

Introduction to the Council of Europe's resources and EYF grants for youth organisations in Germany

*Training session organised in co-operation with
Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and the German
Federal Youth Council (DBJR)*

Call for participants
Deadline: 1 June 2023, midday CET

Background

The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 46 member states, including all members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe elaborates guidelines, programmes and legal instruments for the development of coherent and effective youth policies at local, national and European levels. It provides funding and educational support for international youth activities aiming to promote youth citizenship, youth mobility and the values of human rights, democracy and cultural pluralism. It seeks to bring together and disseminate expertise and knowledge about the life situations, aspirations and ways of expression of young Europeans.

Established in 1972, [the European Youth Foundation](#) (EYF) is an institution and a financial instrument of the Council of Europe's youth sector. It provides financial support to local, national and international non-governmental youth organisations and networks for their local, national and international youth projects. The EYF is more than just a donor. It is a partner to youth organisations, supporting the exchange of good practices and high quality of youth projects.

Key information

The youth sector of the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and the German Federal Youth Council (DBJR) organises an information session for youth organisations from Germany, aiming at providing an overview of the work of the Council of Europe in the youth field to youth organisations in Germany. Furthermore, the session will increase participants' knowledge about ways in which youth organisations can benefit from the EYF opportunities to realise their projects and strengthen the work in the fields of democracy, freedom and human rights.

The information sessions will be organised on **20 and 21 June 2023, from 9.30 to 13.00, online**. The working language of the session will be English.

The two online sessions on 20 and 21 June mornings are complementary.

The objectives of the first morning (20 June) are:

- Increase participants' knowledge about the Council of Europe and its youth sector
- Provide space for participants to seek links between their work and the priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe
- Provide participants space to discover the programmes and resources of the youth sector and meet people involved in the youth sector.

The objectives of the second morning (21 June) are:

- Provide an introduction on the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, including its grant categories and criteria for applications
- Provide space for participants to discover in depth the criteria for the pilot activity and international activity grants
- Exchange views with the staff of the European Youth Foundation.

Participants will benefit most from this activity if they attend both sessions, which are complementary. If for any reason you can only attend the sessions partly, please indicate this in the application form.

Participant profile

If you are member of a youth NGO based in Germany, active at local, national or international levels, this invitation is for you!

The session will be of most benefit for members of youth organisations who are engaged in youth projects, and/or in the international co-operation area in their organisation.

Application process

To join this session, you need to fill in a short online form, by 1 June 2023, midday CET. The form is available at the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CoEYouthGermany>

Further information

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