Call for proposals for ad hoc youth initiatives “Living and building democracy” (2026.C3.C)

Questions & Answers

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Q1: Could you please let me know the steps I should follow to submit an application, particularly regarding the registration process for the European Youth Foundation?

A: To apply for any call, your organisation must be registered with European Youth Foundation (EYF) as per the eligibility criteria outlined in the specific call for proposal. Below you will find the steps you should follow, focusing particularly on the registration process:

- *Registration*

Interested candidates who are not yet registered with the Foundation must first create an account and submit their registration request at Support4Youth. Please note the process of registration may take up to 2 weeks.

Your organisation's registration must be validated by the EYF secretariat before the deadline for the specific call for proposals you wish to apply for.

- *Application*

Once your registration is approved, your NGO can submit applications for grants using the EYF online grant management system, in line with the open calls for proposals and funding priorities.

You may check the Guide for the grants of the EYF to understand all the steps of the granting process taking place in the EYF online grant management system.

Q2: We are interested in applying for an upcoming European Youth Foundation grant. However, we understand that organisations must first be registered and approved through the EYF organisation application procedure before they can apply for a specific grant. We noticed that the organisation application procedure is currently closed. Could you kindly let us know when it is expected to reopen?

We would also be grateful if you could advise whether, once the organisation application procedure opens, there will be sufficient time for a new organisation to complete the registration and approval process before submitting an application for the relevant grant call.

A: The registration and application processes are now possible on the platform Support4Youth.

Please, carefully read the Guide to the Grants of the EYF on pages 17 and 19 to better understand the criteria on which we accept NGO registrations on the EYF system. The model form of registration and the information required from the NGOs can be found here: Update on the registrations of youth organisations with the EYF - European Youth Foundation

Q3 : Les initiatives ad hoc nécessitent-elles un partenariat européen (binational ou pluri national) ?

R : L'appel à projets pour les initiatives ad hoc est accessible uniquement aux organisations de jeunesse locales ou nationales qui sont dûment inscrites dans le système de subventions en ligne du FEJ.

Il n'est pas nécessaire pas d'avoir un partenariat européen (binational ou pluri national) pour faire une demande de subvention – l'initiative peut être portée par une seule structure.

Nous souhaitons vous attirer l'attention sur les critères d'inscription auprès du FEJ qui peuvent être consultés dans notre Guide des subventions du FEJ aux pages 18-20. Les demandes d'inscription doivent être soumises au FEJ via la plateforme **Support4Youth.** Veuillez noter que le processus d'inscription peut prendre jusqu'à 2 semaines.

Q4: We would like to ask for a clarification regarding the timeframe for the implementation of the activities.

Point 2.3 of the call document ("Implementation period") states that "The initiatives must start between 1 October and 31 December 2026 and have a duration of maximum 6 months"; this would mean that the activities would start between 1 October and 31 December 2026, and they would need to end after maximum 6 months, i.e. between 1 April and 30 June 2027. After that, there would be two months for reporting, which would place the final closing in August 2027 at the latest. However, point 7 of the call document ("Indicative timetable"), places the beginning of the implementation period in December 2026, the end of the implementation period in December 2027, and the reporting phase up to 29 February 2028; this seems to suggest that either the activity can last up to 12 months, or that the maximum implementation period of 6 months can actually start in June 2027.

We found this piece of information somewhat conflicting; before putting together a proposal, we would like to request a clarification with regards to the timeframe of implementation for the activities.

A: We apologise for the mistake in the call which has now been corrected. The timeframe for this call is as follows:
The initiatives must start between 20 November and 31 December 2026 and have a duration of maximum 6 months.
The implementation of the projects shall not extend beyond 30 June 2027.
The reporting on grants can be made up to 31 August 2027 (2 months after the projects end date).

Q5: I would like to kindly request clarification on the eligibility criteria for organisations. I am eager to understand whether unregistered, refugee-led youth groups [based outside the Council of Europe member states] can apply, and what steps we would need to take to meet the application requirements.

