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# THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION

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■ The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a Council of Europe institution set up in 1972 to provide financial support and educational guidance to youth NGOs in the 50 signatory states of the European Cultural Convention, namely the 47 member states of the Council of Europe, plus Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Holy See.

■ The EYF is based in Strasbourg, France, and is a division within the Youth Department of the Council of Europe's Directorate of Democratic Participation, which forms part, in turn, of the Directorate General of Democracy.

■ Rooted in the European Cultural Convention, the mission of the Directorate of Democratic Participation is to support democracy, human rights and the rule of law through education, youth and cultural policies. Its goal is to encourage Europe's children and young people to become engaged and responsible European citizens who advocate for human rights and participate fully in democratic life.

■ In supporting the activities of non-governmental youth organisations and networks, the EYF follows the Council of Europe's main policy lines, which are revised every two years. In this way it has become a key instrument in ensuring the voices of young people are heard and enabling them to take part in decision making.

■ This commitment to involving young people in the decision-making process is reflected in the co-management structure which the youth sector has adopted, meaning that it is managed by both NGOs and government representatives.

■ Together, they establish the youth sector's priorities and make recommendations for future budgets and programmes. These proposals are then adopted by the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe's decision-making body.

■ The EYF takes the priorities defined by this co-managed structure into account when evaluating the grant applications it receives. The EYF also exchanges with NGOs on their grant applications, and provides feedback on content and methodology. Particular attention is given to certain issues which embody the values of the Council of Europe and allow the EYF to position itself as a major force for the promotion of peace, mutual understanding and respect.

## Key figures

■ The Foundation has an annual budget of approximately 3.7 million euros, which is mainly made up of obligatory contributions from each Council of Europe member state, all of which are automatically considered member states of the Foundation. However, the decision of the Russian Federation to suspend payments of its obligatory contribution since 2017 has had a direct impact on the EYF, notably leading to a reduction in the number of youth projects it supports.

■ Since 1972, more than 350 000 young people, aged between 15 and 30 and mostly from member states, have benefited directly from EYF-supported activities. The EYF supports between 150 and 200 youth activities every year at local, national and international level.

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## INTRODUCTION

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■ In 2019, the [European Youth Foundation \(EYF\)](#) continued to support the Council of Europe youth sector's work to address challenges that young people face in Europe, providing funding and advice to youth organisations, building the capacities of youth workers and youth leaders, and sharing good practice.

■ EYF grants totalling €2 160 000 were distributed to 82 youth organisations, supporting national initiatives (pilot activities), international activities, annual work plans and structural grants.

■ EYF funding enabled beneficiary youth NGOs to implement 162 activities in 30 countries, reaching out to more than 300 000 young people.

■ EYF grants supporting the implementation of pilot and international activities and work plans amounted to €1 687 500 and were spread over the three Council of Europe youth sector priorities: access to rights (€290 350); youth participation and youth work (€830 600); and inclusive and peaceful societies (€566 550).

■ In 2019, the EYF received 217 new grant applications for activities to be implemented in 2020 and 2021. In total, 121 applications for funds totalling €2 624 827 were approved for pilot activities, international activities, annual work plans and structural grants.

■ Throughout 2019, advice was provided and experiences shared through the EYF online system and through social and other media.

■ Since its creation in 1972, the EYF has always sought to adjust its working methods to meet the needs of its partners.

■ Today, the EYF is more than a donor. It offers financial support, advice and training to youth NGOs, online and in member states; it organises information sessions and monitors the implementation of supported projects. In 2019, the EYF took part in 33 international events and provided information on grant opportunities and discussed co-operation with more than 45 international youth NGOs and 650 youth workers.

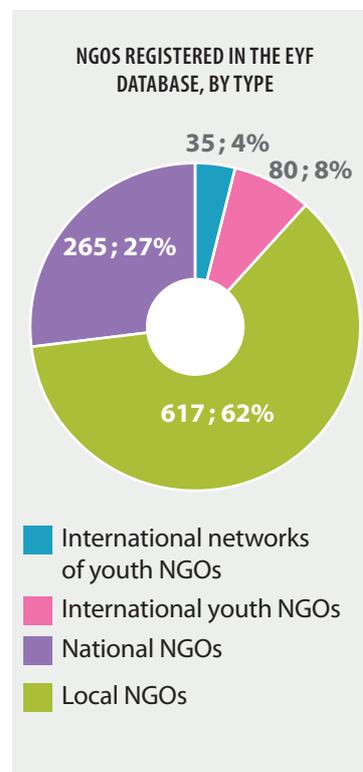
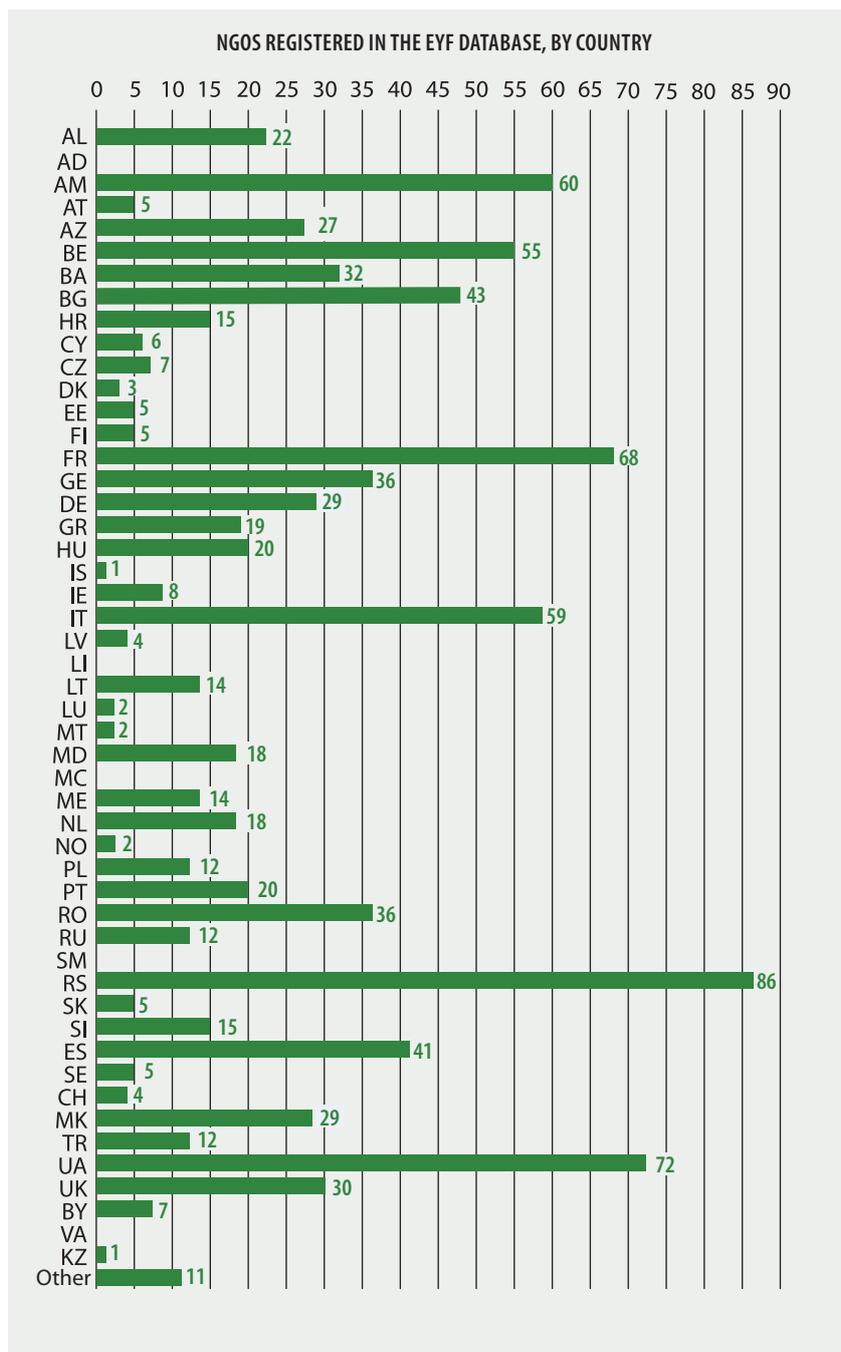
■ This 2019 annual report provides data and statistics on the activities of the youth organisations supported by the Foundation and activities run by the EYF in 2019.





## PARTNER NGOs

The EYF supports youth NGOs at local, national and international level based in the signatory states to the European Cultural Convention<sup>1</sup>. There were 997 organisations registered in the EYF database at the end of 2019: 617 local NGOs, 265 national NGOs, 80 international NGOs and 35 international networks of NGOs.



1. 47 member states of the Council of Europe, plus Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Holy See (see full list in Appendix V).

