

Call for proposals for international long-term youth co-operation projects in 2027 (2027.C2.B)

Questions & Answers

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Q1: Could you please confirm which countries are eligible to apply for Call for proposals for international long-term youth co-operation projects in 2027 (2027.C2.B)?

A: Point 2.4 of the call for proposals addresses this question:

“The majority of activities must involve participants: residing in at least seven Council of Europe member States (with the possibility of including participants from other States, if justified), in adequate country representation”

Regarding eligible organisations, they must be based in one of the 46 member states of the Council of Europe.

Q2: If our executive director is 33 years of age, but most other members of the organisation are between 15-30, and the target group for the projects are between 15-30, would we still be eligible to apply?

A: Only organisations that are registered within the EYF online system (fej.coe.int) are eligible to apply for the ongoing calls. Please check the [Guide to the EYF grants](#) or the [Operational Regulations](#) to find out what type of organisations can apply to the EYF grants. As regards the age range, indeed youth-led organisations can have staff or volunteer members that are younger than 15 or older than 30, as long as the majority of the decision-making process is being taken by young people within this age range (15-30 years old).

Q3: Our organisation is based in an African country with initiatives across Africa. We run youth-focused programmes that empower young people in human rights, public health advocacy, and community governance. Could you kindly confirm whether we are eligible and advise on the registration process for the EYF granting system?

A: The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund that provides grants to youth organisations to promote and enhance Council of Europe values, standards and priorities with young people. Only organisations that are registered in member states of the Council of Europe are eligible to apply for EYF grants. Countries in Africa are not member states of the Council of Europe and therefore organisations based in African countries are not eligible to apply for EYF grants or to register in the EYF granting system. The list of the 46 Council of Europe member states can be found [here](#). Additional details regarding the eligibility criteria and registration process can be found [here](#).

Q4: Does an international network of non-governmental youth organisations which is one of the eligibility criteria for applicants, need to be a legally registered entity or is a Memorandum of cooperation signed by its members sufficient?

A: International network of non-governmental youth organisations is not required to have a legal personality, but it should have a statute, an explicit agreement among members and governance arrangements. The statute SHOULD demonstrate that member organisations are actively engaged in the governance and mission of the network. Please find more about the

eligibility criteria for youth organisations in the [Guide to the grants of the European Youth Foundation](#)

Q5: Is there a percentage of staff costs which is preferred by the EYF within a project budget?

A: No, there is no preferred percentage. What is necessary is that the human resources included in the proposal are in a meaningful proportion to all project costs, in relation to the objectives that need to be reached.

Q6: Does the proposal need to be relevant to the call objectives and to the EYF funding priorities?

A: Yes, as indicated in the calls, the proposals must be relevant to the call objectives, which refer closely to the EYF funding priorities.

Q7: Is there a preferred proportion of young people from non-Council of Europe member States to be included in the activities?

A: No, there is no pre-defined proportion. The participation of young people from non-Council of Europe member States needs to be meaningful to the project objectives and the project reach out.

Q8: Are training courses the preferred format of international youth co-operation activities?

A: No. The formats of international youth co-operation activities are diverse. The call for proposals gives some additional examples, not just training courses. The format proposed must be meaningful and relevant to the objectives of the proposal.

Q9: Can the same organisation apply for both calls with different ideas?

A: Yes, this is possible.

Q10: From the EYF priorities, are there some priorities more important than others? Are the grants distributed equally over the priorities?

A: All priorities are relevant for the calls, as announced. The grants are not necessarily mathematically matched in numbers with priorities.

Q11: For one-off international youth co-operation activities and also for the international youth co-operation activities within a long-term project, is the duration of 4 programme days obligatory?

A: The calls state that the duration should in principle be of 4 programme days. If you wish to apply for a shorter programme, then a justification for this duration needs to be included.

Q12: Could the project activities be held outside the Council of Europe member States?

A: This is possible, on a justified basis. So, if you intend to do one of the activities outside the Council of Europe member States, please explain in the application why you chose the particular venue.

Q13: What does adequate country representation mean?

A: This means that there must be balanced numbers of participants from all the countries involved, and there will not be an over-representation of participants from one country.

Q14: Can the applicant send more documents than what is required to make the application stronger?

A: The assessment will only take into account the information in the required three documents, as indicated in the call.

Q15: Among the non-eligible activities there are “sports events and competitions”. What does it mean?

A: The call excludes sports events and competition. It does not exclude youth work related activities, that use sports as a tool for youth work.

Q16: How will the EYF check the eligibility criteria 3 and 4, ie the financial capacity and the operational and professional capacity?

A: The EYF may inquire in these aspects during the dialogue with applicants.

Q17: Are there more specific assessment criteria beyond the 4 areas indicated in the call?

A: The call award criteria are indicated in the call. No other more specific criteria will be published.

Q18: Is it possible to indicate in the proposal that we would like to carry out an activity in the European Youth Centres?

A: Yes, you may indicate this. However, you should check the availability and prices of the Centres, as you will need to pay for the Centres services if the grant is approved.

Q19: Could we include participants from the Russian Federation or Belarus?

A: This is possible, as the call indicates you may include participants from non-member States of the Council of Europe. The obligation is to have participants residing in at least 7 member States of the Council of Europe, in addition you may include participants from more countries, either members or also non-members of the Council of Europe.

