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EYT2025 Call for Proposals ERASMUS-YOUTH-2025-YOUTH-TOG

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Info Day - Welcome and introduction



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EYT2025 | Agenda (ppt will be updated for 14/01 info session)

Time		Topic	
	09:00-09:15	Connection of participants	
	09:15-09:20	Welcome and introduction	
		Margaux Genachte, Head of Sector, EACEA.A5.001	
	09:20-09:35	Policy context	
		Charalampos PAPAIOANNOU, Policy Officer, EAC.B.3.002	
	09:35-10:05	Presentation of the Call features	
		Laura Ventura, Project Adviser, EACEA.A5.001	
	10:05-10:40	Q&A session (and comfort break 10 minutes)	
	10:40-11:10	Key elements of good quality	
	11:10-11:30	Projects' testimonies	
	11:30-12:00	Q&A session	
	12:00-12:05	Closing remarks Margaux Genachte, Head of Sector, EACEA.A5.001	



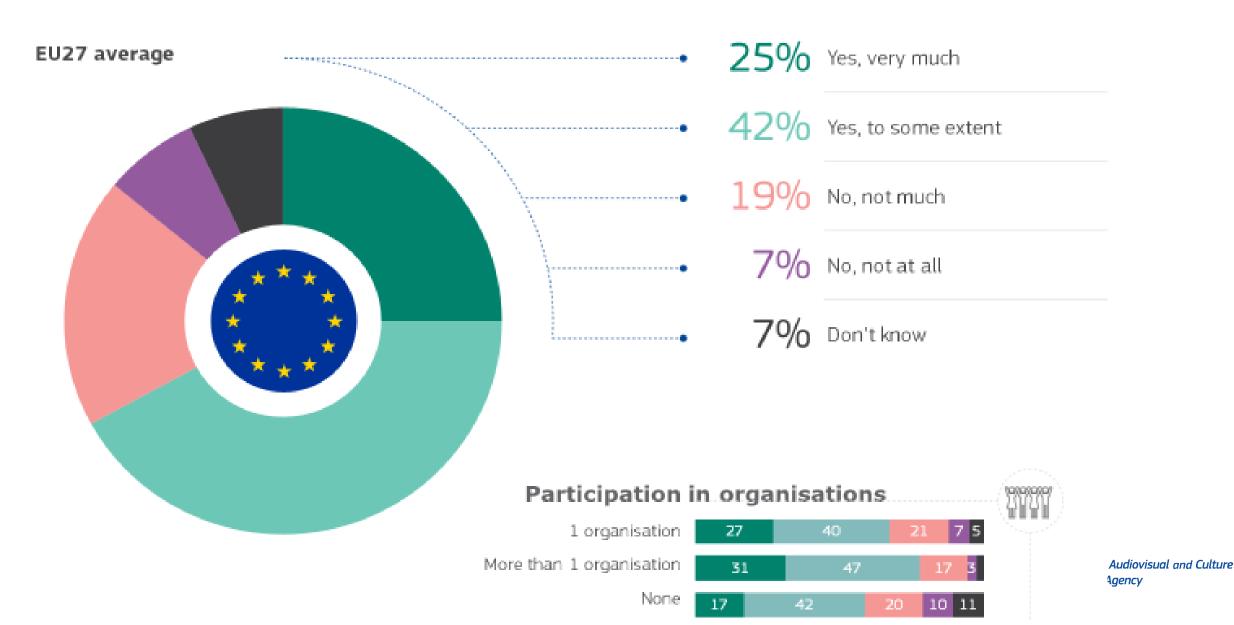
Youth policy updates

Erasmus+ European Youth Together – Infodays 2025

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DG EAC.B3 - Youth and Volunteer Solidarity, Policy Officer

Would you say that actions taken by the EU have an impact on your daily life or not?