## EYF SUPPORT

The EYF provides four types of grants:

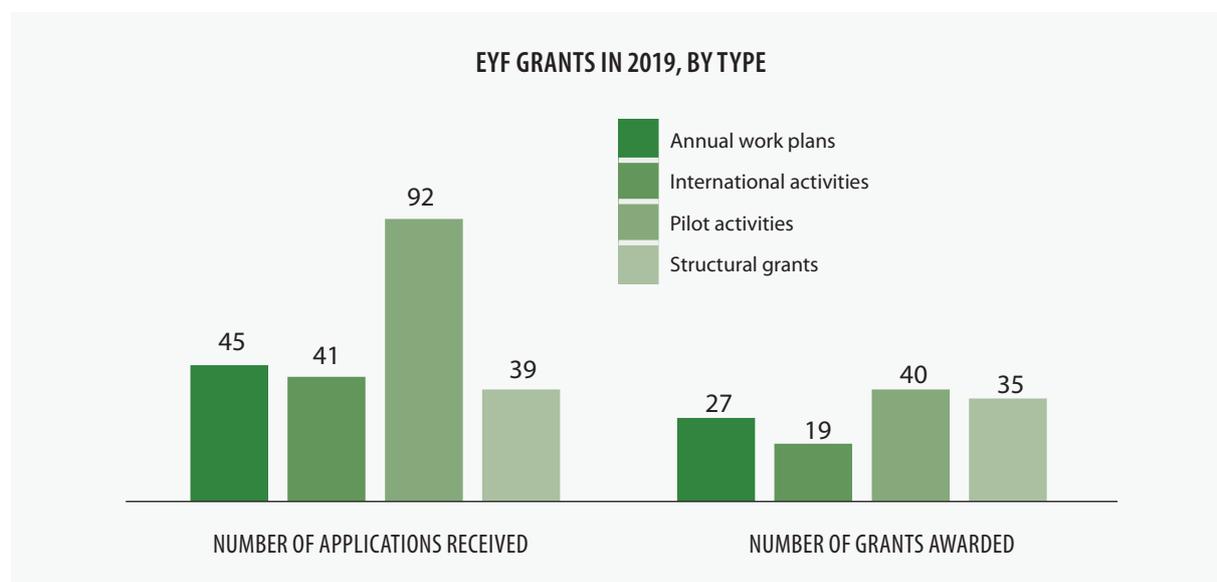
- ▶ grants for the annual work plans of international youth NGOs and networks;
- ▶ grants for the one-off international activities of international NGOs, regional networks and/or national NGOs with international partners;
- ▶ grants for the pilot activities of local/national NGOs and regional networks;
- ▶ structural grants to international youth NGOs and networks.

■ To qualify for EYF funding, activities and work plans must comply with a set of priorities. For grants for annual work plans, grants for one-off international activities, or structural grants, the priorities are defined by the Council of Europe youth sector (see Appendix VI). For grants for pilot activities, the youth sector has adopted ‘focus themes’ (see Appendix VII).

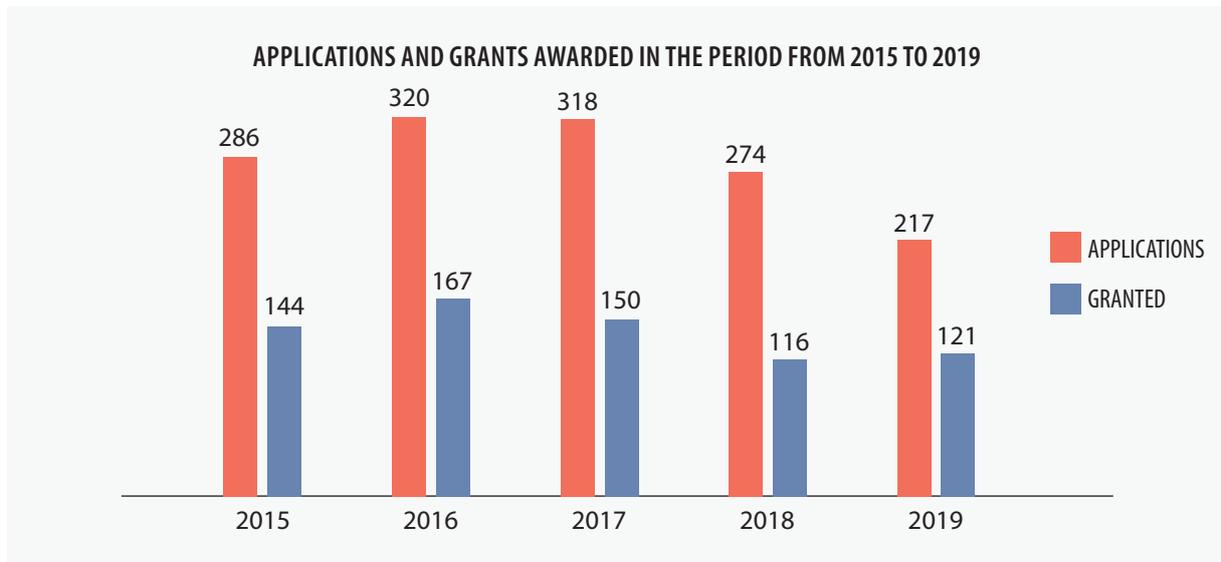
■ The table below and the following chart show the number of applications received and grants awarded for activities implemented in 2019.

**EYF SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES IN 2019**

	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	NUMBER OF GRANTS AWARDED	AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED
ANNUAL WORK PLANS	45	27	€1 108 000
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES	41	19	€272 000
PILOT ACTIVITIES	92	40	€307 500
STRUCTURAL GRANTS	39	35	€472 500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>€2 160 000</b>



The bar chart below illustrates the changing trends in applications for EYF grants from 2015 to 2019.



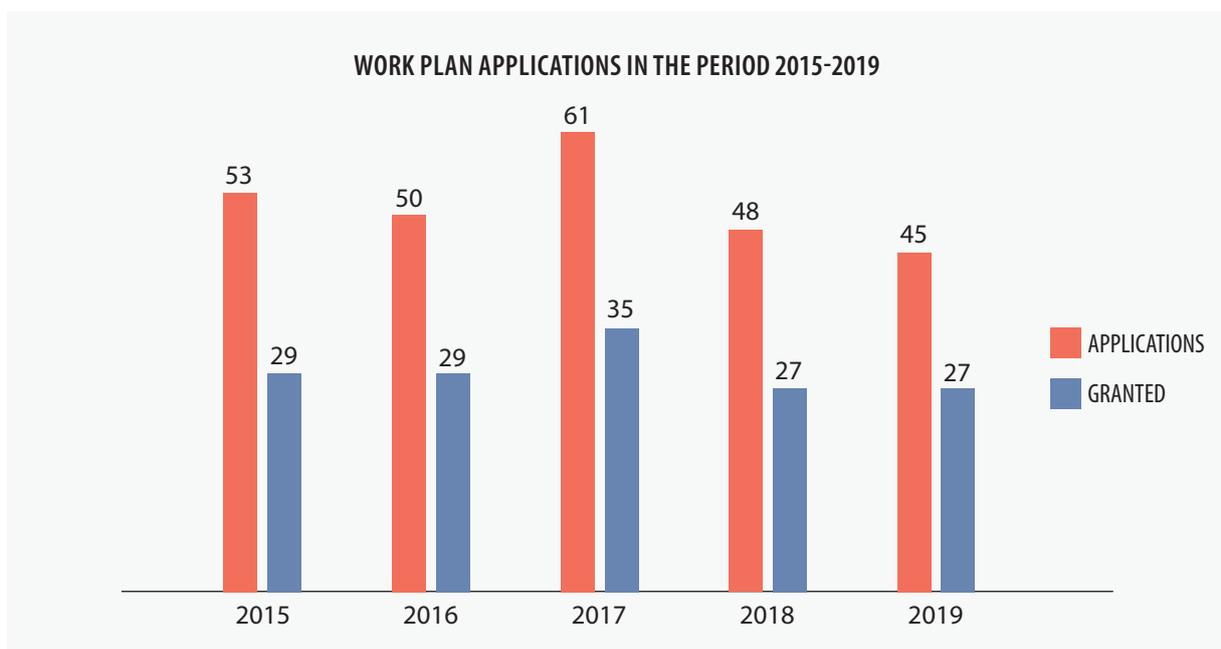
## 1. Annual work plans

The EYF supports the annual work plans of international non-governmental youth organisations or networks. To be implemented over a period of one year, an annual work plan must include a series of activities which are interconnected and contribute to the same broader aim. These activities may be “international” (e.g. a multilateral meeting involving young people from at least seven countries) or “other”, including local or national activities, online work, campaigns, or tool development. A work plan must include at least one international activity. The maximum grant for a work plan is €50 000.

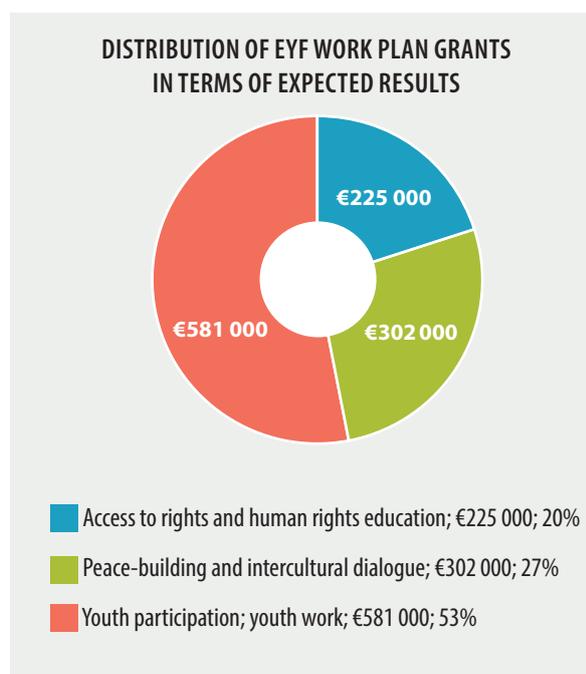
In 2019, the total amount of EYF grants awarded for 27 annual work plans was €1 108 000 (see Appendix I). The average grant for a work plan was €41 000 (minimum €15 000, maximum €48 000).