A: We would like to clarify that, to apply for EYF grants, organisations must be registered in the EYF granting system. This requires formal registration in one of the 46 member States of the Council of Europe. Unfortunately, organisations based outside these member states are not eligible to register or apply for EYF grants. To be assessed for the registration process, youth organisations must:
• be non-governmental and non-profit;
• have their own statute and governance rules that demonstrate a democratic governance and youth participation approach;
• have a primary focus on youth-related activities and run activities for young people;
• work for and with young people;
• be managed, in relation to their programmes and budget, by young people;

• have members aged 15 to 30 included, for a vast majority of their overall members (they could, in addition, have younger or older members than this age range);
• work in line with the Council of Europe values and principles;
• be registered in one of the countries which is a European Youth Foundation Member (in the case of a network, this only applies to the headquarters' organisation and other members, not to the network as such).
For more information for the registration process, please visit the Guide to the Grants of the European Youth Foundation.

Q6: Can a local or national youth organisation from Azerbaijan apply to this call?

A: Yes, a local or national youth organisation based in Azerbaijan can apply to this call, as Azerbaijan is a member of the Council of Europe and therefore an EYF Member State.

In order to be eligible for a grant, an applicant must:
1. be registered in the granting system of the European Youth Foundation as a local youth organisation or as a national youth organisation;
2. have a bank account that can accept euros;
3. have sufficient financial capacity (stable and sufficient sources of funding) to maintain its activity throughout the period for which the grant is awarded and to participate by way of its own resources (including human resources or in-kind contributions)1;
4. have sufficient operational and professional capacity, including staff and volunteers, to carry out activities described in its project proposal.

For registration requirements and further information, please consult the Guide to the Grants of the European Youth Foundation and Update on the registrations of youth organisations with the EYF - European Youth Foundation.

Q7: May a project coordinator who is 34 lead the application if the initiative is designed by, with and primarily for young people aged 15–30 and youth representatives hold meaningful decision-making roles?

A: Yes, it is possible.

Q8: Can a previously established youth organisation that is being reactivated, or a newly formed disability-inclusive youth organisation, register with the EYF for this call?

A: Yes, both a previously established youth organisation that is being reactivated, as well as a newly formed disability-inclusive youth organisation, can register with the EYF for this call, provided they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Guide to the Grants of the European Youth Foundation.

The registration process includes an assessment to ensure that the organisation aligns with EYF requirements. To be eligible, youth organisations must:

• be non-governmental and non-profit;
• have their own statute and governance rules that demonstrate a democratic governance and youth participation approach;
• have a primary focus on youth-related activities and run activities for young people;
• work for and with young people;
• be managed, in relation to their programmes and budget, by young people;
• have members aged 15 to 30 included, for a vast majority of their overall members (they could, in addition, have younger or older members than this age range);
• work in line with the Council of Europe values and principles;

• be registered in one of the countries which is a European Youth Foundation Member (in the case of a network, this only applies to the headquarters' organisation and other members, not to the network as such).

For additional information on requirements for different types of NGOs, please refer to pages 17–18 of the Guide to the Grants of the European Youth Foundation.

Q9: Would an initiative focused on disability-inclusive civic participation, accessible information, human rights and barriers to participation fit the call's objectives?

A: Yes, an initiative focused on disability-inclusive civic participation, accessible information, human rights, and barriers to participation would fit the objectives of this call. The call aims to support youth initiatives that create space for learning about democracy and human rights, equip young people with citizenship skills, and address specific challenges to participation in democratic processes.

Q10: What is the maximum grant amount and expected project duration?

A: Applicants may request a maximum grant of €8 000. The initiatives must start between 20 November and 31 December 2026 and have a duration of maximum 6 months.

Q11: Could an eligible local or national youth organisation registered with the EYF submit the application and implement the project in cooperation with a European network?