Communication on the European Year of youth – way forward

- 1. Giving young people a stronger voice in EU policymaking (14 actions)
 - Youth check: making full use of Better Regulation and consultation tools
 - Mobilising dialogue and mainstreaming instruments under the 2019-2027 EU Youth Strategy
- 2. Addressing youth concerns across policy areas (46 actions)





Youth check

- 1. Assessment of youth relevance
- **2. Youth consultations** for youth-relevant initiatives
- 3. Impact assessment drawing on relevant BR tools
- 4. Scrutiny by Regulatory Scrutiny Board

The youth check will be applied to the 2025 Commission Work Programme (Annex I initiatives).



EU Youth Stakeholders Group

Members – MS, national youth councils, European youth organisations, youth researchers, EU institutions

The Group will:

- exchange knowledge and good practices in engaging, connecting, and empowering young people
- 2. facilitate the Commission 'youth check' process
- 3. help improve understanding of the needs and concerns of young people and youth organisations
- 4. serve as a sounding board and an incubator of ideas and actions

Main findings of the evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy



	The EU Youth Strategy has/was	Scope to
EFFECTIVENESS & EFFICIENCY	 Promoted active citizenship and social inclusion. Strengthened the focus on youth in EU policymaking. Encouraged participation in the EU Youth Dialogue and the EU youth programmes. Proven cost-effective, with reasonable administrative burden. 	 Boost the EU Youth Dialogue. Accelerate youth mainstreaming at EU (youth check) and national levels. Simplify Member States' reporting.
RELEVANCE & COHERENCE	 Relevant to many challenges of young people. Boosted by the European Year of Youth 2022. Operated in synergy with many EU policies. Reflected some UN Sustainable Development Goals. 	 Tackle more visibly the youth impact of some new/resurging challenges. Communicate more about synergies and youth mainstreaming.
EU ADDED VALUE	 Contributed to knowledge sharing. Inspired national and international youth policy development. Promoted collective responsibility and holistic approaches to youth challenges. 	 A discontinuation would: Decrease the importance of youth issues for decision-makers. Slow down progress in national youth policy development. Limit cross-sectoral cooperation at EU level.



Strengthening the EU Youth Dialogue

- Increase the impact
- Increase visibility and awareness
- Increase diversity and involve more young people

4th European Youth Work Convention, Malta, 27 - 30 May 2025

- Youth Work as a catalyst for societal change. The 4th EYWC will foster
 collaboration among youth work stakeholders across Europe,
 enhancing impact, quality, and recognition, while promoting
 innovative, empowering approaches to address youth work challenges.
- Building on past Conventions and strategic initiatives. The 4th EYWC, guided by past Conventions and the European Youth Work Agenda, aligns with the EU Youth Strategy. This approach ensures continuity, adapting youth work to current needs while building on established frameworks for future progress.



Overview of the new Commission's main priorities in the field of youth



'Reuniting our societies, supporting our young people'

- --> 3 broad principles
- 1. The Commission will **ensure that decisions taken today do not harm to future generations** and that there is increased solidarity and engagement between people of different ages.
- 2. The Political Guidelines include a commitment to giving young people greater freedom and responsibility within societies
- 3. The Commission will try to make sure that young people can use their voice their own voice to help shape our future.

Nomination letter to the Commissioner-designate for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport

- To prepare a Strategy on Intergenerational Fairness
- To follow-up on the European Year of Youth, including the youth check.
- To take forward initiatives to ensure that young people can use their voice to help shape the future, including the annual Youth Policy Dialogues
- To help set up the **President's Youth Advisory Board.**
- To lead the work on an action plan against cyberbullying & broader impacts of social media.
- To implement the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child



Erasmus+ interim evaluation

- Overall success
 - Volume of mobilities
 - Improved skills and competencies
 - Influence on policy and practice
- Broad support for objectives, structure, actions, horizontal priorities