The chart below shows the distribution of work plan applications received and granted over the past five years.

The 27 work plans supported in 2019 comprised a total of 63 international activities and 39 national activities. These included various activities such as training sessions, workshops, campaigns, online work and tool development.



All supported work plans were in line with the Council of Europe youth sector's priorities and contributed to the expected results and programme orientations set for 2018-2019. Out of the total amount allocated to work plans, 52% (€581 000) was used to support activities promoting access to rights and human rights education, 27% (€302 000) was for youth participation and youth work, and 20% (€225 000) for funded activities promoting inclusion and equality and fighting discrimination.



Of the 27 annual work plans granted financial support by the EYF in 2019:

- eleven focused on empowering youth NGOs, strengthening their structures and work, and promoting the implementation of the Committee of Ministers' recommendation on youth work;<sup>2</sup>
- eight fostered social inclusion of young refugees, intercultural dialogue and learning;
- five enabled activities promoting the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers on young people's access to rights<sup>3</sup> and on young people's

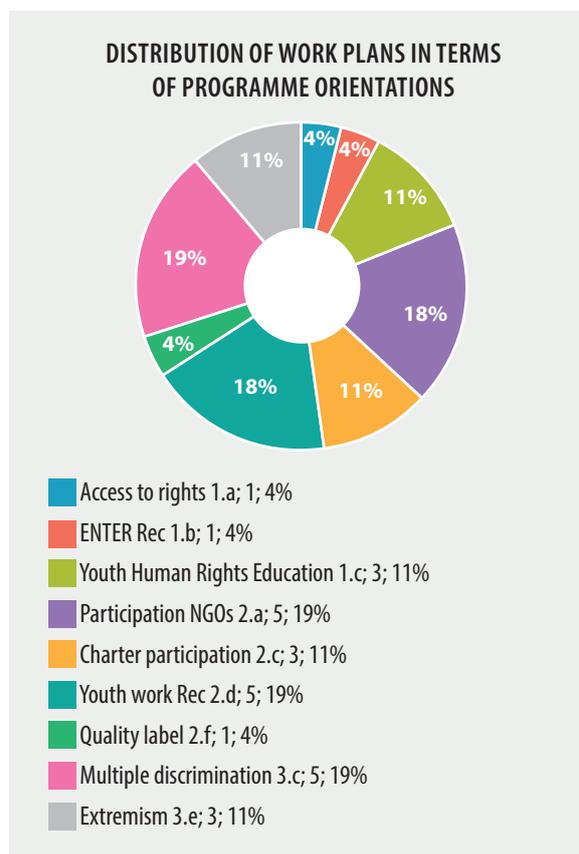
2. Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on youth work can be found on the website of the Council of Europe youth department (<https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/adopted-texts>)

3. Recommendation CM/Rec (2016)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on young people's access to rights can be found on the website of the Council of Europe youth department (<https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/adopted-texts>)

access to social rights (Enter Recommendation),<sup>4</sup> along with human rights education and media literacy;

- three were aimed at strengthening youth participation in local and regional life.

The graph below shows the distribution of the 27 work plans in terms of the youth sector priorities and programme orientations addressed.



## Examples of annual work plans in 2019

### Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG)

The aim of the FYEG's 2019 work plan "Reclaim Your Social Rights!" was to enhance young people's understanding of and access to social rights and their capacity to advocate for social rights.

Two international activities, "Unconference: Social Europe Now!" (Italy) and the hackathon "Our Social Rights - Our Future!" (Serbia), each brought together about 50 young people from 25 member states of the Council of Europe. A youth-friendly online course on social rights was set up and includes online resources

4. Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights can be found on the website of the Council of Europe youth department (<https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/adopted-texts>)

to raise visibility and help deal with discrimination and injustice in accessing social rights. Subsequently, local hackathons took place in the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom, Italy, Poland, Serbia and Ukraine, involving 110 young participants, who helped to develop tools and projects to improve access by young people to social rights in their countries.

■ An infographic series entitled “Know Your Rights – a guide to your rights as a tenant in Scotland” - was designed to tackle rogue landlords and educate young tenants on their rights in Scotland. In Poland, young people launched an “Alternative Education” campaign to introduce changes in school structures through self-government initiatives.

■ Website:

<https://fyeg.org/news/reclaim-your-social-rights>

### Testimonial

“The support of the European Youth Foundation has made a significant difference to our organisation and the nearly two hundred young people involved in our project in 2019. EYF support is not only financial. The EYF provides valuable resources used by hundreds of thousands of young people across Europe. It gives young people autonomy and enables them to stand up for themselves; it provides us with unique cross-continental experience that changes our lives forever. And most of all it gives visibility and credibility for all the hard volunteer work young people put into shaping our societies towards being more inclusive, more welcoming, feminist and socially just.”

*Federation of Young European Greens*

### Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE)

■ The AEGEE's work plan for 2019 entitled “SMASH” (*Structural Measures Against Sexual Harassment*) focused on the creation of a sustainable system to prevent and tackle the problem of sexual harassment in (youth) organisations. It used the AEGEE as a pilot but ensured that activities could be replicated, scaled up and disseminated.

■ During implementation of the work plan, 44 youth workers were provided with training so that they could subsequently support 16 local pilot events with the aim of creating a safe environment for over 1800 young people from 30 countries. The project and its volunteers helped raise knowledge and awareness on sexual harassment; a survey showed that over 80% of the participants felt that their knowledge on the topic had improved substantially. A set of guidelines on preventing and fighting harassment was produced and disseminated within the network and to other partner NGOs.



AEGEE – “SMASH” (*Structural Measures Against Sexual Harassment*)

■ Website:

<https://www.aegee.org/smash-structural-measures-against-sexual-harassment-aegee-steps-up-its-efforts-against-sexual-harassment/>

### Testimonial

“We thank the European Youth Foundation for the opportunity to work on such an important topic. The SMASH Project was funded primarily through the EYF and it would never have been implemented without the EYF's generous support. Co-operation with the EYF Secretariat was very pleasant. It is quite unusual to have direct personal contact with donors, and benefit from their advice and availability throughout the whole project. They were understanding and flexible when plans had to be changed or expectations adjusted.

*Association des États généraux des étudiants de l'Europe*

### Co-operation and Development Network of Eastern Europe (CDN)

■ EYF funding made it possible for the CDN to step up efforts to promote young people's rights in the digital environment along with youth participation in internet governance. The CDN's work plan on “*Digital Technology For Democracy: Youth Turns Threat Into Opportunity*” was built up in two phases and allowed participants from member and partner organisations to learn and use online tools to combat disinformation and reach out to target groups, fostering an inclusive environment. Three international activities “*Internet as we know it vs Internet as Youth wants it!*”, “*Critical journalism in Digital Era: Youth's access to non-biased information*” and “*Digitising the Youth A(r)c(t)ivism*”,

involving art and activism, were hosted by CDN member organisations in Ukraine, Georgia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through the work plan, participants benefited from various learning opportunities.

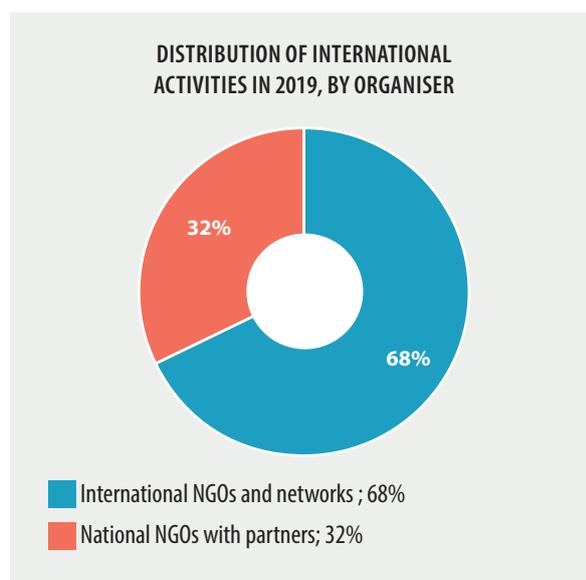
They also helped to publish the project “Manifesto” and disseminate it to a wider audience through a campaign and infographics, podcasts, videos and articles.

## 2. International activities

International non-governmental youth organisations or networks and national youth NGOs with at least three partners in other countries can apply for funding for a one-off international activity, such as a multilateral meeting of young people from at least seven countries, provided that it contributes to the objectives of the Council of Europe youth sector. The maximum amount of a grant for an international activity is €20 000.

In 2019, 19 international activities were implemented with the financial support of the EYF, totalling €272 000 (see Appendix II). The average grant awarded for an international activity was €14 300 (minimum €10 000, maximum €17 000). In 2018, 15 international activities were implemented using EYF grants, totalling €231 000.

The following chart shows the distribution of international activities by organiser (international NGOs and networks versus national NGOs with partners).

