The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship and the Summer Universities

The Network on Youth and Global Citizenship is a partnership facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe that gathers youth-led organisations, international youth platforms and governmental institutions from Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and beyond. The Network was set up in 2011 as an informal platform of dialogue and multilateral cooperation at interregional level in the youth field.

Every year, the Network promotes international youth events called “Summer Universities”. In each “University” a number of youth-led and youth-oriented organisations have the possibility to run their own activities (trainings, seminars, board meetings, etc.) within a dynamic and participatory context which encourages networking, cooperation and peer-to-peer education.

The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is the most long-standing Summer University. Since 2000 the UYD represents an international hub for meetings, youth advocacy and exchange of good practices. It gathers, for one week, hundreds of young people, youth workers, decision makers, experts from the field and institutional representatives, providing them all with a space to meet, debate, build their capacities and cooperate on youth policy issues. The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is designed as a space for experiencing intercultural dialogue while debating the most pressing issues of the global youth movement.

Youth organisations and any other youth-related institution can apply to join the UYD and organise an activity within the framework of the event. Each organisation is responsible for funding and managing its own activity (including selecting and bringing its own group of participants on-site).

The organisations selected to run their activity within the 21st UYD will join the partnership and collaborate with many other organisations for the success of the event and for the growth of the youth sector.

Please consult this webpage to know more about the approach of the Summer Universities and to watch some explanatory videos (link here).
The annual theme

Every year the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship proposes a theme representing the thread that connects all the activities taking place in the framework of the Universities that same year. The plenary sessions and all the other common moments of the University (the “Joint Programme”) explore the annual theme, connecting all partners’ activities and engaging all the participants involved in them.

For the period 2018-2020* the Network agreed on a three-year cycle under the umbrella theme of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: “Peace, justice and strong institutions”. The umbrella theme, representing the overarching priority of a three-year cycle, is broken down every year into a specific annual theme according to the three pillars of the SDG16: peace, justice and strong institutions.

The annual theme for 2022 is: “Building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions”.

- Please consult the Concept Note to explore in detail the three-year umbrella theme and the 2022 annual theme (link here)

*Due to the pause imposed by the COVID 19 pandemic in the year 2020 and 2021, the cycle will be concluded in 2022.

The structure of the UYD

The UYD is a residential one-week long event. The schedule of the week enables organisations to run their own activities (training, workshop, seminars, etc.) while ensuring enough time for everyone to get together around the “Joint Programme”.

The “Joint Programme” consists of a series of special plenary moments where everyone involved in the University get together to explore the annual theme, to share personal experiences and good practices, to interact with experts and decision makers and to plan joint advocacy actions.

The “Joint Programme” also connects all the activities implemented in the framework of the UYD: it enriches the learning processes by allowing a transversal reflection among participants involved in different activities. The Joint Programme is ultimately designed to encourage networking and intercultural dialogue while addressing the challenges young people face.

The “Joint Programme” is developed by the Joint Team: a multifaceted group composed by experienced trainers, youth animators, musicians, graphic artists, and media professionals in charge of building up community spirit throughout the event and of ensuring a fruitful learning experience for everyone.

The educational model implemented in the UYD is largely inspired by the North-South Centre’s Global Education Guidelines.

The timetable of the UYD202

The UYD 2022 will take place from Sunday 11th (arrival day) to Sunday 18th September (departure day) September 2022. However, the staff of the partners organisations are expected to arrive on Friday 9 September to ensure enough time for the joint preparation of the event as well as to enable each organisation to prepare its own activity before the arrival of their participants.
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**Partners activities**
Activities organised independently by organisations who applied through the present call for activities. Each activity takes place in an independent room, with their own trainers, participants, and resource persons, following their own programme and counting on their own financial and human resources.

