

# The European Youth Foundation



# EYF key facts

- Part of the **Council of Europe**, an international institution with 46 member states and working on **Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of law**
- Part of the **Youth Department**, provides **financial support to European youth activities**
- Over **1250 youth organisations** registered
- In 2021, **186 projects** were supported for some **3.5 million euros**
- Office in the European Youth Centre in **Strasbourg** (France)
- Is a tool to **promote the values, principles and work of the Council of Europe**
- Its grant programme is based on the **priorities of the youth sector** of the Council of Europe

# Youth sector priorities 2022-2025

1. Revitalising pluralistic democracy

1. Young people's access to rights

1. Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies

1. Youth work

# Who can access the grants:

- Organisations based in 50 countries, signatories of the European Cultural Convention
- Not individual or informal groups

## Criteria:

- **Non-profit-making and non-governmental**
- **Own statutes**
- Runs activities for **young people** (15-30 years old)
- It is **young people who take the decisions** on the programme of activities
- **Members** are aged between **15 and 30 years old**
- Its work is in line with the values and priorities of the Council of Europe
- Has its own **bank account**

# Step 1: registration



Youth organisations need to first register in the EYF online system, [fej.coe.int](http://fej.coe.int)

There are different **categories** of NGOs:

- Local youth NGO
- National youth NGO
- Regional network of youth NGOs
- International youth NGO
- International network of youth NGOs

**Attachments:** statute in original, bank account, list of activities in the past year(s) or examples of activities you carried out

**Translation** of the statute to EN/FR: not official and focusing on the type of organisation, scope, the decision-making bodies, membership, members' obligations and rights, sources of funding.

# Step 2: applying for project grants

**Applications** need to be submitted in the EYF online system

Applications are submitted in English or French.

**Projects** are:

- Based on the priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe
- By, with and for young people
- Using non-formal education approaches
- Mindful of inclusion and gender equality

# 4 types of grants



## Pilot activities

€ 15 000

Projects answering to local need and with impact in the local community

For: local, national and regional network of NGOs

## International activities

€ 20 000

International meeting of young people or youth leaders in Europe which contribute to the work of the youth sector of the Council of Europe

For: national NGOs (with partners or international), international NGOs, international or regional networks

## Structural grants

€ 25 000 per year

For general administrative costs incurred by youth NGOs

For: regional networks, international NGOs or networks (EYF supported for 2-3 years already)

## Annual work plan

€ 50 000

A set of successive activities over a period of one year, interconnected and which contribute to the same broader aim

For: international NGOs or networks

# Pilot Activity

## Special call

In support of young  
people from Ukraine

- Prepared, run and managed by NGOs registered as **local** or **national** youth NGO, or **regional network** of youth NGOs
- Supports and involves **young people from Ukraine affected by the war** in their daily life, rights, and to navigate their challenges and access their rights
- **Related to a local need** and that brings an added value to the lives of young people from Ukraine
- Activities such as peer to peer learning and support, trainings and workshops, information and counselling, awareness raising and capacity building for young people, youth workers and youth leaders, meetings of young people from Ukraine, analysis, research and other actions that are based on the **principles and practice of youth work**. The grantee organisation is responsible for project participants' security.



# Pilot Activity Special call

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people from Ukraine

- Format: in person, online and in hybrid
- Scope: local, regional, national, cross-border
- In line with the **priorities of the CoE Youth Sector**
- Project starts 6 weeks after submission date (plus, 4 weeks to transfer money)
- Project duration: max 12 months

# Pilot Activity Special call

In support of young  
people from Ukraine

## **Grant:**

**Max €15 000**

Cover total costs (no-fund required)

Instructions for financial management and reporting

## **Eligible:**

Accommodation and meals, travel costs, fees (trainers, experts, team members), interpretation, translation, rental of equipment, rental of venues, communication, 7% administrative costs (salaries of staff dedicated to the project, office rent, insurance, electricity, water and heating)

## **Not eligible:**

Projects that support the war effort

Purchasing and/or promoting goods or services for humanitarian and/or military-related actions

Non-eligible costs list on the [EYF website](#)

## **When applying:**

At **any time** during the period from 3 November 2022 to 31 October 2023 or until the funds are exhausted

# International Activity Special call

In support of young  
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- Gathering of **young people or youth leaders that involves directly young people from Ukraine or international multipliers** working directly with young people from Ukraine.
- Includes a one-off youth gathering, preferably with some follow up actions, and that will have direct **impact on young people from Ukraine affected in their daily life by the war**, supporting them to access their rights and navigate multiple challenges faced.
- **Respond to the needs of young people**, and participants are at the centre of the activity, with **non-formal educational approaches** included. In this case, the needs and rights of young people from Ukraine should be clearly highlighted in the application.
- In line with the **priorities of the CoE Youth Sector**

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people from Ukraine

- **Participants** from at least **7 countries** (ECC members – [link](#)). Attendance and involvement of representatives of youth organisations from Ukraine is essential.
- At least **75 % of participants under 30 years old**.
- **Core project team** with people of at least **4 nationalities**. Involvement of people from Ukraine in the core project team is particularly encouraged.

## Who can apply:

- **Youth NGOs registered as national** in partnership with at least **3 other national NGOs** or networks from different countries or with at least **1 international NGO** or network
- Youth NGO registered as **International NGOs or Network of NGOs**

# International Activity Special call

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Projects must have a **start date in 2023**, at least 6 weeks after the submission date.