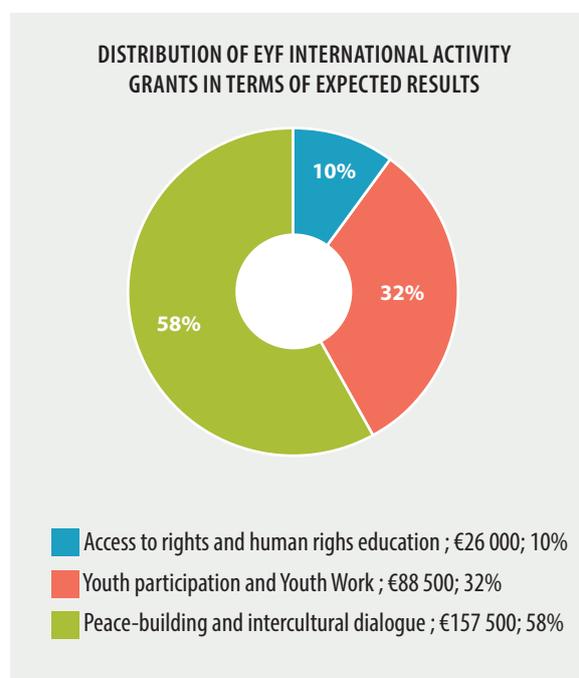


In 2019, almost 70% of supported activities were organised by international youth NGOs. Conversely, in 2018 just over half of the activities were organised by national youth NGOs, with partner NGOs.

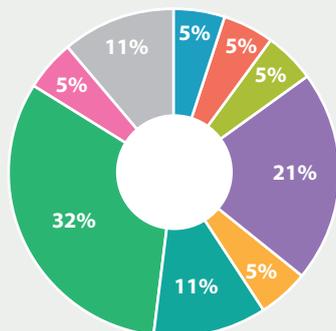
Of the 19 international activities implemented using EYF funding in 2019:

- ▶ eleven supported peace-building, intercultural dialogue, anti-discrimination measures and capacity building for youth mediators. The total amount granted for these activities was €157 500 (58% of the total amount allocated to international activities);
- ▶ six were activities in support of youth participation and youth work, including support for young people in rural areas; EYF grants amounted to €88 500 (32% of the total amount allocated to international activities);
- ▶ two were centred on enhancing the capacities of youth NGOs and gender equality in youth organisations, receiving a total of €26 000 in EYF grants (10% of the total amount allocated to international activities).

The following charts show the distribution of EYF grants to international activities in 2019 in terms of the expected results, priorities and programme orientations set by the youth sector for the period 2018-2019.



## DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN TERMS OF PROGRAMME ORIENTATIONS



- Access to rights 1.a; 1; 5%
- Youth Human Rights Education 1.c; 1; 5%
- Participation NGOs 2.a; 1; 5%
- Charter participation 2.c; 4; 21%
- Youth work Rec 2.d; 1; 5%
- Young Roma 3.a; 2; 11%
- Intercultural dialogue 3.d; 6; 32%
- Extremism 3.e; 1; 5%
- Peacebuilding 3.f; 2; 11%

## Examples of international activities supported in 2019

### European Minority Youth Network (EMYN)

■ A training course on “Youth for Youth: Promotion of Intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance” was held by the European Minority Youth Network for 27 youth workers and young teachers from eleven countries from central and eastern Europe. Participants enhanced their knowledge and skills, and worked with and adapted existing methods, techniques and games to promote intercultural learning and human rights education in their own countries. They made plans to apply their newly acquired skills in follow-up activities in their local context and for specific target audiences.

■ Website: <http://network.ngo.lv/>

### Testimonial

“The EYF is a reliable partner for our Network and for many youth organisations across Europe. We are very grateful to the EYF for its many years of support for our projects and initiatives in favour of minority youth.”  
*European Minority Youth Network*



EMYN – “Youth for Youth: Promotion of Intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance”

### European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth (ENGSO YOUTH)

■ The international activity “Have a Youth Say in Sport” focused on promoting the implementation of the principles enshrined in the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life.<sup>5</sup>

“The “Have your say” manual was used to train young people from fourteen countries to develop specific skills and knowledge to use sport as a tool to promote active citizenship at local level. The project led to the publication of a Sport for Active Citizenship toolkit.

■ Website: <https://www.youth-sport.net/>

### Testimonial

“Without the EYF grant we wouldn’t be able to deliver our toolkit and explain across the world how to use sport to encourage active participation in society. We received great support from the EYF at every step of our project, for which we are truly grateful. We look forward to the next phase of co-operation with the EYF and great projects at national and international level. Thank you for this opportunity EYF!”  
*European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth*

### Libero

■ Working in co-operation with partners from Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Kosovo\*, the Serbian-based national NGO Libero brought together 28 youth workers from 10 countries for their project “yoUTHILIZE e-democracy”, aimed at improving youth participation in democracy

5.. Information on the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life can be found on the website of the youth department of the Council of Europe: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/adopted-texts>

\* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.



ENGSO YOUTH – “Have a Youth Say in Sport”



LIBERO – “yoUTHILIZE e-democracy”

through e-participation. The project resulted in the publication of a [guide](#) for local authorities and other stakeholders at local level to promote e-democracy and e-participation procedures tailored to the needs of young people. The guide includes recommendations, tips and examples of means of introducing youth-friendly e-democracy.

Website: <https://www.libero.org.rs>

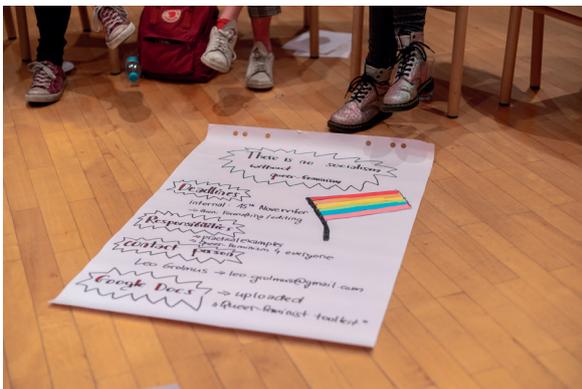
### Testimonial

“Libero has been co-operating with the EYF for years and we are grateful for this opportunity, which allows us to impact the lives of young people. We always receive clear and focused feedback from the EYF that helps us to be better in our work. This co-operation has influenced the course and success of our organisation and made us relevant in the domain of youth work in our country and abroad.”

*Libero*

### International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY)

Youth workers and activists from 13 countries and 15 organisations participated in IUSY’s international activity “The struggle for equality continues: mapping the road to gender equality in youth organisations”. They discussed how gender issues were viewed in their own organisations and in the IUSY movement, explored



IUSY – “The struggle for equality continues: mapping the road to gender equality in youth organisations”

means of preventing and combating inequality and devised guidelines to deal with concrete cases and challenging situations. A toolkit on “The struggle for equality - A toolkit for the feminist fight” was produced as part of this activity and shared widely within the IUSY movement and partner youth organisations. It provides tools to combat all types of gender-based discrimination, including gender-based stereotypes, disrespect, harassment and gender-based violence.

### Testimonial

“In the past three years we have implemented four projects supported by the EYF promoting gender equality, active citizenship, inclusive societies and fighting violent extremism. These projects were great opportunities for learning and experience for our grassroots members. We are strongly motivated and inspired to continue this co-operation in future, to persist in our joint efforts in making Europe (and beyond) more equal, just and inclusive.”

*International Union of Socialist Youth*

## 3. Pilot Activities

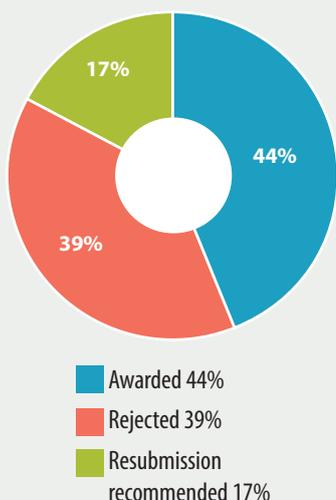
Local and national non-governmental youth organisations can apply for a pilot activity grant. The aim of pilot activities is to support action which addresses needs identified and/or challenges faced by young people at local level. They have a clear link to and impact on the local context and address the focus themes for pilot activities set by the Joint Council on Youth. The maximum grant for a pilot activity in 2019 was €8 500.

In 2019, out of 92 grant applications for pilot activities, 40 were awarded a grant.

Grants awarded totalled €307 500 (see Appendix III).

The figure below illustrates the distribution of applications in terms of grants awarded, applications rejected, and applications rejected with a recommendation for resubmission.

### DECISIONS ON PILOT ACTIVITY GRANT APPLICATIONS IN 2019



Owing to the Council of Europe’s budgetary constraints and the EYF’s budgetary situation in 2019, the maximum grant allocation for pilot activities was €8 500.<sup>6</sup> The average grant awarded for a pilot activity was €7 724, compared to €7 333 in 2018.

The 40 pilot activities awarded a grant in 2019 were implemented in 19 countries. Of these, 52% were promoting active citizenship and participation, 31% supporting inclusive and peaceful societies and 17% advocating access to rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods or combating gender inequalities and gender-based violence.

The chart below shows the distribution of supported pilot activities by focus theme.

