Call for proposals for international one-off youth co-operation activities supporting young people from Ukraine (2026.C4.A)

Questions & Answers

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Q1: Should all the partners be registered with the European Youth Foundation or just the registration of the submitting partner is enough?

A: According to the EYF Operational Regulations only the applying organisation needs to be registered with the EYF granting system (not the partners).

For the call for proposals on supporting young people from Ukraine, according to the eligibility criteria outlined in the call overview document (section **5.1**) international youth organisations do not need to apply with partners. This requirement is only valid for national NGOs.

Additionally, we invite you to 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, this can help you prepare your registration request. The registration request must be submitted via the platform Support4Youth. Please note the process of registration may take up to 2 weeks.

Q2: How many participants should we include from each country? Also, we will include disabled young people can we get support people for these participants, and can they be additional participants to the national project teams?

A: There is no strict minimum or maximum per country, but adequate country representation is important. For an international activity, you must include participants from at least 7 member States of the Council of Europe, and at least 75% needs to be up to 30 years of age. Participants from Ukraine (whether they reside in Ukraine or in other member States) must be among those involved for the call for proposals for international one-off youth co-operation activities supporting young people from Ukraine.

In 2026, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted new Operational Regulations for the European Youth Foundation, which introduced the possibility of grant increases to promote greater access for young people with disabilities to international youth co-operation projects, see Article 18.4 of the EYF Operational Regulations 2025. The Equal Access Fund (EAF) has been established as a mechanism to provide additional funding to awarded projects, specifically aimed at enhancing the accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities in EYF-supported initiatives. Under certain conditions, grantee organisations may receive a project grant top-up from the EAF, amounting to up to 10% of their awarded project grant. This additional funding serves as disability compensation, ensuring that participants and team members with disabilities or health-related needs can take part fully in project activities. Further details are available on pages 13-14 of the Guide to the Grants of the European Youth Foundation.

Q3: We are a youth organisation based in Ukraine. Can we bring participants from CoE member countries to Lviv for the event?

A: The security team of the Council of Europe is constantly assessing and monitoring the risks of hosting international participants in Ukraine. Due to the evolving and increased security risks for travel and safety of persons, we currently discourage to host the main event in Ukraine, however you may use the follow-up phase to organise local multiplier actions in Ukraine.
Should the situation change, we will keep youth organisations informed in due course.

Q4: Our association is located in Türkiye. We are doing national activities, leading a national consortium about the rights of disabled people but we do not have international official partnerships. For this project we found our 7 partners, all ready to present a partnership forms. Is it enough for belonging to an international consortium or should we be a member in an already existing consortium in Europe?

A: The organisations which can apply for this call have to be registered in the granting system of the European Youth Foundation Support4Youth as:

- an international non-governmental youth organisation, *or*
- an international network of non-governmental youth organisations, *or*
- a sub-regional network of non-governmental youth organisations, *or*
- a national non-governmental youth organisation, provided it has at least 3 partner national youth organisations in 3 other member States, *or*
- a national non-governmental youth organisation, provided it has an international non-governmental youth organisation or network as partner.

Only the main applicant needs to be registered with the EYF, not the partners.

Partners must be established in other Council of Europe member states and be national youth organisations. Regarding the criteria defining the organisations, we would like to invite you to 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 applicant organisation only must be duly registered with the EYF, meaning the EYF must, by the deadline of the call, have approved the organisation in one of the categories listed above.

Q5: What is the part of the co-funding needed for a proposal?

A: Contributions towards co-funding can take various forms, including in-kind support, volunteer time, financial resources, and donations from private or other external sources. There is no set minimum threshold for co-funding.

Q6: I wanted to clarify the requirement about participants from seven countries. Does this mean there must be Ukrainian beneficiaries plus representatives from six other youth organisations, making seven countries in total? Is it necessary to have exactly seven countries represented? What happens if there are only four or five countries represented—would that still be allowed?

A: For this call, the key requirement is that the young people involved must reside in at least seven different member states. It doesn't matter what their nationality is, what counts is where they currently live. If there are participants from fewer than seven countries, the application would not meet the eligibility criteria.

Q7: The limit of characters includes spaces in the application form?

A: Yes

Q8: If our organisation is national, when we need 3 partners in other countries?

A: Yes. The 3 partners need to be youth organisations and need to be based each in a different country.

Q9: Can a partner be a university from Ukraine?

A: As a national youth organisation, you need to have as partners three other youth NGOs based in other member states. Additionally, to these partners, you can work with the university as an additional partner. The minimal is that you have three partners in other countries that are youth NGOs.

Q10: Does the EYF take into account how many years the organisation has been active?

A: No, we don't assess this.

Q11: We are the national branch of an international youth organisation that is already registered with the EYF. Who can apply to this call?

A: The international youth organisation can apply, so the process could be more direct. The national branch organisation may also submit first their registration and, if accepted, they can also apply with partners.

Q12: I have a question about project outputs. Is it always necessary that it's a tangible outcome?

