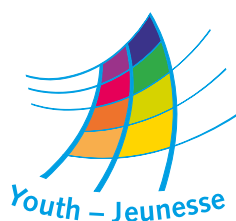




European Youth Foundation:

supporting international youth co-operation
for peace, democracy and human rights.



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The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund that provides grants to youth organisations to promote and enhance Council of Europe values, standards and priorities with young people (aged 15 to 30).

Our mission is to promote peace, understanding and international co-operation between young people in Europe and beyond, in a spirit of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The EYF was established in 1972 following the Committee of Ministers Resolution (72)17, as a Council of Europe instrument for ensuring the participation of young people in democratic societies along with the co-managed bodies of the youth sector, the two European Youth Centers in Strasbourg and Budapest and the Partnership with the European Commission in the youth field.

Our principles

In our day-to-day work,

- we create spaces and resources for young people to play an active role in revitalising democracy and safeguarding human rights,
- we build partnerships with youth organisations based on trust,
- we support youth organisations' independence of organisation, autonomy of action, and voluntary nature of youth activities at European level,
- we remain agile to the needs of young people and youth organisations and adapt our ways of working to best fulfil our mission.

Our strategic aims

We fund non-governmental youth organisations that organise initiatives with young people for democracy and human rights. To apply, youth organisations need to be established in one of the 46 member States of the Council of Europe.

Our current priorities are focused on supporting young people's initiatives, in the context of:

- revitalising democracy, civic space, and protecting the environment
- learning about and for human rights
- bringing a contribution to peace, equality, and the inclusion of different groups
- having opportunities for quality youth work.

All our grants support the autonomy of young people, their learning in non-formal settings, the development of their European awareness, solidarity and co-operation with other young people.

Our grants

The EYF has a programme of calls for proposals to which organisations can apply.

There are regular calls for proposals open for:

- **One-off international youth activities** like camps, seminars, conferences, training courses, and study visits. These events bring together young people from at least 7 countries.
- **Long-term youth projects** that include campaigns, advocacy, education, research, and local actions. These projects involve young people from at least 7 countries.
- **Support for international youth organisations and networks** that have already organised projects funded by the EYF and study sessions at the European Youth Centres of the Council of Europe. This also includes support for sub-regional networks that want to grow internationally.

Additionally, the EYF launches calls for ad hoc initiatives to address emerging needs, priorities and societal phenomena affecting young people, under the guidance of the statutory bodies of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.

All the grant decisions are taken by the Programming Committee on Youth, within the unique form of co-management, that brings together governmental representatives and young people from youth organisations.

Check the current calls on the EYF website.

Our support for youth organisations

The EYF provides developmental support to help youth organisations to improve their proposals, their sustainability and resilience. The EYF team does this by sharing expertise, time and skills with youth organisations. Youth organisations can benefit from this support at any time upon request.

The EYF also organises capacity-building for youth organisations regularly in the European Youth Centres of the Council of Europe. Youth organisations can apply and join such initiatives.

Check the capacity building opportunities on the EYF website.

More facts about us

- The EYF has an annual budget of approximately 5 million euro.
- The EYF works in English and French.
- The EYF has 8 staff members based in Strasbourg, France.

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The Council of Europe youth sector works to empower young people across Europe to embrace, promote, and benefit from the core values of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. It focuses on strengthening young people's access to rights, deepening their knowledge, and developing their skills so they can actively engage in democratic life. It is also encouraging meaningful participation in decision-making on all levels.

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The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 46 member states, including all members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.

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