### Examples of pilot activities supported in 2019

#### Youth and Civil Initiatives in the Rose Valley (MGIRD)

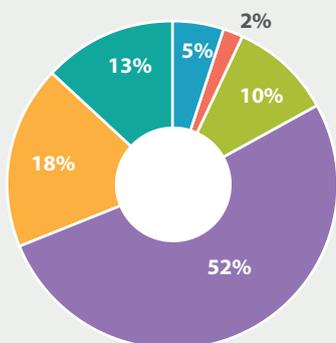
The pilot project “*Interreligious Dialogue Education for Actively Learning Tolerant Youth*” was intended to raise awareness among local young people about the importance of interreligious dialogue for peaceful and inclusive societies. Through the project, 21 young people and seven teachers from seven high schools in three towns in Bulgaria (Karlovo, Sopot and Klisoura) learnt about tolerance by playing a board game about different religions. Follow-up campaigns in all local schools and flash mobs in the main square of the three towns were held to raise awareness about religious diversity.

Website:  
<https://www.facebook.com/mgirdrosevalley/>



MGIRD – “*Interreligious Dialogue Education for Actively Learning Tolerant Youth*”

### DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS TO PILOT ACTIVITIES IN 2019 IN TERMS OF FOCUS THEMES



- 1a. Projects preventing and combating gender inequalities; 2; 5%
- 1b. Projects supporting access to rights for young people disadvantaged areas; 1; 2%
- 1c. Projects supporting critical thinking, media literacy; 4; 10%
- 2a. Projects supporting active citizenship and participation; 21; 52%
- 3a. Projects supporting anti-discrimination and intersectionality; 7; 18%
- 3b. Projects supporting social inclusion, vulnerable groups, incl young migrants, refugees; 5; 13%

6. EYF pilot activity grants were suspended from September 2017 until the end of the year. They were re-opened in January 2018 with the upper limit on grants reduced from €10 000 to €8 500.



*mig mit – “(Y)our Witten?!”*

### Migration Miteinander (mig mit)

■ The activity “(Y)our Witten?!” run by the German NGO Migration miteinander was intended to act as an idea-incubator for 25 young people from eight countries - with and without a refugee background – to develop ideas for projects aimed at strengthening cohesion and collaboration in communities. In addition to enhancing participants’ knowledge about project development and coordination, it gave rise to three projects – on storytelling, film-making and intergenerational co-operation.

■ Website: <http://www.migrationmiteinander.de>

### Asociatia Devisiion (DEV)

■ “All on board against fake news” was a four-day activity held by the Romanian NGO Asociatia Devisiion. It was designed to educate 20 students on how to identify and combat fake news. Participants learnt about the negative consequences of fake news and developed an interactive board game to be used in educational settings and an infographic on how to spot fake news. Following the training course, participants held several workshops in their home cities. In addition to knowledge, participants gained transferrable skills on topics such as public speaking and teamwork.

■ Website: <http://www.devisiion.org.ro>

### AEQUITAS

■ The aim of the project “Together” was to combat online hate speech against LGBTQI+ and migrants. Four seminars were held to explore the theoretical and legal framework of hate speech and learn how to tackle online hate speech. Some 60 people participated in the training course and learnt about hate speech, its root causes and how to report hate speech effectively online. They also drew up a handbook with recommendations for social media platforms and NGOs, and a strategy for action. The handbook was distributed to the participants and relevant stakeholders.



*AEQUITAS – “Together”*

## 4. Structural grants

■ The EYF’s two-year structural grants cover the general administrative costs of youth NGOs and are accessible to international youth NGOs or networks that have received support (an EYF grant or study session on the annual programme of the European Youth Centres) for at least 3 international activities in the 3 previous years. In addition to the quantitative criteria applied when allocating the grants, an assessment is made of the applicant organisation/network’s strategic approach in relation to the priorities of the Council of Europe youth sector. The upper limit on structural grants is €25 000 for one year, or €50 000 for two years.

■ Structural grants totalling €945 000 were awarded to 35 international youth NGOs and networks for the period 2018-2019. The minimum grant awarded for two years was €15 288, whereas the maximum was €35 212 (see Appendix IV).

### Support for the European Youth Forum<sup>7</sup>

■ The European Youth Forum (YFJ) is a platform representing 44 national youth councils and 61 international youth NGOs. It has 81 full members, 22 observers and 2 candidate members. Through its member organisations, the YFJ reaches out to some 6000 youth organisations and 40 million young people in Europe.

■ The YFJ acts as an agenda-setter on youth affairs at European level and as a platform for the empowerment of its member organisations. There are long-lasting relations between the European Youth Forum and the Council of Europe youth sector. The YFJ has observer status with the Joint Council on Youth, the youth sector’s co-managed political decision-making body.

7. Further to a decision of the Programming Committee on Youth, the YFJ has received integrated grants from the European Youth Foundation since 2014..

■ The work of the YFJ contributed to the objectives of the Council of Europe and the priorities of the youth sector for 2018-2019 at various levels, focusing on youth rights, youth participation, social inclusion and strong youth organisations.

■ In 2019, the Youth Forum implemented more than 100 activities supporting the objectives of the Council of Europe and its youth sector.

■ In 2019, the YFJ adopted their new Strategic Plan for 2020-2024.

■ The YFJ receives an annual integrated grant from the European Youth Foundation. Following the reductions in all grant categories, the amount awarded in 2019 was €70 000 (as in 2018).

### Testimonial

«For the European Youth Forum, the cooperation with the EYF is of key importance. With EYF's support we are able to organise capacity-building activities for our 106 Member Organisations in order to empower them, and the total of 6000 local youth organisations and 40 million young activists and volunteers they directly reach out to, to become better advocates for youth rights. We value very much the strong and constructive partnership with the EYF as, in our exchanges, young people are truly at the core of the discussions.»

# DIVISION OF GRANTS OVER EYF PRIORITY AREAS

■ All activities supported by the EYF are linked to the strategic priorities (expected results and programme orientations) of the Council of Europe's youth sector. For the four grant categories, the three strategic priorities for 2018-2019 were:

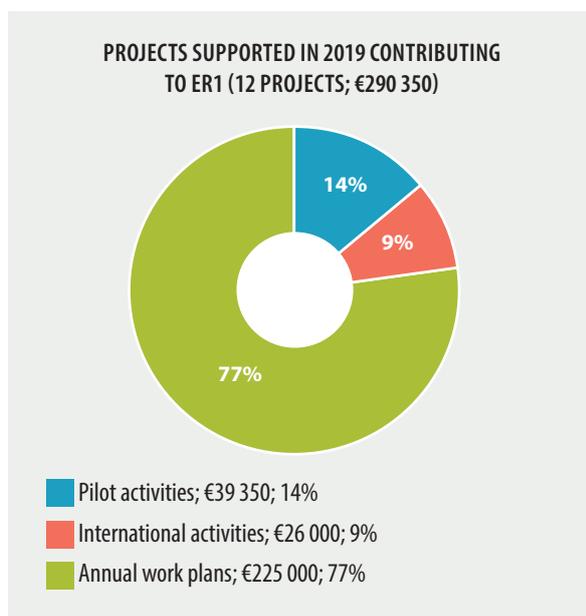
1. **Access to rights** – helping young people to access their rights and advocate for human rights and citizenship education;
2. **Youth work and youth participation** – helping young people to participate in democracy and develop youth policy and youth work at local, regional, national and European level;
3. **Inclusive and peaceful societies** – helping young people to engage in and lead intercultural dialogue.

## 1. Access to rights

■ In 2019, a total of €290 350 was allocated in grants to NGOs in pursuit of expected result one (ER1), as follows:

- ▶ €225 000 for five annual work plans;
- ▶ €39 350 for five pilot activities;
- ▶ €26 000 for two international activities.

■ The following chart shows the distribution of these grants.



## Examples of activities supported

### Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

■ The aim of ESN's 2019 work plan entitled "FACT – Fostering Action on media literacy" was to help to increase the media literacy of young volunteers in the Erasmus Student Network and beyond. Three main activities took place following a kick-off meeting. The project started with "Media ABC", which was a basic training course for facilitators, in which participants built up their knowledge and devised activities on the topic of media literacy. This was followed by the "local phase", during which all the volunteers were able to deliver these activities across Europe, and by five regional training courses. The project culminated in "The Media XYZ", which was an advanced training course for facilitators, in which participants explored new and more complex non-formal education methods. In total, 1000 Erasmus Student Network volunteers and (local) young people from around 40 European countries were involved in all the activities. Furthermore, over the course of the activities, a workshop booklet was produced and an online campaign was set up to raise awareness on the topic of media literacy.



ESN – "FACT - Fostering Action on media literacy"

### Young European Federalists (JEF)

■ Young European Federalists made critical thinking one of its priorities and ran a work plan to increase the level of media literacy among young people in Europe. Their "Faker Fighters – Media literacy and critical thinking education in a European perspective" work plan involved 200 participants taking part in six international events, and in six local workshops held in 10 different countries. A pool of trainers was set up, comprising 22 trainers with training in media literacy

topics. During implementation of the work plan, they produced a publication with easy and ready-to-use material (such as training session outlines) for anyone willing to organise a training course or workshop on the topic of media literacy, critical thinking and/or discrimination. The participants in the work plan created videos and podcasts to raise awareness about disinformation.

### Caucasian Institute for Peace Problems Research (CIPPR)

■ The project “*Together for human rights*” targeted access to rights for young people with disabilities and encouraged them to take an active part in democratic structures and processes at local and regional level. The “COMPASS” manual provided a foundation for this activity, providing training for 25 participants from various organisations and 8 communities from the Shirak region of Armenia. Participants learnt about human rights education for young people with disabilities and gained skills and knowledge on how to devise and implement projects in their communities. Subsequently, 25 awareness raising workshops on human rights education were held in 8 communities in Shirak, using COMPASS and reaching out to a further 250 young people.