Adoption expected end Q1 2025



European Solidarity Corps interim evaluation

- The programme remains relevant and plays an essential role
- It offers volunteering opportunities that resonate with the Commission's political priorities
- It is the only alternative for volunteering and solidarity in some countries
- Adoption expected end of 2024 or early 2025



Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU

- Focus on Rural youth in line with Youth Goal 3: Inclusive societies
- Council Resolution on the role of youth work in an empowering Europe
- Council Conclusions (CCs) on Inclusive societies for young people
- CCs on Policy agendas on children, youth and children's rights
- CCs on the Legacy of the European Year of Youth



Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU

- Focus on Rural youth in line with Youth Goal 3: Inclusive societies
- Conclusions on providing 'glocal' opportunities for young people living in rural and remote areas
- Council Resolution on the EU Youth Strategy work plan 2025-2027

Youth policy priorities for the next Trio Presidency (PL-DK-CY)-"Connect EU with youth"

Youth Goal 1: Connecting EU with youth

to foster the sense of youth belonging to the European project and build a bridge between the EU and young people to regain trust and increase participation.



11th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue period 2025-2027 (PL, DK, CY)

Youth Goal 1: Connecting EU with Youth Foster the sense of youth belonging to the European project and build a bridge between the EU and young people to regain trust and increase participation.

 Background: An increasing number of young people lack trust in the EU, encounter difficulties in understanding its principles, values, and functioning. Democratic deficits in EU processes have also been identified as one of the

reasons for rising Euroscepticism among young people.



11th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue Youth Goal 1: Connecting EU with Youth

•PL Presidency focus:

- Build young people's confidence in the EU project by addressing the democratic deficit, lack of transparency and visibility.
- •• Ensure meaningful youth involvement and dialogue at all stages of EU decision-making by improving existing participation mechanisms and creating new ones.

Erasmus+ Programme Priorities

- Main Priorities
 - Inclusive Erasmus+
 - Inclusion and Diversity Strategy
 - Green Erasmus+
 - European Green Deal Communication
 - Digital Erasmus+
 - <u>Digital Education Action Plan</u>
 - Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement
 - Youth Participation Strategy

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More information on the **European Youth Portal**

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Setting up a 'European Youth Together' project



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Key Action 3: Support to policy development and cooperation

- Provides support to policy cooperation at European Union level, thereby contributing to the development of new policies, which can trigger **modernisation** and **reforms**, at European Union, and systems' level, in the fields of education, training youth and sport.
 - European Youth Together
- European Youth Together projects aim to create networks promoting regional partnerships, to be run in close cooperation with young people from across Europe (EU Member States and third countries associated to the programme).
- Call requirements in Part B of the Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2025

https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide

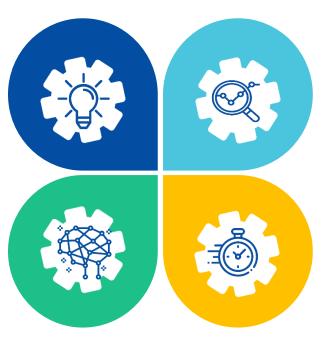


EYT2025 | Before you begin...

Shape your idea & your partnership

- Is your project idea creating genuine opportunities for and with young people across Europe?
- Do you understand the key features of the call, its policy context and what has been funded previously? Is your idea truly relevant to the call? Why is it worth EU funding?
- Is the idea shared by your partnership? Why
 do you think you are the right partnership to
 answer these challenges?
- How will it be put into practice? Do you have sufficient resources & expertise in setting up a project in line with standard project management methodologies (e.g. see EC's open source PM² project management methodology guide)?
- Can you craft a solid proposal jointly with your partners answering well the call award criteria?

Understand the application process & Manage time wisely



- Identify & locate key information on the FTOP call page & Erasmus+ Programme Guide
- Take the time to understand the different steps of submission, how the application form and annexes are constructed – read them more than once
- Register in the Participant Portal
- It is a time-intensive process and will require dedicated staff time
- Allow time for drafting and reviewing the texts
- Don't wait until the last minute of the last day before submitting the application!