Q20: In a long-term project, can multiplier activities be included both as an activity of the project and also as a follow-up within a project activity?

A: Yes, both approaches are possible. If the multiplier activities are linked clearly to the follow-up of a given activity, they can appear as part of that activity. If the multiplier activities are themselves a phase of the long-term project, they can also be included as one project activity.

Q21: Do the long-term project activities need to link with each other?

A: As the call indicates, this call intends to fund long-term projects. The proposals need to have a project logic, ie. a series of activities that in combination lead to reaching coherent objectives and bring about changes to specific issues.

Q22: We will have many partners. Do we need to include them all in the form or only a general description of the type of partners?

A: One of the award criteria for the call is the “Expertise / experience of the organisation, partners and project team”. In this respect, the more precise the information about the partners, the more chances there are this criterion will be assessed on the basis of specific and relevant information. Only a general indication about the partners risks not providing sufficient and relevant information for assessing their expertise/experience.

Q23: Can we apply for a new long-term youth cooperation project for 2027 if we already have one funded by EYF in 2026? Since the one we currently have lasts 18 months will the overlap make us ineligible?

A: You can indeed apply for projects for 2027.

Q24: Is there a limit to the number of activities within a long-term youth cooperation project?

A: The Call for proposals does not include a limit. However, the available budget may limit the number of activities that can realistically be included. All activities you include in the project proposal should contribute to the project objectives.

Q25: What are multiplier activities?

A: Within EYF project grants, “multiplier activity” stands for a wide range of activities carried out by participants in project or member organisations of the grantee organisation in order to multiply the knowledge, skills and attitudes developed from the EYF-supported project among young people in different contexts. Multiplication means both carrying out additional educational, awareness or advocacy actions, as well as making sure the newly acquired know-how by each participant can be shared with more people. For further details, please consult the [Guide to the grants of the EYF](#).

Q26: We were planning to apply for a Work Plan, but we noticed that the application form is no longer available in the system. From the information currently available, I understand that this may be due to recent changes in the application structure, and that the relevant call is now “international long-term youth co-operation projects.” We would be grateful if you could confirm whether this is correct, and whether applications under this scheme should indeed be submitted via the form sent by email.

A: This spring 2026 the EYF is implementing transitional measures for its calls for proposals, while it develops the new IT infrastructure for grant-making. This means that the submissions for the calls with a deadline of 1 April 2026 must be sent via email eyf@coe.int to the European Youth Foundation, using [the available templates](#), before 1 April 2026, 23:59 CET.

The grant scheme with the name “international long-term youth co-operation projects” maintains the spirit of the Annual Work Plans, supporting international long-term youth co-operation projects lasting up to 18 months, that promote and develop international understanding and solidarity and contribute to the promotion of human rights and democracy. Application forms and guidelines have been adapted to reflect the changes, please see the [guide](#) to the grants of the European Youth Foundation for the detailed information.

Q27: We are currently planning a longer-term project that we intend to start in 2027. Could you please advise whether there will be a call or deadline later this year as well (e.g. in autumn) for projects of this nature?

A: There will be another call for proposals launched in September to support international long-term youth co-operation projects in 2027. Applicants will be informed of the decision on the grants by December 2026.

Q28: What is the connection of the long-term projects to the eligibility for structural grants?

A: The call indicates that the international youth organisation or international network of youth organisations who is awarded a grant under this call will be able to use this grant as “two international activities” in view of the eligibility for structural grants 2028-2029.

Q29: In relation to the budget, is it correct that we must submit the budget form with the detail of the foreseen use of the EYF grant only, and then a full budget in another file, for which we can use our own template?

A: This is correct.

Q30: What are indirect eligible costs?

A: These are costs that may occur and are not covered by other budget lines. It is an automated calculation of 7% for which no proof will be needed at reporting stage.

Q31: Does the co-funding need to meet a specific threshold of the grant?

A: No. The applicant needs to declare the co-funding it will have and need to have some co-funding as co-funding is a principle in all EYF grants. However, there is no specific threshold.

Q32: What does in kind co-funding refer to?

A: In-kind contributions can cover services offered to the project by individuals or entities, spaces made available for the project to be used, equipment offered to the project, or the time of volunteers involved in the project.

Q33: What kind of information is needed when reporting on multiplier activities?

A: You will need to provide the agreement made between the grantee organisation and the participant or entity receiving the funds for the multiplier action, and any other relevant proof according to the national legislation. Then, you need to provide information on the results coming from the multiplier actions, such as lists of participants, a narrative report of the results achieved etc. For the financial report, you will have to provide the signed agreement and a proof of payment.

Q34: How do we estimate the travel costs at application stage?

A: At application stage, you need to make an average estimate of travel costs per person. During implementation, once you know who the participants and team members are, you will need to use the distance calculator to check whether you are underspending or overspending on the travel line. Adjustments in the use of the grant are possible in the implementation phase, as per the Guide to the EYF grants.

Q35: If we are an international youth organisation or international network of youth organisations, do we need to indicate all our members as partners in the call application section Partners?

A: No. As an international youth organisation or international network of youth organisations, all your members appear in your profile of NGO as registered with the EYF. You need to indicate in the section Partners other external partners.

Q36: If we make our submission by email and it ends up in spam, is there something we can do?

A: You may contact the EYF just after the submission to make sure it was well received.