

PRESS RELEASE

The University on Youth and Development is back – the 21st Edition will take place in Molina (Spain) from 12 to 17 September.

The University on Youth and Development (UYD) will bring together in Molina more than 230 youth workers, youth leaders, policy makers, field experts and institutional representatives from 60 different countries.

Conceived as a space that encourages dialogue between decision-makers and young people, participants will be welcomed on Monday 12 at the CEULAJ Youth Centre by institutional representatives such as

H.E. Ambassador Lorenzo Vella, Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre, Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe.

Hon. Joana Lima, MP, Head of the Portuguese Delegation at Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).

Mr Mustapha Messoudi, Secretary General of the Department of Youth, Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communication, Kingdom of Morocco

Mr James Moloney, Vice-Chair of the Current Affairs Committee and Rapporteur on rural youth at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

Mr Tabue Nguma, Head of the Social Sciences Sector, UNESCO Regional office of Dakar.

Mr Tilemachos Boni, member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe.

Since 2000, [the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe](#), in collaboration with the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship, has been organising the international youth events "University on Youth and Development", where a number of youth-led and youth-serving organisations can conduct their own activities (trainings, workshops, board meetings, etc.) in a participatory and flexible space that encourages parallel meetings, exchange of good practices and the development of joint advocacy actions in favour of youth. This year, nine partners will be present to implement their activities throughout the week, including [European Institute of the Mediterranean \(IEMed\)](#); [UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States](#); [Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions \(OBESSU\)](#); [International Falcon Movement – Socialist Educational International \(IFM-SEI\)](#); [SIRIUS Policy Network on Migrant Education](#); [Young European Federalists](#); [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#); [Youth Peace Ambassadors Network](#); [European Youth Card Association \(EYCA\)](#).

The 21st edition of the UYD represents an opportunity to finally reconnect, debate, build capacity and cooperate on youth policy issues around the theme "Building Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions", addressing the most pressing issues of the global youth movement, in a dynamic context that fosters intercultural dialogue and encourages networking and peer education.

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