EYT2025 | Setting up a project...

Identification & Initiation

- Identify a problem, need or opportunity that you can address with your project idea in the context of the call
- Identify the key activities and the main outcomes that can be expected from the
- project
- Map the relevant stakeholders and potential partners
- Formulate the project's objective(s)
- Ensure the project's alignment to the participating organisations' strategic objectives
- Undertake some initial planning to get the project off to a good start, and put together the information required to continue to the next phase

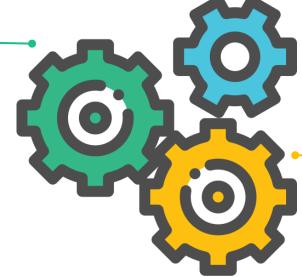
Preparation, design & planning

- Specify the project scope and appropriate approach, decide on a schedule for the tasks involved
- Estimate the necessary resources and develop the detail of the project e.g. needs assessment; define sound objectives and impact indicators (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound)
- Identify project and learning outcomes
- Develop the work programme, activity formats, expected impact, estimated overall budget
- Prepare a project implementation plan including strategic aspects of project governance, monitoring, quality control, reporting and dissemination of results
- Define practical arrangements and confirmation of the target group(s) for the envisaged activities
- Set-up agreements with partners and writing the proposal



EYT2025 | Admissibility criteria 1/4

Drafted in one of the EU official languages



In time:

Applications must be sent no later than the deadline for submitting applications as indicated in the call:

See the Funding & Tenders Portal

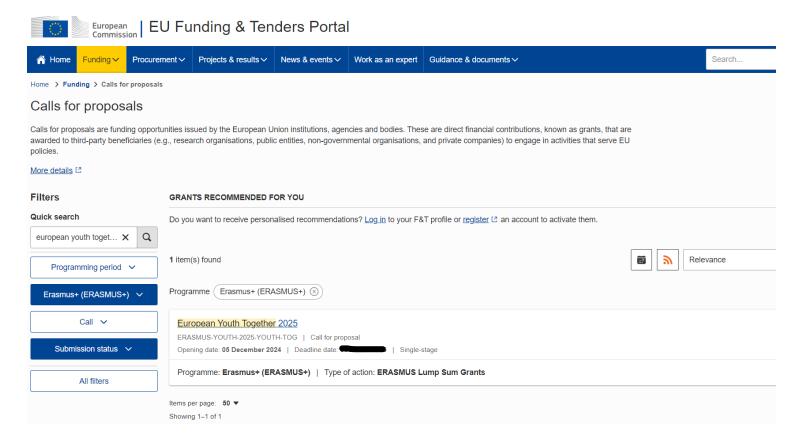
Applications must be submitted electronically via the Funding & Tenders Portal Electronic Submission System:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home.