A: As stated in the call for proposal overview document section **5.1 Eligibility criteria**, this call is open to youth organisations registered as local or national NGOs (to find out what we mean by this you can check our Guide to the EYF Grants on pages 17-19), therefore local or national member organisations of a European network can indeed apply to this call, provided they are duly registered within the European Youth Foundation grant making system by the deadline set in the call.

Q12: Would a project involving young participants from several Council of Europe member states be eligible if it is submitted and managed by an eligible local or national youth organisation?

A: Section **2.4 Participants** of the call for proposal document indeed foresees the possibility to involve participants from other Council of Europe member states in the project.

Q13: Nous sommes une organisation basée au Cameroun. Avant de soumettre une candidature formelle, nous souhaitons vous adresser les questions suivantes :

1. Une organisation de jeunesse enregistrée en dehors des États membres du Conseil de l'Europe (en l'occurrence au Cameroun) est-elle éligible à cet appel à propositions, ou l'éligibilité est-elle réservée aux organisations basées en Europe ?

2. Dans le cas où une organisation africaine peut postuler, quelles sont les conditions spécifiques à remplir notamment en matière d'enregistrement préalable auprès du FEJ et quel est le délai nécessaire pour compléter cet enregistrement avant la date de clôture du 1er septembre 2026 ?

3. Est-il possible de postuler en partenariat avec une organisation membre du Conseil de l'Europe, et si oui, notre organisation pourrait-elle être porteuse ou co-porteuse du projet ? Sinon, est-ce que notre organisation peut avoir accès au réseau des OSC de jeunesse en Europe enregistré au FEJ pour une mise en réseau de collaboration?

A : De par ses statuts ou son règlement opérationnel, le Fonds européen pour la jeunesse ne soutient pas des structures de jeunesse qui ne sont pas basées dans l'un des 46 pays membres du Conseil de l'Europe, par conséquent votre organisation ne serait pas éligible aux subventions du FEJ.

Votre structure peut effectivement être partenaire d'un porteur de projet, mais les activités soutenues par le FEJ doivent aussi se dérouler dans l'un des états membres du Conseil de l'Europe. Le FEJ ne soutient pas des activités sur le continent africain.
Nous vous invitons à lire le guide des subventions du FEJ qui peuvent expliquer les critères de base des projets soutenus par le Fonds.

Nous vous invitons également à consulter notre future plateforme en ligne (support4youth.coe.int) qui sera disponible à partir du mois d'août et qui présentera sur une page les organisations enregistrées auprès du FEJ pour une mise en réseau.

Q14: Can the budget cover accessible formats, assistive technology, personal assistance, interpretation, participant travel, accommodation and other reasonable accessibility costs?

A: Yes. However, due to the limited amount of the grant, some of these costs might need to be covered by other sources of funding.

Q15: Is additional support available through the Equal Access Fund for disability-related participation costs?

A: The Equal Access Fund is a fund that is launched on an ad hoc basis and is eligible only for ongoing projects. It is also capped at maximum 10% of the grant amount. Therefore, should your proposal be supported through a grant, you might benefit from this fund, but only for the amount of 800 EUR (equivalent to 10% of the 8 000 EUR maximum grant), subject to availability of resources.

Q16: May activities combine local in-person sessions with accessible online or hybrid participation?

A: Yes.

Q17: Are international mobility or exchange components eligible, and if so, can travel and accommodation be covered?

A: According to the call for proposal overview document, in section **2.2 Activities**, the initiatives supported through this call must show impact for young people and their local communities. However, if an international mobility or exchange component is included, it needs to be justified in the proposal and make sense for the overall initiative.

Q18: Is the registration and granting platform fully accessible with screen readers, and can alternative support be provided during registration and submission?

A: We are verifying this information with our developing company. We can provide some support in the form of advice; however the process of registration and application needs to be done by the youth representative, we cannot apply or fill out the forms on their behalf.

