

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 2017

In 2017, out of 318 grant applications evaluated by the European Youth Foundation, **150 were approved** by the Programming Committee on Youth.

The EYF awarded over 3 million euros in grants.

Annual work plans account for 47% of the grants; international activities 16% and pilot activities 15%. The remaining 23% was devoted to 40 structural grants.

In total, **186 youth activities** took place in member states:

- 48 pilot activities
- 27 one-off international activities
- 77 international activities and 34 other activities within work plans

The main themes tackled were:

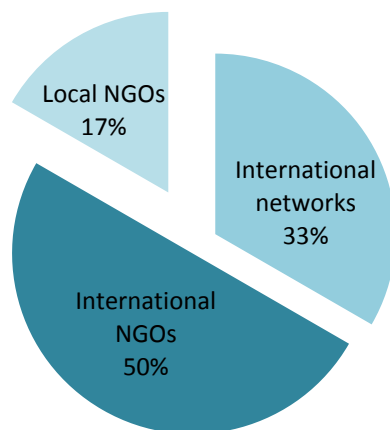
- **countering extremism and hate speech** (27% of pilot activities, 11% of work plans);
- social inclusion of **migrants, refugees, Roma** (17% of work plans; 15% of pilot activities);
- **peace-building** (26% of international activities, 23% of work plans).

Nearly **900 NGOs in 45 countries are registered** in the online system launched by the Foundation in 2013.



Two new NGOs from Finland have been validated in 2017; 6 youth NGOs are now registered and able to apply for EYF grants: 2 international networks, 3 international and 1 local youth NGOs, compared to 1 international network, 2 international and 1 local NGOs in 2016.

FINLAND 2017



In 2017, 1 international activity took place in Finland, for an amount of €13 000.

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 **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 elaboration of projects that have a tangible, concrete **impact**.

Two-way communication, flexibility, diversity and respect are the guiding principles of the Foundation and its staff.

Feedback from an NGO on its communication with the EYF:

“Thanks for your interest in understanding better our project. It has never happened in the past that an institution has made such an effort to appreciate our work. The EYF’s working methods make us feel really supported.”