CIPPR – “*Together for human rights*”

## 2. Youth participation and youth work

■ In 2019, a total of €830 600 was allocated in grants to NGOs for projects in support of this expected result (ER2). Out of the total, €581 000 was allocated to 14 annual work plans, €161 100 went towards 21 pilot activities and €88 500 was allocated to six international activities.

■ The following chart shows the distribution of these grants.



### Examples of activities supported

#### Youth Express Network – Réseau Express Jeunes (YEN/REJ)

■ YEN/REJ’s 2019 work plan “*Shake the Box!*” focused on empowering young people from vulnerable groups to get their participation in European society recognised, valued and appreciated. Three international activities – “Participation out of the Box!”, “Participation Toolbox!” and “Take A Way Box!” – were attended by 72 youth workers, young people from vulnerable groups and other stakeholders from 16 different countries. Participants learned about active participation, took part in the Pride parade in Aviles (Spain), organised a flash mob on climate change in Berlin and organised local activities to protect the environment, access to public spaces and health care, social inclusion of migrants, and the rights of the LGBTQI+ community, among others.



YEN/REJ – “*Shake the Box!*”

### Young Community (Moloda Gromada)

Using EYF funding, the Ukrainian NGO, Young Community, implemented a project on “Youth participation for community development”, whose aim was to facilitate participation of young people, in co-operation with the local authorities. As part of the project young people were encouraged to report on issues, help to identify solutions and work closer with local authorities to improve social conditions for young people. The project targeted eight communities in seven regions of Ukraine and flagged up numerous issues, which were then discussed with the authorities.

Website: <http://youthbank.org.ua>

### Social Activities Center (SAC)



SAC – “Get involved – Trstenik”

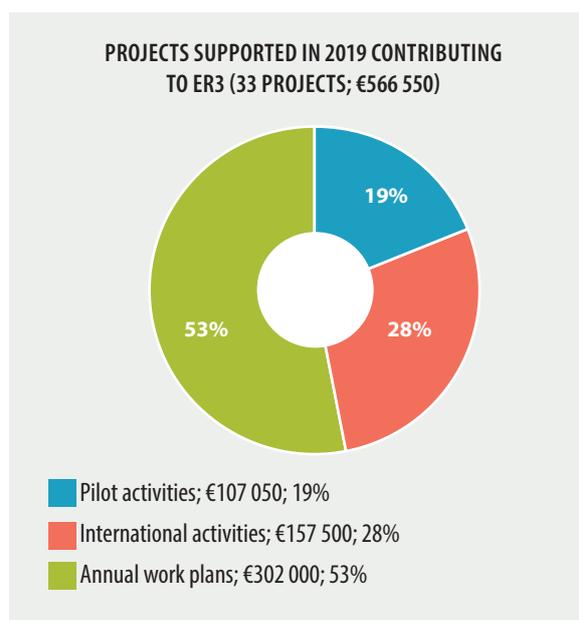
The pilot activity “Get involved – Trstenik”, held by a Serbian local NGO called the Social Activities Center, provided training for 20 young people to become peer-educators in youth activism. Topics addressed included gender equality, democratic participation and value systems, amongst many others. Participants were educated on the cultural heritage of their municipality and were empowered to foster greater engagement in their communities. Evidence of increased community engagement could be seen in community service activities, through which it was possible to spread messages of tolerance and charitableness. As a result of this activity, participants have continued to enhance their knowledge and set up new informal groups to work on the topic.

## 3. Inclusive and peaceful societies

A total of €566 550 was distributed in grants to NGOs for projects in support of this expected result (ER3), as follows:

- ▶ €302 000 were allocated to 8 annual work plans;
- ▶ €157 500 were allocated to 11 international activities;
- ▶ €107 050 were allocated to 14 pilot activities.

The following chart shows the distribution of these grants.



### Examples of activities supported

#### International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY)

IFLRY’s 2019 work plan on “Changing the Norm: Youth’s Vision of Diversity, Inclusion and Democratic Pluralism” was designed to explore the links between youth, pluralism and diversity, with a special focus on inclusion and representation. Four seminars were held (in Warsaw, Tbilisi, Sarajevo and the Hague), involving participants from over 24 countries, who discussed pluralism, considered the challenges posed by populism to youth engagement and came up with projects to take that work further. The participants were able to engage with civil society organisations such as the Humanity House in the Hague and with politicians (e.g. MPs in Bosnia and Herzegovina) and voice their views on social discourse.

Website: <http://iflry.com>



IFLRY – Plan “Changing the Norm: Youth’s Vision of Diversity, Inclusion and Democratic Pluralism”



SCI – “Gendered Realities”

### Service Civil International (SCI)

■ The aim of Service Civil International’s 2019 work plan “Gendered Realities” was to take better account of the issue of gender equality and mainstream it in Service Civil International’s activities. An international study session on gender equality was attended by 25 youth workers from 11 countries with a view to developing understanding of the topic and mapping existing activities within Service Civil International addressing gender issues. A toolkit “Free to be you and me” was produced subsequently and used in 15 activities involving more than 380 people in 10 countries. The results of an online survey on safety issues were presented in a pamphlet entitled “Time to Face Gendered Realities” and used for the last activity of the work plan, which was a training course for 23 young people from 11 countries on how to run a successful campaign.

■ Website: <https://sci.ngo/sci.ngo/979>

### Društvo Parada ponosa (Pride)

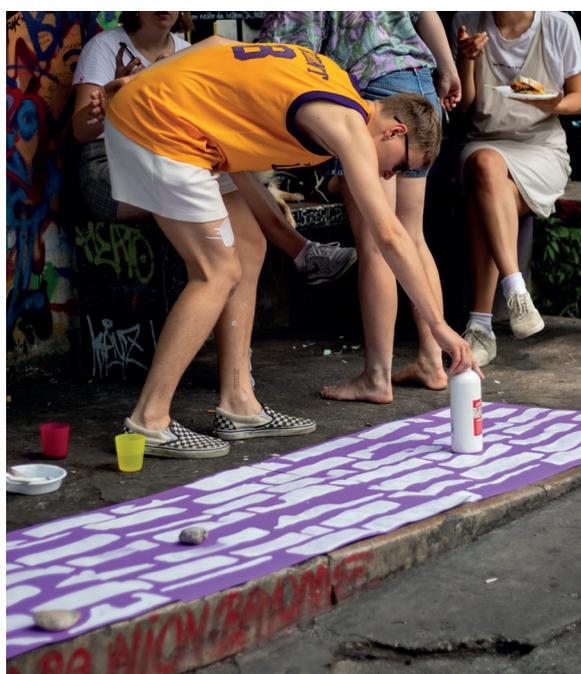
■ Through their project “Decontamination”, Društvo Parada ponosa provided the local community with innovative and creative tools to tackle hate speech. Three interactive workshop modules were devised: “Hate speech in graffiti and street art”, “Hate speech online” and “Hate speech in everyday communication among peers”, and a web platform was developed, including an interactive map collating photos and locations of hateful graffiti and street art. Twelve youth workers were trained to act as multipliers and over 90 young people were involved in testing and implementing the workshops, gaining skills to fight hate speech. The follow-up included the development of tools and add-ons for the online map and implementation of the workshop modules in direct street youth work.

■ Website: <http://www.dekontraminacija.org/>

### Alternative Innovative Development (AID)

■ The project “To.Be.PAC. Together to Become Peace Ambassadors & Connectors” aspired to bring young people with different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds together to share common values and ideals. It was designed to encourage a community of peace and human rights ambassadors and connectors to work for inclusion. During the project, 27 young people were taught about human rights and democracy through non-formal education. The training session was followed by an awareness-raising event targeting more than 270 attendees at a festival. Another advocacy event was held, involving over 100 young people, local organisations and elected officials.

■ Website: <http://aid.com.gr/to-be-pac-project/>



Pride – “Decontamination”

## ACTIVITIES OF THE EYF SECRETARIAT

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### 1. Visits to EYF-supported projects

■ The purpose of visits to supported projects is to check the implementation of activities against the information provided in grant applications and agreed on in grant contracts. Visits help to promote good practice and high-quality projects and raise the profile of the Council of Europe youth sector. They facilitate contacts with youth NGOs and provide a platform for comments and suggestions regarding co-operation with the EYF. The visits also help to foster mutual understanding, ensuring that the EYF's approach meets NGOs' needs.

■ In 2019, the following five projects were visited:

- ▶ an international seminar entitled "Diversity, Inclusion & Pluralism: Your Vision of Social Discourse", which was part of the work plan on "Changing the norm: Youth's vision of Diversity, Inclusion and Democratic Pluralism" run by the Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) – June, Tbilisi, Georgia;
- ▶ an international training course entitled "Create your Grassroots", which was part of the work plan "Let Grassroots Grow" run by the organisation Youth and Environment (YEE) – July, Ochoz u Brna, Czech Republic;
- ▶ an international training course entitled "Become a Trainer - Change Mental Health Stigma", which was part of the work plan "Mind the differences- understanding and tackling different kinds of discrimination and stigmatization" run by the European Federation of Psychology Students Associations (EPFSA) – July, Nicosia, Cyprus;
- ▶ an international training course entitled "Campaigning Training", which was part of the work plan "Gendered realities" run by Service Civil International (SCI) – November, Rome, Italy;
- ▶ a pilot activity – in the form of a local training session entitled "Youth Academy" – on youth

participation and youth work, run by the national Greek NGO, United Societies of Balkans (USB) – November, Thessaloniki, Greece.

