

- ▶ Intergovernmental organisation with 46 member States
- ▶ Since 1949, created in the aftermath of WWII
- ▶ Based in Strasbourg, France
- ▶ 3 pillars: human rights, democracy, rule of law
- ▶ Key objective today: supporting Ukraine

“(...) The aim of the Foundation is to promote youth cooperation in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities that serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation between the people of Europe and of the world, in a spirit of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms”.

Article 1, Statute of the European Youth Foundation

- ▶ Partnership and financial support for youth organisations from 46 member States of the Council of Europe for youth-led projects and for their operations
- ▶ Part of the Council of Europe - Youth Department
- ▶ Since 1972
- ▶ Approximately 4 million euro per year
- ▶ Based in the European Youth Centre Strasbourg
- ▶ Supporting youth-led projects and international co-operation activities of youth organisations that allow young people to promote democracy and human rights and multiply Council of Europe values and work in their contexts.

REGISTRATION

Online form, documents of the NGO

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Online calls, proposals with a narrative and financial part

ASSESSMENT

By EYF secretariat, on the basis of criteria specific to each call

DECISION

By the Programming Committee on Youth, co-managed committee involving 8 representatives of member States and 8 representatives of youth organisations

- Educational, cultural, social projects by, with and for young people
- Contribution to youth sector priorities and using youth sector approaches
- European dimension, international solidarity, supporting peace and co-operation
- Youth participation

Main aim

Support international one-off youth co-operation activities that promote and develop international understanding and solidarity and contribute to the promotion of human rights and democracy. The specific focus of the call is to **support initiatives by and for young people from Ukraine**, enhancing **international youth co-operation activities with Ukrainian youth**.

Priorities of the youth sector:

- Revitalising pluralistic democracy
- Young people's access to rights
- Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies
- Youth work.

Objectives:

1. Addressing emerging needs of young people from Ukraine in the context of the war of aggression
2. Enhancing young people's participation in democratic societies, in youth organisations and in other forms of mobilisation and action, specifically in the context of the war in Ukraine.
3. Allowing young people to explore in depth a subject of importance relating to democracy, young people's access to rights, peace and combating discrimination in the context of the war in Ukraine.
4. Promoting intercultural dialogue by allowing young people to meaningfully connect across cultures, exchange perspectives, network, co-operate and learn from each other.
5. Building capacities for future action and empowering young people to initiate, develop and support inspiring educational, awareness-raising, co-operation or advocacy initiatives, on the thematic priorities of the EYF.

Main parameters:

- **Activities:** international meetings of young people, for example youth camps, seminars, conferences, training courses or study visits
- **Participants:** residing in at least seven Council of Europe member States, in adequate country representation; young people from Ukraine must be among the participants in the activity, whether they reside in Ukraine or in other member States; of whom at least 75% are not older than 30 years of age;
- **Team:** culturally diverse project team (include youth leaders from Ukraine)
- **Approaches:** non-formal education, intercultural learning, youth participation and human rights education.
- Concern for quality in line with the Council of Europe [quality standards](#)
- Projects can start between 1 December 2026 and 31 December 2026; end of projects: latest 31 December 2027

Main parameters:

- **Budget:** maximum 25 000 euro per grant, co-funding
- Ineligible activities (check the guide or the call document)
- Excluded applicants (based on a self-declaration in the application)
- **For applicants:** registered in the granting system of the European Youth Foundation as
 - a. an international non-governmental youth organisation, *or*
 - b. an international network of non-governmental youth organisations, *or*
 - c. a sub-regional network of non-governmental youth organisations, *or*
 - d. a national non-governmental youth organisation, provided it has at least 3 partner national youth organisations in 3 other member States, *or*
 - e. a national non-governmental youth organisation, provided it has an international non-governmental youth organisation or network as partner.

Questions and answers

Let's open the application form

How to prepare the budget of your proposal

How to apply?

a. Registration

- a. Online system will be available end of July/beginning of August 2026
- b. Until then, if not registered already with the EYF on fej.coe.int, prepare your documentation
- c. If registered already with the EYF on fej.coe.int, just follow the information on migration of NGO data

b. Application: narrative form and budget form.

c. Deadline 1 September 23.59 CEST

Forms available in Word / Excel formats, but applications are only received via online system of the EYF.

Tips:

1. Read the call several times, read the Guide to the EYF grants and the funding priorities
2. Agree with your partners and project team on the **focus** of your proposal. Prepare your proposal with the young people! Take into account carefully the situation of young people from Ukraine.
3. The budget is an estimated budget. Estimate to the best of your capacities.
4. Check the EYF website for examples of past support projects in the Call Ukraine.
5. Consider carefully the priorities of the call and the funding priorities: avoid a proposal that is about everything. We know young people need time to get to know each other, learn from each other and from experts, reflect on solutions following the meetings. The more focus of the proposal, the more time and depth you can go into.
6. Use the resources of the youth sector, for example [T-kit project management](#).

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