Q19: What is the minimum co-financing percentage required to submit a proposal?

A: There is no minimum co-financing percentage required. The organisations can for example contribute with in-kind contributions that does not need to be quantified or expressed in amounts.

Q20: In the budget template under section 3 ("Human Resources"), we can see a sub-section for staff employed by the NGO (3.1) and one for external service providers (3.2). Our NGO is run exclusively by volunteers, so we would be operating through a VTR (Volunteer Time Recognition) framework; we were wondering - could that be a valid entry to substitute staff employed in section 3.1? Or should we move it to a different section of the budget template?

A: VTR is no longer an expenditure, it cannot be included in the budget. It can only be part of the co-funding.

Q21: Would it be possible to include as part of the initiative team a young volunteer of our organisation who has relevant academic expertise in the project topic and could contribute to the development of the methodology and activity outlines?

A: Yes, it is possible.

Q22: We are a Polish nonprofit foundation registered end of June 2026. Our statutory purposes explicitly include: youth and young-adult development; non-formal education; civic participation; culture and creative expression; volunteering; local community development.
We are assessing whether we may register with the European Youth Foundation and apply under call 2026.C3.C "Living and building democracy."

Our legal form is a foundation rather than a membership association. At present the foundation has a one-person Management Board; it does not have a membership structure; the proposed initiative would be co-designed and implemented with young people; young people's decision-making roles would be documented throughout the project.

Could you please clarify:
1) whether this legal and governance structure can qualify as a local youth organisation for EYF registration;
2) what evidence of youth governance, control or decision-making would be required;
3) whether a newly established organisation without a completed annual organisational activity report may provide alternative evidence;
4) whether registration initiated in August could realistically be validated before the 1 September 2026 deadline.

We would prefer to clarify formal eligibility before investing in the full application.

A: Combined reply to the sub-questions 1 and 2: The registration process includes an assessment to ensure that the organisation aligns with EYF requirements. To be eligible, youth organisations must:

• be non-governmental and non-profit;
• have their own statute and governance rules that demonstrate a democratic governance and youth participation approach;
• have a primary focus on youth-related activities and run activities for young people;
• work for and with young people;
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• work in line with the Council of Europe values and principles;
• be registered in one of the countries which is a European Youth Foundation Member (in the case of a network, this only applies to the headquarters' organisation and other members, not to the network as such).

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Regarding the sub-question 3, in the case of a newly created organisation, we would like to receive the strategy or plans for the future, i.e what you foresee to implement in the coming months.

Registration in August and applying before the deadline are possible. Indeed, until your organisation has been validated (if your organisation complies with the criteria from the above mentioned guide), we advise you to prepare your application thanks to the word formats present in the call and on our website, as the same information is required in the online platform.

Q23: We would like to clarify a point on eligibility. Section 5.1 of the call states that, to be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be registered in the EYF granting system as a local youth organisation or as a national youth organisation. Our organisation is registered and operates as an international NGO, a pan-European network bringing together national and local youth climate organisations across Council of Europe member states.

Could you please confirm whether our organisation, as an international NGO, is eligible to apply under this call? If not, we would be grateful for guidance on whether one of our national or local organisations could apply instead.

A: Only local and national organisations can apply to this call. As an international organisation, you are therefore not eligible to apply.

In order for your member organisations to apply, they must be registered with the EYF platform on their own as local or national organisations. They must hence go to the platform Support4Youth and start the registration process of the specific member organisation.

The registration process includes an assessment to ensure that the organisation aligns with EYF requirements. To be eligible, youth organisations must:

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Q24: Nous avons un lien fort avec l'Europe car 3 de nos Etats membres sont des régions, collectivités d'outre-mer (Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saint-Martin) et nos financements actuels nous empêchent souvent de faire ce pont entre le monde des récipiendaires de l'APD et ces territoires. Nous nous demandons si de potentiels ponts pourraient se créer entre nos deux organisations afin de servir vos objectifs et d'intégrer au mieux les jeunes dans cet espace caribéen francophone et anglophone. Nous constatons que vos dispositifs s'adressent surtout aux ONG, ce qui ne nous qualifierait pas mais nous aurions des actions qui pourraient répondre à vos attentes.