### 2. EYF information and training events in signatory states to the European Cultural Convention

■ EYF information sessions in signatory states are intended to reach out to young people and youth organisations and promote co-operation at national level. Explanations are provided on grant opportunities with the EYF, assessment criteria, and the EYF's functioning and features; the sessions are also a means of learning about the national context and youth NGOs.

■ In March 2019, information and training sessions targeting national youth NGOs and officials from central and local authorities dealing with youth were held in Slovenia (Ljubljana) and in Albania (Durrës). Both events received positive feedback from the participants and the local authorities.

### 3. EYF information sessions

■ In February and in September 2019, an information session for representatives of international youth NGOs was held in Brussels. As in previous years, the sessions were held prior to the 1 April and 1 October deadlines for grants for annual work plans, grants for one-off international activities and structural grants, and offered an opportunity for NGO representatives to meet the EYF Secretariat at group and bilateral meetings. Discussions focused on international activity and annual work plan grant applications and reports. The EYF secretariat also described its working methods and the changes it has made to the processing of grant applications and reports. Participants could comment and provide

suggestions to the EYF on the usefulness of its information and application tools. Both sessions were held in co-operation with the European Youth Forum.

#### 4. Other EYF presentations

■ The EYF Secretariat receives regular requests for presentations. Although the EYF project visits focus on youth NGOs already working with the EYF, these presentations are also an opportunity to converse with representatives of youth NGOs and partners who have not worked with the EYF before.

■ In 2019, the EYF responded to more than 30 requests for presentations. They were held in co-operation with EYF partners on various occasions, such as study sessions, online meetings and study visits. Most of these presentations took place during study sessions held by youth NGOs in co-operation with the European Youth Centres in Strasbourg and Budapest. The list of EYF presentations can be found in Appendix (see Appendix V).

## APPENDIX I GRANTS AWARDED TO ANNUAL WORK PLANS IN 2019

NGO NAME	ACRONYM	PROJECT TITLE	EYF GRANT
European Federation of Psychology Students Associations	EFPSA	Mind the differences - understanding and tackling different kinds of discrimination and stigmatization	€15 000
Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe	AEGEE	SMASH - Structural Measures Against Sexual Harassment	€32 000
Youth and Environment Europe	YEE	Let Grassroots Grow	€32 000
Shokkin Group International	SIGI	European Activist Factory	€34 000
International Centre for the Promotion of Education and Development	CEIPES	Art of our rights	€35 000
Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions	OBESSU	PeerPower – Peer education as tool to empower school students	€35 000
Service Civil International	SCI	Gendered realities	€36 000
ECYC	ECYC	Strengthening support for youth work in Europe through the CoE Recommendations on Youth Work	€38 000
European play work association	EEPA	Power of the open circle! - Young people discover active citizenship	€38 000
Cooperation and Development Network for Eastern Europe	CDN	Digital Technology For Democracy: Youth Turns Threat Into Opportunity	€40 000
Hate Fighters Network	HFN	Hate Fighters 2019	€40 000
Nordic Youth Association/ Nordisk Samorganisation for Ungdomsarbejde	NSU	Nordic-Baltic co-action for quality youth work	€40 000
Erasmus Student Network	ESN	FACT - Fostering Action on media literacy	€44 000
International Federation of Liberal Youth	IFLRY	Changing the Norm: Youth's Vision of Diversity, Inclusion and Democratic Pluralism	€44 000
Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service	CCIVS	Raising Peace Promoting Peace	€45 000
International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth	MIJARC EUR	Let our voice be heard	€45 000
United for Intercultural Action – European Network against Nationalism, Racism, Fascism and in Support of Migrants and Refugees	UNITED	Europe Under Construction	€45 000
World Student Christian Federation in Europe	WSCF-E	Face it. Challenge it. Change it - Faith-based approach to preventing and combating Youth Extremism in Europe	€45 000
Federation of Young European Greens	FYEG	Reclaim Your Social Rights!	€46 000

NGO NAME	ACRONYM	PROJECT TITLE	EYF GRANT
Youth Express Network/ Réseau Express Jeunes	Y-E-N/ R-E-J	Shake the Box! Alternative ways of Participation	€46 000
Connect International	CONNECT	UpDatAed – toward digitally safe youth organizations	€47 000
International Young Naturefriends	IYNF	The Flow of Activism	€47 000
Youth of European Nationalities	YEN JEV	MYnority - MY Say	€47 000
European Federation for Intercultural Learning	EFIL	Social impact – AFS volunteers as educators, changemakers and advocates for a better world	€48 000
Young European Federalists	JEF	Faker Fighters - Media literacy and critical thinking education in a European perspective	€48 000
Rural Youth Europe	RYEurope	Rural Youth Entering Democracy Land	€48 000
Youth for Exchange and Understanding	YEU	The Wonderful Wizards of Youth Work	€48 000
			<b>€1 108 000</b>

## APPENDIX II GRANTS AWARDED TO INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 2019

NGO NAME	ACRONYM	PROJECT TITLE	TOWN(S)	COUNTRY	EYF GRANT
European Fellowship	EF	"Agree to disagree" - an inclusive approach on how dialogue can combat polarisation in youth work	Llanbedr, Wales	UK	€10 000
MV International ENGO	ENGOMVI	InMediAct	Novo Sarajevo	BA	€12 000
International Young Naturefriends	IYNF	Rural communities: from zero to hero	Srebrenica	BA	€12 000
Alliance for Society Advancement	ASA - GEO	Young Journalists for Trust Building	Tbilisi	GE	€13 000
Educational center Krusevac	ECK	Intercultural competences in youth work	Krusevac	RS	€13 000
Europe House Slavonski Brod	EHSB	Youth participation - from Right to Act	Slavonski Brod	HR	€13 000
Don Bosco Youth Net	DBYN	CAMINO - Training course on value-based assistance in non-formal learning	Benediktbeuern	DE	€13 500
European Minority Youth Network	EMYN	Youth for Youth: Promotion of Intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance	Kiev	UA	€14 000
International Union of Socialist Youth	IUSY	The struggle for equality continues: mapping the road to gender equality in youth organisations	Berlin	DE	€14 000
European Non-Governmental Sports Organisation Youth	ENGSO YOUTH	Have a youth say in sport	Budapest	HU	€15 000
International Falcon Movement - Socialist Education International	IFM-SEI	I Act: exploring masculinities	Milan	IT	€15 000
Projekte Vullnetare Nderkombetare	PVN	Violent Extremism vs Intercultural Dialogue and Peace	Tirana	AL	€15 000
Libero	LIBERO	yoUTHILIZE e-democracy	Vrsac	RS	€15 500
Scientific and Research Association for Art Cultural and Educational Programmes and Technology	Association EPEKA	Youth Against Antigypsyism	Maribor	SI	€16 000
European Youth for Action	EYFA	Listen Up! Building capacities of youth mediators	Prague	CZ	€16 000
TernYpe International Roma Youth Network	TERNYPE	eXiles-Raising awareness on antigypsyism through Holocaust education and remembrance	Krakow	PL	€16 000

NGO NAME	ACRONYM	PROJECT TITLE	TOWN(S)	COUNTRY	EYF GRANT
World Organisation of the Scout Movement	WOSM	The Scout and Guide Academy	Rieneck	DE	€16 000
Youth for Exchange and Understanding	YEU	Sing for your soul - music for change	Santiago de Compostela	ES	€16 000
World Organisation of the Scout Movement	WOSM	National Youth Policy Training	Belgrade	RS	€17 000
					<b>€272 000</b>

## APPENDIX III GRANTS AWARDED TO PILOT ACTIVITIES IN 2019

NGO NAME	ACRONYM	GRANT AWARDED
Together Romania Association	ATR	€4 400
Youth Club for Intercultural Dialogue Democracy and Peace	YCDDP	€6 000
Migration Miteinander	mig mit	€6 500
People in Focus	PIF	€6 500
Council for Human Rights Bujanovac	KDNJ	€6 800
Asociación Jóvenes Solidarios	AJS	€7 000
Union of Secondary School Students of Serbia	UNSS	€7 100
Centre for culture and educations Sonta	CEKOS	€7 200
Association for Educational Development Ekvalis-Skopje	AED Ekvalis	€7 500
Youth Coop - Cooperativa para o Desenvolvimento e Cidadania CRL	Youth Coop	€7 500
Vega Youth Center / Omladinski centar Vega	OCEUNI	€7 500
Umbrella	Umbrella	€7 500
United Societies of Balkans	USB	€7 500
Roma Initiative for Sustainable Development	RIZOR	€7 600
Alliance for Society Advancement	ASA - GEO	€7 700
Caucasian Institute for Peace Problems Research	CIPPR	€7 800
Alternative Innovative Development	AID	€8 000
Asociatia Division	DEV	€8 000
Community Development Center LINK	LINK Sombor	€8 000
Development Center for Youth	DC Youth	€8 000
Pacific Rim Institute for Development & Education	Pride	€8 000
Fundatia Judeteana pentru Tineret Timis - Timis County Youth Foundation	FJTT	€8 000
Human Rights Association	HRAssociation	€8 000
National Council of Youth Organizations of Georgia	NCYOG	€8 000
Projekte Vullnetare Nderkombetare / International Voluntary Projects	PVN	€8 000
Social Activities Center CIVITAS	SAC	€8 000
Trade Union Educational Center	TUEC	€8 000
Young Community	MolodaGromada	€8 000
Youth Centre for Civil Development	YCCD	€8 000
Youthfully Yours SK	YY SK	€8 000

