

Who We Are

About Us

Set up in 1972, the European Youth Foundation (EYF) plays an essential role in the Council of Europe's work to support youth civil society.

Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing guidance and financial support to youth activities based on the Council of Europe's fundamental values: human rights, democracy and rule of law.

Our Values

Diversity, flexibility, respect, approachability and teamwork.

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FACTS AND FIGURES 2018

In 2018, out of 274 grant applications evaluated by the European Youth Foundation, **116 were approved** by the Programming Committee on Youth.

The EYF awarded over 2 million euros in grants.

Annual work plans account for 52% of the grants; international activities 11% and pilot activities 14%. The remaining 23% was devoted to 35 structural grants.

In total, **116 youth activities** took place in member states:

- 39 pilot activities
- 15 one-off international activities
- 34 international activities and 27 other activities within work plans

The main themes tackled were:

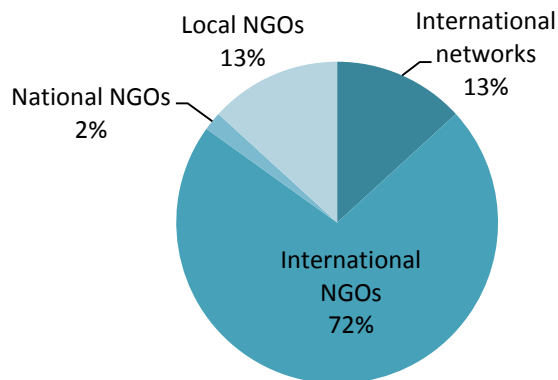
- **Multiple discrimination** and intersectionality (including gender equality, sexual orientation LGBTQI, gender identity and disability): 35% of pilot activities, 30% of work plans;
- **Youth Participation:** 15% of work plans; 17% of pilot activities;
- **Preventing violent extremism (following up on the No Hate Speech Movement):** 13% of international activities, 7% of work plans.

Nearly **950 NGOs in 45 countries are registered** in the online system launched by the Foundation in 2013.



Four new NGOs from Belgium have been validated in 2018; 53 youth NGOs from Belgium are now registered and able to apply for EYF grants: 7 international networks, 38 international youth NGOs, 1 national and 7 local compared to 6 international networks, 36 international youth NGOs, 1 national and 6 local NGOs in 2017.

BELGIUM 2018



In 2018, no activities (pilot and one-off international activities) took place in Belgium.

THE APPROACH

The EYF approach is based on the development of **partnerships** with NGOs.

The EYF is more than just a donor, offering financial but also elaboration of projects that have a tangible, concrete **impact**.

Two-way communication, flexibility, diversity and respect are the guiding **educational support** to youth NGOs, focusing on the **content and methodology** of projects.

Through feedback, recommendations and questions the EYF hopes to create a reflective process, increasing the **quality** of projects. The focus is on the principles of the Foundation and its staff.

Feedback from an NGO on its communication with the EYF:

“The communication in the application phase with EYF and during the project was very trustful. We appreciated a lot the flexibility of EYF regarding small changes (participating countries, dates...). The Volunteer Time Recognition (VTR) is very helpful too.”