R : Le FEJ soutient par des subventions des initiatives d'organisations de jeunesse non-gouvernementales issues des 46 Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe. La France en est un. Cela veut dire que, de par cette situation, les organisations des collectivités d'outre-mer que vous mentionnez sont éligibles pour nos subventions. Par contre, votre institution ne l'est pas, car vous n'œuvrez pas en tant qu'organisation de jeunesse. Si vous connaissez des organisations de jeunesse dans ces collectivités qui pourraient être intéressées par nos appels à projets, n'hésitez pas à nous promouvoir envers elles.

Q25: If our organisation submits an application under call 2026.C3.C, is our organisation also permitted to submit a separate application under call 2026.C4.A – International one-off youth co-operation activities supporting young people from Ukraine – during the same application period?

A: Yes, it is possible to apply for the call for ad hoc youth initiatives "Living and Building Democracy" (2026.C3.C). There is no restriction on submitting proposals to multiple calls, as long as full compliance with the eligibility criteria and requirements for each call is maintained.

Q26: Nous souhaitons candidater à l'appel à propositions « Vivre et construire la démocratie » (date limite du 1er septembre 2026), nos ateliers correspondant directement aux objectifs de l'appel : développement de l'esprit critique des jeunes, y compris face à la désinformation, et renforcement de leur participation à la vie démocratique.

Avant d'engager notre demande d'enregistrement, nous souhaiterions nous assurer que notre association remplit bien les critères d'éligibilité du FEJ, notamment au regard de notre modèle de gouvernance. Si nos activités s'adressent directement aux jeunes et sont conçues pour favoriser leur autonomie de pensée, notre conseil d'administration et notre bureau sont composés de membres adultes, et non de jeunes de 15 à 30 ans décidant eux-mêmes du programme d'activités de l'association.

Pourriez-vous nous indiquer si ce mode de gouvernance est compatible avec les critères d'éligibilité du FEJ pour cet appel, ou si l'enregistrement est réservé aux organisations dont les instances de décision sont composées et pilotées par des jeunes ?

A : Les critères pour l'inscription (ou enregistrement) sont inclus dans notre Guide. https://rm.coe.int/fr-guide-/48802c1c81 Regardez à partir de la page 18.

Si votre organisation organise des activités pour des jeunes, mais n'inclut pas un haut niveau de participation des jeunes dans vos instances de prise de décision, alors nous dirions plutôt non, vous ne serez pas enregistrés avec nous. Quand nous dirions haut niveau de participation, cela veut dire par exemple que les jeunes sont majoritaires dans vos CdA ou bureau ou assemblée générale, ou si cela n'est pas le cas, votre organisation mets en place des modalités de participation actives des jeunes pour qu'ils aient l'espace et les moyens pour exprimer leur besoin, faires des propositions, participer à la vie associative au-delà d'être des « bénéficiaires » des activités. Ils doivent non seulement bénéficier de ce que vous faites,

mais aussi être force de proposition, de pouvoir ou d'influence. Cela veut aussi dire que vous devez avoir des preuves que vous êtes à l'écoute des jeunes ou que vous mettez en place des activités spécifique pour que les jeunes puissent influencer vos programmes, votre budget etc.

Q25 : We would appreciate your confirmation on whether our registration in Portugal and the implementation of our activities in Portugal satisfy the geographical eligibility requirement.

A: An organisation interested in applying for an EYF grant must first send a registration request in the EYF online grant management system at support4youth.coe.int. EYF will verify whether your organisation fulfils the criteria to be considered a youth organisation and meets all relevant eligibility requirements.