NGO NAME	ACRONYM	GRANT AWARDED
Aequitas Human Rights NGO	AEQUITAS	€8 200
"Yeghvard" youth ecological NGO	"Yeghvard" NGO	€8 200
Association Intermedia	UG Intermedia	€8 300
Rhodopes Center for Community Development	RCCD	€8 300
Youth and Civil Initiatives in the Rose Valley	MGIRD	€8 300
Union Center for Education and Training	UCET	€8 350
Human Rights Association	HRAssociation	€8 400
Loesje Armenia	LOESJE ARM	€8 400
Center for Intercultural Dialogue	CID	€8 450
Institute for Democratic Changes	I4DC	€8 500
		<b>€307 500</b>

## APPENDIX IV EYF VISITS TO PROJECTS IN 2019

NGO	PROJECT ID	PROJECT TITLE	CITY	COUNTRY
European Federation of Psychology Students Associations (EPFSA)	3534.WP.2019	Mind the differences- understanding and tackling different kinds of discrimination and stigmatization	Nicosia	Cyprus
International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY)	14.WP.2019	Changing the Norm : Youth's Vision of Diversity, Inclusion and Democratic Pluralism	Tbilissi	Georgia
Service Civil International (SCI)	29.WP.2019	Gendered realities	Roma	Italy
United Societies of Balkans (USB)	5238.4.PA.2019	Youth Academy	Thessaloniki	Greece
Youth and Environment Europe (YEE)	85.WP.2019	YLet Grassroots Grow	Ochoz u Brna	Czech Republic

## APPENDIX V TABLE OF COUNTRY CODES

50 signatory states to the European Cultural Convention

Albania	AL	Luxembourg	LU
Andorra	AD	Malta	MT
Armenia	AM	Republic of Moldova	MD
Austria	AT	Monaco	MC
Azerbaijan	AZ	Montenegro	ME
Belgium	BE	Netherlands	NL
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BA	North Macedonia	MK
Bulgaria	BG	Norway	NO
Croatia	HR	Poland	PL
Cyprus	CY	Portugal	PT
Czech Republic	CZ	Romania	RO
Denmark	DK	Russian Federation	RU
Estonia	EE	San Marino	SM
Finland	FI	Serbia	RS
France	FR	Slovak Republic	SK
Georgia	GE	Slovenia	SI
Germany	DE	Spain	ES
Greece	GR	Sweden	SE
Hungary	HU	Switzerland	CH
Iceland	IS	Turkey	TR
Ireland	IE	Ukraine	UA
Italy	IT	United Kingdom	UK
Latvia	LV	Holy See	VA
Liechtenstein	LI	Belarus	BY
Lithuania	LT	Kazakhstan	KZ

# APPENDIX VI

## PRIORITIES FOR THE 2018-2019 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S YOUTH SECTOR

### Guidelines for submitting grant applications to the European Youth Foundation

■ The strategic priorities for each biennial programme of the Council of Europe youth sector are defined by the Joint Council on Youth, which is the central co-managed political body of the youth sector.

■ The three strategic priorities for the 2018-2019 biennium<sup>8</sup> are:

1. Access to rights
2. Youth participation and youth work
3. Inclusive and peaceful societies

■ The Programming Committee on Youth is the co-managed body taking decisions on the youth sector programme, including the grants awarded by the European Youth Foundation.

■ When taking its decisions, the Programming Committee on Youth examines a proposed project's links with these priorities (expected results) and how it can contribute to achieving the overall objectives of the youth sector.

■ The following expected results and programme orientations have been defined for 2018-2019 and should be taken into account by youth NGOs submitting a grant application to the EYF.

#### Priority 1: Access to rights

**Expected result 1:** Young people accessing their rights and advocating for human rights and citizenship education as a result of the support provided by the Council of Europe to young people, youth organisations and member States

#### Programme orientations:

- a. Implementation and dissemination of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights (following a road map to be approved by the Joint Council in 2017)
- b. Support measures for member states, local authorities and youth organisations when implementing and reviewing the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (ENTER Recommendation)
- c. Continuation of the Human Rights Education Youth programme, including media literacy, with children and young people
- d. Mise en œuvre de la Charte du Conseil de l'Europe sur l'éducation à la citoyenneté démocratique et l'éducation aux droits de l'homme, sur la base des conclusions de l'examen

■ *The Council of Europe youth sector will consolidate its rights-based approach to youth policies in order to address the needs of young people across different policy areas. The promotion of all young people's access to rights will be pursued with member states and youth organisations through measures to support the implementation (at local, national and European levels) of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendations CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights and CM/Rec (2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights. Special attention will be paid to the continuation of the Human Rights Education Youth Programme online and offline, the review of the implementation of the EDC/HRE Charter and relevant experiences of the NHSM campaign, evaluation and other latest developments within the Council of Europe in the field of Internet and media literacy.*

8. Subject to approval by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers.

## Priority 2: Youth participation and Youth work

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**Expected result 2:** Young people participating in democracy and developing youth policy and youth work at local, regional, national and European level as a result of the assistance provided by the Council of Europe to young people, youth organisations and member States

### Programme orientations

#### Youth participation

- a. Removing barriers for youth civil society to organise itself and participate (including legal barriers)
- b. Supporting youth participation in Internet Governance processes (taking into consideration the results of the NHSM campaign evaluation)
- c. Supporting member States and youth organisations in implementing the principles of the revised Charter on Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life, further dissemination of the "Have your say" manual to public authorities and the non-governmental sector

#### Youth work

- d. Supporting the dissemination and implementation of the future Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on youth work (following the road map and mid-term strategy to be developed in 2017)
- e. Supporting the dissemination of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio
- f. Measures to support the quality development and the recognition of youth work and non-formal education and learning in the programme of the European Youth Centres and their dissemination to member states (e.g. through training staff of Youth Centres having been awarded with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres)

■ *The sustainability of the Council of Europe core values relies also on the creativity, competencies, social commitment, and contribution of young people along with their confidence in the future. Youth policies and youth work practice must support young people in realising their full potential as autonomous members of society, enabling them to develop life plans and exercise their democratic citizenship. Youth work as a social practice makes an important contribution to active citizenship and youth participation through by providing opportunities to acquire the values, attitudes, skills, knowledge and critical understanding required for effective civic engagement and social action in democratic culture. Young people active in civil society require support and assistance to remove obstacles to their involvement and to their full enjoyment of the freedom of association.*

## Priority 3: Inclusive and peaceful societies

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**Expected result 3:** Young people engaging in and leading intercultural dialogue as a result of the Council of Europe's support to young people, youth organisations and youth workers in preventing and combating discrimination exclusion and violent extremism

### Programme orientations for strategic priority 3:

#### Combating all forms of discrimination and exclusion, with a specific focus on:

- a. Roma youth participation
- b. Social inclusion of young refugees and their transition from childhood to adulthood
- c. Multiple discrimination and intersectionality<sup>9</sup> (including gender equality, sexual orientation LGBTQI, gender identity and disability)

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9. Intersectionality is a sociological theory about how an individual can face multiple threats of discrimination when their identities overlap a number of minority classes, such as race, gender, age, ethnicity, health and other characteristics". The theory of intersectionality comes from Kimberlé Crenshaw and her 1989 essay "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color"

**Enabling young people to promote peaceful societies by providing them with opportunities to play an active role in:**

- d. Intercultural dialogue/learning
- e. Preventing violent extremism (following up on the NHSM)
- f. Peace-building and conflict transformation
- g. Co-operation with neighbouring and other world regions

■ *Persistent forms of structural discrimination, combined with prejudice and stigma, impact negatively on the prospects of social inclusion and well-being of vulnerable and/or minority groups of young people, notably young Roma, refugees and migrants and young people with disabilities. Sexual orientation and gender identity are additional factors of vulnerability that affect young people. Mental health difficulties are a supplementary ground of discrimination against young people. Preventing and counter-acting discrimination, to allow the participation of all young people, remains central to the youth policy of the Council of Europe and a permanent concern of its partners. In addition, the lives of too many young people are still shaped by armed conflicts and their aftermaths. Youth organisations and youth workers play an important role in supporting young people in these situations and in promoting the application of Council of Europe standards and experiences across the member states; and in supporting intercultural dialogue with neighbouring regions and involving young people in confidence-building and conflict transformation activities in the spirit of the UN Security Council Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security and the White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue.*

# APPENDIX VII

## FOCUS THEMES FOR PILOT ACTIVITIES

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■ Focus themes for pilot activities to be supported by the European Youth Foundation in 2019:

### 1. Access to rights

- a) Initiatives combating gender inequalities and gender-based violence
- b) Initiatives advocating access to rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- c) Activities promoting critical thinking and media literacy

### 2. Youth participation and youth work

- a) Activities supporting young people's political awareness, active citizenship, civil involvement, participation and decision making at local and regional levels in co-operation with local authorities

### 3. Inclusive and peaceful societies

- a) Activities addressing anti-discrimination and intersectionality.
- b) Activities supporting social inclusion and participation of young migrants, refugees and other vulnerable groups and involving local communities, with priority to self-led refugee organisations.



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