## Grant:

**Max €20 000 up to 2/3 of the total** real costs of the activity

Co-fund required

[Instructions](#) for financial management and reporting

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# Timeline & reporting

## Registration

- If not registered, it takes around **one week** to assess your registration

## Decision

- Application submitted: the projects must start at least after 6 weeks
- It takes around **6 weeks** to receive the final decision (**positive, resubmission, negative**)

## Grant Agreement

- You will receive by email a **Grant Acceptance Form to sign**
- Once signed, send it answering **by email** [eyf.courrier@coe.int](mailto:eyf.courrier@coe.int)

## First instalment

- Since the GAF is sent, it will take around **4 weeks to receive the first instalment**
- **80%** of the grant received

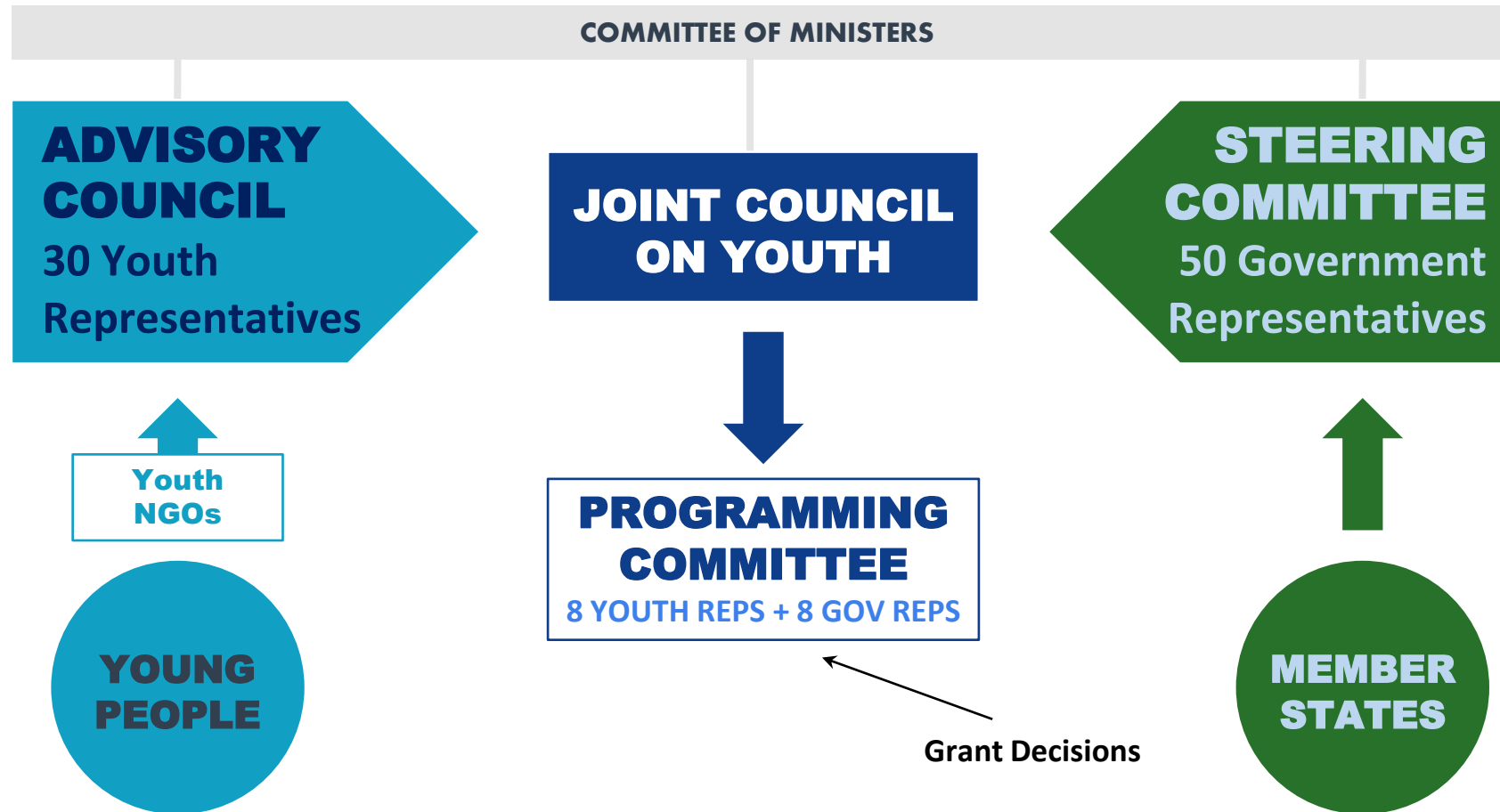
## Project

- In case of changes, please communicate with the EYF Secretariat
- Info on grant obligations, on [EYF website](#)

## Last instalment

- After end date, 2 months to submit the **financial and narrative report**
- Once assessed, you receive the remaining instalment of the grant

# Decisions on grants



# Useful resources and links

- **Word templates** (applications, report, programme...): EYF website - [Form and guidelines page](#)
- [Instructions for financial management and reporting](#)
- [Grant obligations](#) on visibility, changes to the project, reporting
- **Publications:**
  - Overview of [CoE publications](#)
  - [T-kits](#)
- [Non-formal education](#) approach and info
- [Gender equality](#) in youth projects
- EYF website: [Resources page](#) and [FAQs](#)







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