

Call for proposals for international long-term youth co-operation projects in 2027 (2027.C6.B)

Questions & Answers

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Q1: Can a national NGO apply as the lead applicant, or is it strictly required to be registered as an international NGO/network? Furthermore, when assessing "youth NGO" status, do certain criteria carry more weight (e.g., is there a specific expected percentage of under-30s in the governing board, or is a formal youth membership mandatory)?

A: According to section 5.1 Eligibility criteria of the [call for proposal overview document](#), for the long-term co-operation projects' call, a national organisation is not eligible to apply with a proposal, this is only open to international youth NGO or international network of youth organisations registered with the EYF.

Q2: Can a youth organisation based in Kosovo* formally register with the EYF? If not, can they still participate in the project as a non-registered partner?

A: No, an organisation that is not based in one of the 46 member states of the Council of Europe is not eligible to apply to the EYF. They can be additional partners to the minimum number of partners, however for the long-term co-operation projects, partnership is not required, the project can be implemented by the international NGO/network by itself.

Q3: How does the Secretariat practically assess the "majority of activities" (e.g., by number of activities, duration, or budget)? Does each major activity need to involve participants from 7 CoE member states, or is it sufficient if the 7-country minimum is met across the project as a whole?

A: According to section 2.4 Participants of the [call for proposal overview document](#), the majority of the participants need to comply to the criteria mentioned therein. A long-term co-operation project should be comprised of at least an international one-off activity, for which the minimum of 7-country rule applies as a must. This activity needs to be part of a broader project proposal, along with other types of activities such as campaigns, advocacy projects, production of educational and other resources, research, support for local activities or regional initiatives. See section 2.2 Type of activities in the aforementioned document.

Check the [Guide to the EYF grants](#) to better understand what we mean by this type of project grant. Additionally you could visit our website to get a better understanding on the type of projects that have already received funding for this type of grants: [What are we supporting in 2026? - European Youth Foundation](#)

The Secretariat assesses this criterion across the whole project flow, as well as specifically in the one-off international activity-activities within the project.

Q4: Must the 7 countries be represented by formal partner organisations, or is it acceptable to invite individual participants/youth groups from those countries without establishing formal partnerships?

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A: The 7-country representation refers to country of residence of participants. They do not need to be formally represented by an organisation in partnership with the main applicant NGO.

Q5: Adequate Country Representation: What defines "adequate representation"? Would a distribution where 3 states have a larger group of participants, while the remaining 4 states have only 1-2 participants, be acceptable if justified by the project design?

A: Adequate country representation means a balanced geographical representation. If a certain number of countries are overrepresented in the participants, then it would need to be justified by the project design. As a rule of thumb, it is proposed to consider similar number of participants from different countries, so as to ensure the follow-up to the project equally happens in different countries and contexts.

Q6: Do participants from Kosovo* count towards the required minimum of 7 CoE member states, or are they considered "outside CoE"? For any non-CoE participants, what specific justification is expected, and is there a cap on their overall percentage in the project?

A: No, participants from Kosovo* do not count towards the minimum threshold of 7-country representation, since Kosovo* is not a member state of the Council of Europe.

Q7: Do project team members, facilitators, and trainers count as "participants" when calculating both the 7-state requirement and the 75% under-30 age threshold?

A: No. Team members, facilitators, trainers do not count in the participants' requirements. A multicultural team, however, is required to implement this project. That is generally made up of members from at least 4 countries.

Q8: Is a proposal eligible if it builds on the methodology, results, and network of an existing Erasmus+ project, provided the new activities are complementary and do not duplicate funded costs?

A: In principle, yes. Nevertheless, you would need to explain how your project is bringing added value to the EYF priorities, since the EYF and Erasmus+ are different donor entities and may not have the same objectives and priorities.

Q9: Must the minimum 4 programme days of the international youth meeting be consecutive and fully in-person? Additionally, can online preparatory, follow-up, and evaluation meetings be considered part of the long-term project and covered by the EYF grant?

A: Yes, the four-day programme is an in-person programme. Preparation, follow-up and evaluation are already generally part of a project cycle, so they can/are considered as part of the long-term project.

Q10: Since formal school programmes are excluded, are activities involving secondary-school student parliaments eligible if participation is strictly voluntary and extracurricular? Can the project include training youth to mentor these parliaments?

A: Yes.

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Q11: Is there a minimum expected percentage for co-financing? How should in-kind contributions (such as the use of premises or organisational resources) be accurately valued and evidenced?

A: There is no minimum percentage for the co-funding requirement. In kind contributions are accepted on the basis of a declaration of honour.

Q12: If an organisation's staff time is partly financed by another donor (e.g., Erasmus+), what evidence or methodology is required to prove that the staff time declared as EYF co-funding is distinct and not double-funded?

A: According to the principle of avoidance of double-funding, when building up your project budget, do not fund the same staff member's salary of a particular period both from the other donor and from the EYF. It is still considered as double funding if the time spent working refers to the same project. In the budget table, the calculations method should be indicated, and is generally reflect in the form of: Gross salary / number of working days * number of days worked on the project.

Grantee organisations may be audited on the basis of the declarations they make in their proposals and reports.

Q13: While we note that only international NGOs/networks are eligible to apply, could you please clarify how the Secretariat evaluates the "youth NGO" status? Do certain criteria carry more weight (e.g., is there a specific expected percentage of under-30s in the governing board, or is a formal youth membership mandatory)?

A: The EYF supports only youth-led NGOs. The answers to what constitute a youth-led organisation according to the EYF can be found in the "[Guide to the grants of the EYF](#)" and in the [EYF Operational Regulations](#), both of which are public documents on our website.

Q14: We understand that participants from Kosovo* and other non-CoE countries do not count toward the 7-country minimum threshold. For any non-CoE participants we plan to include, what specific narrative justification is expected? Furthermore, is there a maximum cap (percentage limit) on their overall inclusion in the project?

A: There is no specific limit towards the non-CoE participants. There is a narrative part where the applicant is required to explain the profile of its participants, this justification should be included there. A suitable justification can be that your organisation already has partnerships with Kosovo* or there are member organisations there.

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