Based on your registration in Portugal, you meet the geographical requirement. However, all other criteria must be formally assessed through the registration process in the EYF grant management system.

For detailed information about eligibility criteria and the registration process, please see pages 17 and 18 of the Guide to Grants of the European Youth Foundation.

Q26: Can you help with the questions we need to answer to hand in our application?

A: The proposal for ad hoc youth initiatives "Living and building democracy" (2026.C3.C) must include:
a) the narrative application form duly filled in,
b) the budget form duly filled in, that includes both the costs to be covered by the EYF grant and costs to be covered from other sources.

Below you will find links to both forms:

- Narrative application form
- Budget application form

However, to submit the proposal, your organisation must first register in the EYF granting system and then, if eligible for this call, submit the narrative and budget forms through the platform.

Q28: Is there a minimum number of participants required?

A: No, there are no minimum.

Q29: Since the grant amount is quite small, does it mean that it can be just one activity, for example, one training?

A: Yes, it is important that your project has to make sense. Whatever you propose, meetings or other event, it's y up to you, but it has to make sense and to be relevant to the call objectives, based on specific needs, etc.

Q30: Can an international organisation apply for the call?

A: The call is for local and national organisations only.

Q31: If I choose to have partners, do they need to sign an agreement with the organisation regarding the project?
A: The EYF does not ask for such an agreement

Q31: We are planning workshops for 15 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in France, focusing on human rights, human's rights and disinformation. They will create a short film to be broadcast on French TV around 8 March, then help lead discussions about it on social media. Can you confirm that this project fits within the scope?

A: Yes, such initiatives can be in the scope of the call.

Q32: Is it possible to submit a project held in public schools during school hours? We are not a public school, but an independent NGO. I suppose this means you would go and intervene during the classes of typically would be civic education or something like this.

A: Yes, this is possible. However, this should be outside the school curriculum, and include non-formal education approaches.

Q33: Do we need to run the project in English or in our language ?

A: What we are really looking for is the impact on local contexts. So of course, the use of local languages or national languages is needed. There is no need for us to have translation into English for your participants. In case you are thinking of creating some output or a resource, , this can be a leaflet, a website, you can develop this in your language. The only way you need to use English or French is when you report to us.

Q34: When we ask about the country of participants, what should we put if we work with migrants?

A: It is the country where they reside.

Q35: Is it better to focus on one specific narrower topic rather than trying to cover several topics encompassed by democracy?

A: It is really good to focus on specific topics rather than covering everything about democracy. However, since the grant amount is limited, and also the project duration, you need to be focused.

Q36: Are there limits for the staff salaries in the project?

A: No, there are no limits. The project needs to make sense and the cost needs to make sense.

Q36: Can we include unpredicted costs?

A: It is important to make an estimation of all the costs.

Q37: Whether an initiative involving beneficiaries/participants who are physically resident in the Russian Federation would fall within the scope of EYF funding, given that the Foundation supports activities taking place within the 46 Council of Europe member states?

A: It is possible to involve young people residing in the Russian Federation within EYF-funded activities, provided that there is a clear link to the situation of young people in the member states of the Council of Europe. The Foundation's support is directed towards activities taking place in the 46 Council of Europe member states.

Q38: Whether this assessment would differ if the activities were delivered fully online to participants located in the Russian Federation, rather than in person?

A: For the Ad hoc youth initiatives "Living and building democracy", online activities can be included and are not, in themselves, a problem. The application assessment does not differ solely based on whether activities are in-person or online.

Q39: Whether the assessment would differ for participants of Russian nationality or origin who are permanently resident in an EYF member state (for example, as part of a diaspora or migrant community), as opposed to participants residing in the Russian Federation itself.

A: The key criteria is the current residency of the young participants. There should be a clear focus on young people who reside now in Council of Europe member states. Including young people from Russian diaspora or migrant communities residing permanently in member states could indeed make your initiative of increased relevance to EYF priorities.