A: The short answer is no. Produce whatever is meaningful for your young people and for your project. The focus should remain on the meaningful experience young people have during the international meeting, what they learn, what they decide to do next. However, if you want to produce something, it is also possible, but it is not obligatory.

Q13: We are registered as a local organisation, would additional partner organisations and/or additional countries be required to submit an application?

A: Local youth organisations are not eligible for this call. Please check specifically the call for the types of eligible organisations. As your organisation is registered with the EYF as a local youth organisation, unfortunately you would not be eligible to apply as the coordinating organisation for this call. You may consider collaborating with a partner organisation that is registered as a national or international youth NGO in the EYF system, who could take the lead as applicant.

Q14: Can we submit this application while simultaneously submitting a different and independent proposal under call 2026.C3.C, provided that the two projects have separate objectives, activities, participants and budgets?

A: You may submit a separate and independent application under call 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.

Q15: We are a local-national youth organisation and we have 4-5 ESC partnerships which are all signed documented partnerships in European countries. Do you accept ESC partnerships as a suitable applicant?

A: We don't require this kind of proof. You can review what information will need to be provided about your project partners in the template application form: Narrative application form

Q16: Could you please confirm whether:
- **partner organisations are required to sign a mandate, partnership declaration or letter of confirmation as part of the application;**
- **if so, whether the EYF provides an official template that should be used; and**
- **if no formal mandate is required, whether you recommend obtaining any written confirmation of participation from partners for our internal records.**

A: There is no official documentation needed confirming the partnership between organisations. Partner organisations are not required to sign a mandate, partnership declaration, or letter of confirmation as part of the application process. However, beyond what the EYF needs as a donor, it is good practice in partnership building processes to have clear and mutually agreed partnerships, and we encourage you to consider clarifying well with your partners their roles, communication means, objectives of your partnership.

Q17: For this project we found our 7 partners, all ready to present partnership forms. Is it enough for belonging to an international consortium or should we be a member in an already existing consortium in Europe?

A: To apply for this call, you have to be registered in the granting system of the European Youth Foundation (support4youth.coe.int) 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 nongovernmental youth organisation or network as partner.

Q18: Can an organisation registered with the EYF as a local youth NGO submit an application for this call if the project is implemented through an international partnership involving youth organisations from multiple Council of Europe member states?

A: The applicant organisation for the call for proposals for international one-off youth co-operation activities supporting young people from Ukraine (2026.C4.A) should be registered in EYF granting system 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 nongovernmental youth organisation or network as partner.

Q19: If local youth NGOs cannot act as applicants for this type of grant, would an NGO need to be registered as a national youth NGO in order to coordinate and submit the proposal?

A: If an organisation has the status of "local youth organisation" in the EYF granting system, it cannot submit a proposal for this call.
If the organisation meanwhile qualifies in relation to the criteria for national youth organisations that the EYF uses, then the organisation needs to make a change request in the EYF granting

system, provide proof related to its national type, and submit the change request for the EYF to assess. If the EYF validates the change then the organisation will have the type "national youth organisation" and may be eligible for this call, provided it has the needed partners.

Please check the criteria for national youth organisations on pp.17-18 in the Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation.

Q20: Could you please clarify the criteria used by the EYF to distinguish between a local and national youth NGO, and whether it would be possible to request a review of our classification if our activities and organisational scope meet the relevant criteria?

A: You can find the detailed registration criteria for different type of organisations on pg. 18-19 in the guide to the Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation

Q21: Can an Egyptian unregistered youth-led initiative participate as a project partner?

A: Yes, unregistered youth initiatives from Egypt can participate as additional project partners in EYF-supported international projects, but they cannot be among the minimum number of partners for the applications.
For example, if the applicant organisation has 3 partner national youth organisations in 3 other member States of the Council of Europe and another partner from Egypt, in this case the minimum number of partners from the member States is ensured. If the applicant only has 2 partner national youth organisations in 2 other member States of the Council of Europe and another partner from Egypt, the minimum requirement for partners is not met.

Q22: Would formal registration in Egypt be required?

A: No, formal registration in Egypt is not required for participation as an additional partner (in addition to the minimum number of partners, see previous question).

Q23: Can organisations/participants from Egypt be involved in an EYF-supported international project?

A: Yes, organisations or participants from Egypt can be involved, provided the project includes participants from Council of Europe (CoE) Member States. It is important to emphasise that the EYF finances activities where participants are primarily from CoE member States. While it is possible to include some participants from countries that are not CoE member States, this must be justified. Additionally, as a general rule, activities should take place in one or several CoE member States (see the Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation, page 11 for further details).

Q24: Before approaching potential partners, could you please advise us on whether there are any specific requirements or recommendations we should keep in mind when developing the project concept and selecting an appropriate CoE-based applicant/partner organisation? We would also appreciate it if you could point us to any relevant EYF examples or resources that could help a new youth-led initiative understand the partnership and application process.

A: All relevant information regarding the priorities is present in the call already, we would advise you to consult it carefully. Regarding the possible partners, please consult the following page where you can find information on organisations registered within EYF and which could be a possible partner: Support4Youth

Regarding the resources, please find the link to the youth department website on resources that could help you Resources - Youth.