications

To apply for this call, applicants must be registered with the European Youth Foundation, as per the eligibility criteria below. Interested candidates who are not yet registered with the Foundation must first create an account and submit their registration request at fej.coe.int. Please be aware that registering with the Foundation may take up to 2 weeks. The applicant's registration must be validated by the EYF secretariat no later than the deadline of this call in order to apply.

Registered applicants must submit their proposals by email eyf@coe.int to the European Youth Foundation, using the available templates, **before 1 April 2026, 23:59 CET**.

The proposal must include:

- a) the narrative application form duly filled in (using the template available on the EYF website for to this call),
- b) the budget form duly filled in, covering only costs related to requested EYF grant (using the template available on the EYF website for this call),
- c) the full project budget, that includes all project costs to be covered both by the EYF and other funding sources. For this document, the applicant may use their own template.

The applicant must submit the proposal by email, attaching the three documents listed above (a, b and c). The narrative application form (point a) should preferably be submitted in Word or PDF format. The budget form and the full project budget (points b and c) should preferably be submitted in Excel format.

The proposals must be submitted in English.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

4.2 Questions and communication with applicants

General information can be found on the [website of the European Youth Foundation](#) and in the [Guide to the EYF grants](#).

Any questions regarding this call for proposals must be submitted in English at the latest one week before the application deadline. Questions shall be sent exclusively to eyf@coe.int with the following reference in the subject line: "Question about EYF call 2027.C2.B". The EYF secretariat will compile the questions and answers relating to the call and publish them on its website.

The EYF may contact applicants during the assessment period, i.e. between the application deadline and the completion of the technical review of the project proposals. This process of dialogue will be carried out through email communication. When clarifications or adjustments are needed, the EYF will give clear instructions and allow sufficient time to respond. The EYF will also remain available to support applicants with any questions they may have.

4.3 Deadline for submission

Applications must be received **by 1 April 2026, at 23:59 CET**. Applications received after the above-mentioned date will not be considered.

5. ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

The EYF secretariat will assess the proposals and prepare a report for review by the Programming Committee on Youth. The Programming Committee takes the final decision on the grants to be awarded by the Foundation.

The procedure shall be based on the underlying principles of grant award procedures, which are transparency, non-retroactivity, non-cumulative awards, not-for-profit, co-financing and non-discrimination, in accordance with the [Operational regulations of the European Youth Foundation](#).

Applicants and their projects shall fulfil all of the following criteria:

5.1 Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:

1. be registered in the granting system of the European Youth Foundation as an international non-governmental youth organisation, or an international network of non-governmental youth organisations;
2. have a bank account that can accept euros;
3. have sufficient financial capacity (stable and sufficient sources of funding) to maintain its activity throughout the period for which the grant is awarded and to participate by way of its own resources (including human resources or in-kind contributions)¹;
4. have sufficient operational and professional capacity, including staff and volunteers, to carry out activities described in its project proposal².

Multiple applications for the same proposal are not allowed and shall lead to the exclusion of all applications concerned.

5.2 Exclusion criteria:

Applicants shall be excluded from the grant award procedure where they:

- a. have been sentenced by final judgment on one or more of the following charges: participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering, terrorist financing, terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, child labour or trafficking in human beings;
- b. are in a situation of bankruptcy, liquidation, termination of activity, insolvency or arrangement with creditors or any such situation arising from a procedure of the same kind, or are subject to a procedure of the same kind;
- c. have received a judgment with res judicata force, finding an offence that affects their professional integrity or constitutes serious professional misconduct;

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- d. do not comply with their obligations as regards payment of social security contributions, taxes and dues, according to the statutory provisions of the country where they are established;
- e. are an entity created to circumvent tax, social or other legal obligations (empty shell company), have ever created or are in the process of creation of such an entity;
- f. have been involved in mismanagement of Council of Europe funds or public funds;
- g. are in a situation of actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest that cannot be managed to the secretariat's satisfaction.

To meet these criteria, organisations will be asked to provide a declaration on honour when submitting their application. The Council of Europe reserves the right to ask applicants at a later stage to supply additional documents related to the above-mentioned criteria.

5.3 Award criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1. Relevance and added value of the proposal regarding the objective of the call (40%).
- 2. Quality, clarity and completeness of the proposal (32%).
- 3. Cost effectiveness and completeness of foreseen budget (16%).
- 4. Expertise / experience of the organisation, partners and project team (12%).

6. NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION AND SIGNATURE OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

Once the selection process is completed, all applicants will be informed in writing of the final decision of the Programming Committee on Youth concerning their respective applications. Selected grantees will then be invited to sign a grant agreement with the European Youth Foundation.

7. INDICATIVE TIMETABLE

Phases	Indicative timing
Publishing of the call	4 March 2026
Deadline for submitting applications	1 April 2026
Assessment and dialogue with applicants	2 April – 15 May 2026
Meeting of the Programming Committee on Youth where the decision on the grants are taken	30 June – 1 July 2026
Information to applicants on the results of the award procedure	First half of July 2026
Signature of the grant agreements	December 2026
Implementation period (maximum project duration 18 months)	Start dates of projects: between 1 January 2027 and 31 March 2027 Latest end date: 30 September 2028
Reporting on grants	Up to 30 November 2028 (2 months after the projects end date)