

European Youth Foundation

Supporting Young People in Europe



**Dedicated
to youth**

Dialogue
Opportunity
Community
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All heart
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Professional



THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

— The Council of Europe (CoE) – with 47 member states and a combined population of over 800 million people – was set up in 1949 to ensure the atrocities of World War II never happen again. Its work is unique in that everything it does is based on its core values: human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

— It is the only organisation in the world where youth leaders make decisions side by side with government representatives on youth priorities, programmes and policies.

WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION ?

— The European Youth Foundation (EYF), set up in 1972, plays a pivotal role in the Council of Europe's work to encourage co-operation between young people in Europe and to facilitate their active participation in civil society and political decision-making.

— For over 40 years the EYF has been providing assistance and funding for youth activities which promote human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity. It gives young people a voice in political and democratic life and the tools they need to function effectively in today's diverse societies.





WANT TO KNOW OUR FIGURES ?

Each year the EYF, based at the Council of Europe's Strasbourg European Youth Centre, allocates some €3 million for youth projects.

The EYF supports one youth activity for every working day in Europe – 300 grants involving over 15,000 young people a year. More than 370,000 young Europeans have benefited directly from EYF-funded projects.

WHAT'S NEW ?

Re-structured in 2013, the EYF's role in helping to shape the activities it funds has been strengthened. EYF staff is on hand to provide friendly advice and guidance and to evaluate content and methodology. They want to know what applicants aim to achieve and the impact and results of their projects.

As the EYF budget is made up of public money, all applications are analysed in detail and evaluated to ensure transparency and accountability and to prevent fraud. Grants have to be reimbursed (in full or in part) in the case of irregularities or errors and additional sanctions apply in cases of fraud.

The EYF's new interactive website – <http://eyf.coe.int> – includes fun and informative tools as well as a host of learning materials provided by us and registered organisations.

WHO CAN APPLY ?

- ▶ International youth NGOs present in at least 7 member states
- ▶ International networks of youth NGOs from at least 7 member states
- ▶ Regional networks of youth NGOs from 4-6 member states
- ▶ National youth NGOs based in a member state
- ▶ Local youth NGOs based in a member state



These organisations must be non-profit-making and non-governmental, with their own statutes, be run by and for young people aged 15-30 and be doing work in line with Council of Europe values.

WHAT DO WE SUPPORT ?

The EYF backs activities, studies, research, materials and documentation – in line with Council of Europe values and work. The activities must usually be held in one or more of the EYF's member states.

Projects must be designed to:

- ▶ strengthen peace and co-operation;
- ▶ promote closer co-operation and understanding among young people;
- ▶ encourage information exchange;
- ▶ stimulate mutual aid.

They must also fit the current priorities of the Council of Europe's youth sector (see website for details).

... AND NOT SUPPORT ?

- ▶ Commercial projects
- ▶ Construction or purchase of equipment or buildings
- ▶ Tourist activities
- ▶ Sports activities
- ▶ Statutory meetings
- ▶ Activities within school or university programmes
- ▶ Scholarships
- ▶ Activities limited to vocational training



WHAT DO WE OFFER ?

There are four categories of grant open to different types of organisations:

- ▶ International activities (open to all except local NGOs)
- ▶ Structural grants (not open to national and local NGOs)
- ▶ Pilot activities (not open to international NGOs/networks)
- ▶ Annual work plans (only open to international NGOs/networks, can include pilot activities)

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN ?

Registration

Applicants must first register their organisation with the EYF.

Application

If registration is validated, applicants must ensure their applications are complete and detailed prior to submission.

Decision

Decisions for international activities, work plans and structural grants are taken in June and December each year. For pilot activities, decisions are taken every 2-3 months. All decisions are available through the website.

Notification

Grant acceptance forms listing a set of conditions for payment are sent to successful applicants and 80% of the grant is paid approximately 10 weeks before the activity starts.

Evaluation

Activity and financial reports must be sent to the EYF two months after the activity ends. The remaining 20% of the grant is only paid once the EYF has received satisfactory reports.

All deadlines and further information are listed on the website.

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The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 47 member states, 28 of which are members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.

