European Youth Foundation
Call for proposals for international one-off youth co-operation activities supporting young people from Ukraine (2027.C7.A)

1. INTRODUCTION

This call for proposals is launched by the European Youth Foundation (EYF) of the Council of Europe to support international one-off youth co-operation activities that promote and develop international understanding and solidarity and contribute to the promotion of human rights and democracy. The specific focus of the call is to support initiatives by and for young people from Ukraine, enhancing international youth co-operation activities with Ukrainian youth.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2.1 Call objectives

This call aims to support international meetings of young people, involving directly young people from Ukraine and other member States, that contribute to the following objectives:

- Addressing emerging needs of young people from Ukraine in the context of the war of aggression, with a link to one or several of the youth sector priorities
- Enhancing young people's participation in democratic societies, in youth organisations and in other forms of mobilisation and action, specifically in the context of the war in Ukraine.
- Allowing young people to explore in depth a subject of importance relating to democracy, young people's access to rights, peace and combating discrimination in the context of the war in Ukraine.
- Promoting intercultural dialogue by allowing young people to meaningfully connect across cultures, exchange perspectives, network, co-operate and learn from each other.
- Building capacities for future action and empowering young people to initiate, develop and support inspiring educational, awareness-raising, co-operation or advocacy initiatives, on the thematic priorities of the EYF
- Building partnerships with youth organisations in Ukraine.

Proposals will need to explore a thematic area related to one or several of the following youth sector priorities:

- 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 activities that can be supported through these grants are international meetings of young people, for example youth camps, seminars, conferences, training courses or study visits. These examples are

meant to be illustrative and do not represent an exhaustive list. A grant can contribute in principle to one main meeting of young people, as well as the preparatory and evaluation / follow-up meetings.
The activities must be prepared and implemented by a culturally diverse project team, with a concern for quality in line with the Council of Europe quality standards. It is highly recommended that young people or youth leaders from Ukraine are part of the project team. The activities must also make use of the approaches of the youth sector of the Council of Europe such as non-formal education, intercultural learning, youth participation and human rights education.

International one-off youth co-operation activities must also, as a rule, take place in one or several of the 46 Council of Europe member States, and, in principle, have a duration of at least 4 programme days. Young people from Ukraine must be involved as participants in the activity, whether they reside in Ukraine or in other member States, alongside young people from other European countries.

2.3 Implementation period
The implementation of the projects should start between 1 June 2027 and 1 December 2027. The implementation shall not extend beyond 30 June 2028.

Reporting requirements shall be completed within 2 months after the end of the project at the latest. Projects that are completed before the date of submission of the application will be automatically excluded. When applying, applicants must indicate the full duration of the project, including the preparatory period, the implementation of the main activity/activities, and the evaluation/follow-up period.

2.4 Participants
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; young people from Ukraine must be among the participants in the activity, whether they reside in Ukraine or in other member States;
- 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.

Applications not complying with these criteria will not be considered.

2.5 Grant amount
Applicants may request a maximum grant of €25 000 (twenty-five 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;
- activities that do not meet the formal criteria of this call (due to inappropriate duration, number of programme days, countries where participants reside, no partner from Ukraine, etc.).

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 Grants of the European Youth Foundation.

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 one international one-off youth co-operation activity when meeting the eligibility criteria for EYF structural grants.

3. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The indicative available budget under this call for proposals is €150 000 (one hundred and fifty thousand euro). The European Youth Foundation intends to award 6 grants of a maximum amount of €25 000 (twenty-five 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 support4youth.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 within the European Youth Foundation's granting system **before 15 February 2027, 17:00 CET.**

The proposal must include:

a) the narrative application form duly filled in,
b) the budget form duly filled in, that includes both the costs to be covered by the EYF grant and costs to be covered from other sources.

The applicant must submit the proposal in the EYF granting system.
The proposals must be submitted in English or French.

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 Grants of the EYF.

Any questions regarding this call for proposals must be submitted in English or French 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 Ukraine call 2027.C7.A". 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 in the granting system of the EYF (support4youth.coe.int). 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 15 February 2027, at 17:00 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:

   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.

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 proposal[2].

At least one organisation, i.e. the applicant organisation, a member organisation of the applying NGO/network or a partner organisation must be based in Ukraine.

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;
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 objectives 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

[1] The Council of Europe shall have full discretion in determining whether applicants are considered to have sufficient financial capacity in light of the complexity of the project/action proposed.
[2] The Council of Europe shall have full discretion in determining whether applicants are considered to have sufficient operational and professional capacity in light of the complexity of the project/action proposed.

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	24 November 2026
Deadline for submitting applications	15 February 2027, 17.00 CET
Assessment and dialogue with applicants	16 February – 16 March 2027
Meeting of the Programming Committee on Youth where the decision on the grants are taken	By 5 May 2027
Information to applicants on the results of the award procedure	By 10 May 2027
Signature of the grant agreements	After 10 May 2027
Beginning of the implementation period	Between 1 June 2027 and 1 December 2027
End of the implementation period	Latest by 30 June 2028
Reporting on grants	Up to 31August 2028 (2 months after the projects end date)