**Joint programme**
Plenary moments gatherings all the people involved in the event (organisers, trainers, participants, volunteers). It consists of series of initiatives of different nature: from informal and playful evening activities to more formal debates to explore the annual theme with representatives from governments and experts from the field. The Joint Programme also includes musical sessions and moments of interaction with the local community. The Joint Programme is coordinated by the North-South Centre and implemented by the Joint Team through collaborative and creative non-formal education methods.
Practical arrangements

The 21st UYD will take place at the Centro Eurolatinoamericano de Juventud (CEULAJ) located in Mollina, a town 50 km north of Malaga (Spain). The nearest international airport is Malaga (AGP) 74 km away from CEULAJ.
CEULAJ is a multifunctional facility awarded with the Council of Europe’s Quality Label for Youth Centres. Everyone participating at the event will be accommodated in either a single or double room. A fully equipped training room and a working/meeting room will be provided to each organisation. Leisure and sport facilities (swimming pool, indoor sport centre, etc..) are also available.

Financial Provisions

Each organisation is responsible for covering the expenses of travel, board, and lodging of its own group. CEULAJ applies the following rates: 30 euro per person/night, which includes board, lodging and the use of all training and leisure facilities.

Submission of proposal for activities

Organisations wishing to take part in the UYD, integrating their activities in the programme of the event should fill in this Activity Form.

- Organisations can apply with one or more activities.
- Each activity must have the same length of the University: 6 days (from the 12 to the 17 September 2022), having the 11 and the 18 September as travel days.
  In exceptional cases and based on availability, it would be possible to accommodate shorter activities, as long as they align with the starting day of the University.

The activities shall:
- be organised by youth-led/youth-serving organisations or other entities having young people as a main target group;
- be related to the multiannual umbrella theme “the SDG 16: Peace, Justice and strong Institution” and contribute to the reflection around the annual theme 2022 “Building effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions” as developed in the attached Concept Note;
- seek gender balance and strive for the inclusion of young people in vulnerable situations in the composition of the group of participants;
- foster the universal values promoted by the CoE and be developed according to the North-South Centre’s Global Education Guidelines

- Deadline for submission of the proposals: 22 May 2022.
Commitments of the selected organisations towards the University

The organisations that will be selected to run their activities within the 21st University on Youth and Development (UYD) will become the official partner of the event contributing to the design and implementation of different aspects of the event.

In view of this participatory approach, having as an objective the strengthening of the cooperation among youth entities, the selected organisations are expected to:

- attend all the on-line and on-site preparatory meetings as in the table below;
- provide all the necessary information and documentation in due time to efficiently deal with all the logistic and administrative duties;
- contribute to the Joint Programme by suggesting activities and mobilising experts to feed the debate around the annual theme;
- cooperate with the Joint Team to design and set up common spaces and activities to build up the community spirit around the event for a fruitful exchange of knowledge, good practices, and opportunities;
- be open to engage with other UYD partners organisations for the development of joint actions, advocacy initiative, recommendations, or joint statement the partnership deems relevant to release;
- promote the UYD and support its media coverage collaborating with the UYD media team to increase its outreach;
- contribute to the evaluation process at the end of the event by taking part in the final evaluation meeting, elaborate the final report, share lessons learned, and gather elements useful to assess the results of the event;
- contribute to the overall success of the event either financially, in kind or with human resources in accordance with their capacity.

ROADMAP OF THE PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

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<td>Deliver final report of the activity</td>
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The role and of the North-South Centre

On behalf of the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe acts as the coordinator of the event, collecting and connecting all the inputs shared by the partners and dealing with all the financial and logistics aspects to guarantee the sustainability of the event.

The North-South Centre provides:

- a set of professionals in various area (graphic facilitators, musicians, youth animators) to design and implement the Joint Programme and ensure interaction among all partners’ activities;
- resources and expertise to engage experts and institutional representatives in the event enabling a structured dialogue on youth policies with relevant decision makers;
- a media team producing audiovisual material of the event for the benefit of all partners;
- logistic and administrative support (including for VISA applications) for the smooth running of all partners’ activities;
- office and educational supplies for all activities;
- on-site info desk to orientate and support all participants;
- liaising with all service providers and with the local community.

For more information:
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