Q40: Is there a maximum percentage of the grant that can be allocated to:
3.1. Staff employed by the NGO (salaries)?
3.2. External service providers, such as trainers, experts, consultants, translators or interpreters?

A: There is no maximum percentage of the grant that can be allocated to either 3.1 (staff salaries) or 3.2 (external service providers).

Q41: Is there a maximum percentage of the grant that can be allocated to section 5, "Supplementary expenditure and services"?

A: There is no maximum percentage for section 5, "Supplementary expenditure and services."

Q42: Could you clarify "5.3. Multiplier activities" and what types of expenses can be included?

A: We recommend you consult pages 14 and 34, as well as the appendix to the Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation, for a detailed explanation of multiplier activities and eligible expenses under this category.

Q43: What is covered by "6. Indirect eligible costs (7% automated calculation)"?

A: Indirect eligible costs are project-related expenses not specifically covered in other budget categories, incurred by the grantee organisation. This includes costs related to the applicant's office or accountancy, among others. For further details, please consult page 35 of the Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation.

Q44: Are there any specific budget guidelines or instructions to consult when preparing the budget for this grant application?

A: Yes, you can refer to pages 26–44 of the Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation, which provide comprehensive instructions and guidelines for preparing your budget.

Q45: Sachant que l'appel suggère dans sa partie "2.2 Types d'activités" des actions "qui associent directement les jeunes à l'apprentissage de la démocratie et des droits humains...", est-ce que cela signifie que les projets subventionnés doivent proposer des activités où la participation est directe et pro-active ? Pensez-vous que notre projet d'outil digital peut répondre à cette exigence ?

R : Si vos activités répondent aux objectifs de l'appel, vous pouvez inclure ce type d'activité.

Q46 : We would appreciate a clarification regarding the section "Information about members". The question asks: "Who are your member organisations? If your organisation is an international youth organisation, an international network of youth organisations or a sub-regional network of youth organisations, please provide information about each member." Our organisation is a membership-based organisation composed of individual members and does not have member organisations. Could you please confirm whether we should mark this section as "Not applicable" or provide information about our individual membership base instead?

A: We cannot exactly reply to your question as we do not know under which category of organisations you would like to be registered as.

We would like to invite you to consult the Guide to the grants of the EYF (pages 17 to 19) where you can see different types of organisations.

We would also like to remind you that to be assessed within the EYF, youth organisations must:

- be non-governmental and non-profit;
- have their own statute and governance rules that demonstrate a democratic governance and youth participation approach;
- have a primary focus on youth-related activities and run activities for young people;
- work for and with young people;
- be managed, in relation to their programmes and budget, by young people;
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- work in line with the Council of Europe values and principles;
- be registered in one of the countries which is a European Youth Foundation Member (in the case of a network, this only applies to the headquarters' organisation and other members, not to the network as such).

Q47: Can Youth Council register with the EYF and apply for this call, considering that it is an officially established consultative and advisory body but does not have separate legal entity status?

A: Your entity must be duly registered in one of the member states of the Council of Europe as non-governmental organisations (NGO). If this is not the case, your entity is not eligible.

Q48: Beyond the automatic 7% indirect cost rate, is there any additional cap specifically limiting staff/coordination costs (e.g. project manager salary) for ad hoc youth initiatives under this call?

A: No.

Q49: Can staff time spent on project preparation before the official start of the funded implementation period (e.g. designing the communication strategy, early recruitment groundwork) be declared as an in-kind co-financing contribution? If so, does it fall under the same 15% ceiling that applies to Volunteer Time Recognition (VTR), or is it

treated as a separate, uncapped category since it concerns staff rather than volunteers?

A: Nothing before the official start of the project (as stipulated in the grant agreement if your project is awarded) can be added in the project budget. There are no more limitations or ceilings regarding VTR as those can be considered as in-kind contributions.