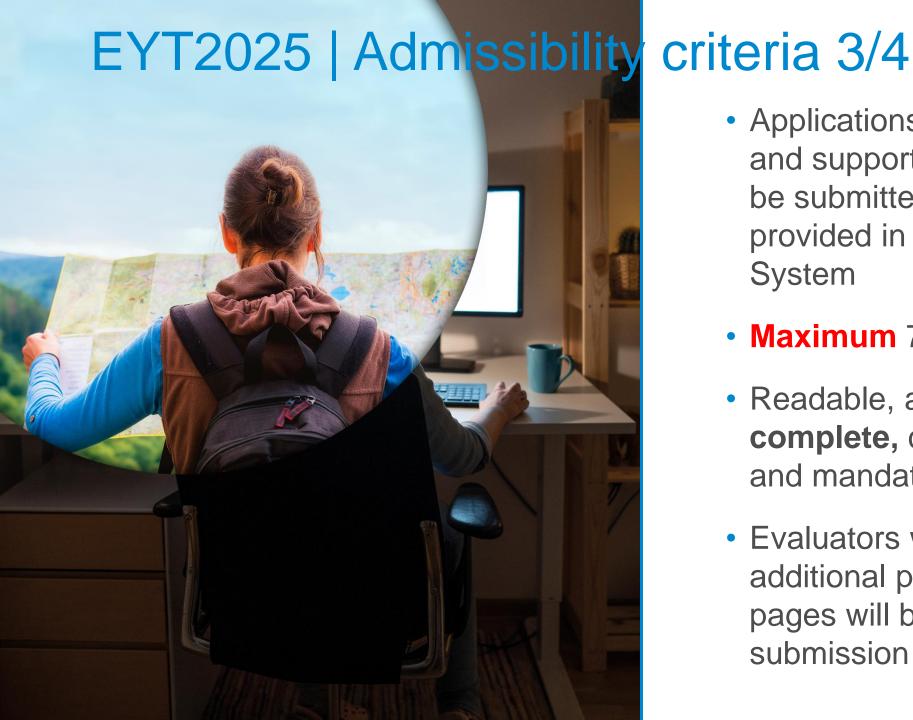


EYT2025 | Admissibility criteria 2/4

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal







- Applications (including annexes and supporting documents) must be submitted using the forms provided in the Submission System
- Maximum 70 pages
- Readable, accessible and complete, containing all parts and mandatory annexes
- Evaluators will not consider any additional pages and excess pages will be blanked by the submission system

EYT2025 | Admissibility criteria 4/4

Proposals must be complete and contain all the requested information and all required annexes and supporting documents:

Application Form Part A — contains:

- administrative information about the participants (future coordinator, beneficiaries) and

 the summarised budget for the project (to be filled in directly online) Application Form Part B — contains:

- the technical
description of the
project (to be
downloaded from the Portal
Submission System,
completed and then
assembled and reuploaded)

Part C KPIs dynamic form containing additional project data: priorities and eligibility information

EYT2025 | Eligibility criteria

Who can apply?

- √ (E)NGOs working in the field of Youth
- ✓ Public authorities at local, regional, national level

Legally established & located in Erasmus+ Programme Countries

Who can participate?

- ✓ Any organisation, public or private, with its affiliated entities (if any), working with or for young people outside formal settings (e.g. NGO, national Youth Council, education or research institution, foundation)
- ✓ The added-value of for-profit organisations must be demonstrated

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Minimum of 5 partners from at least 5 Erasmus+ Programme Countries

Venue of activities: Activities must take place in Erasmus+ Programme Countries

Duration of project: 24 months

Budget: The maximum grant amount cannot exceed EUR 500,000

Multiple submissions: The same organisation can submit only one application by the deadline.

Deadline: Applicants have to submit their grant application by submission system on the Funding & Tender Opportunities portal.

through the call



EYT2025 | Eligible Countries



The following Erasmus+ Programme countries are eligible:

Legend

EU Member States

EU countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. EFTA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway







Candidate countries with established framework agreements to their participation in EU Programmes: North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey









EYT2025 | EU Budget & Eligibility









Call Budget

8,000,000 € approx. 20 to 30 proposals funded

EU grant per project

Maximum 500,000 € as lump sum contribution type II

Partnership

Min. 5 eligible organisations from 5 different Erasmus+ Programme Countries and from different areas - EWNS axis

Project Duration

24 months Start date expected in Q4 2024/ by M1 2025

EU co-financing

80 % of the total costs



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EYT2025 | Learning from existing projects & finding solid partners



Erasmus+ Programme

Results platform*

includes all Erasmus+
 projects (selected every year at national and
 European level)



EYT 2018-2024 projects portfolio

Erasmus+ Programme Results platform* for project summaries and results funded before 2020

Funding & Tender Opportunities
Portal (F&TP) for project summaries if
funded as of 2021 (see Funded projects
lists under each yearly call)



Partner search functionality on the on the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal (F&TP)

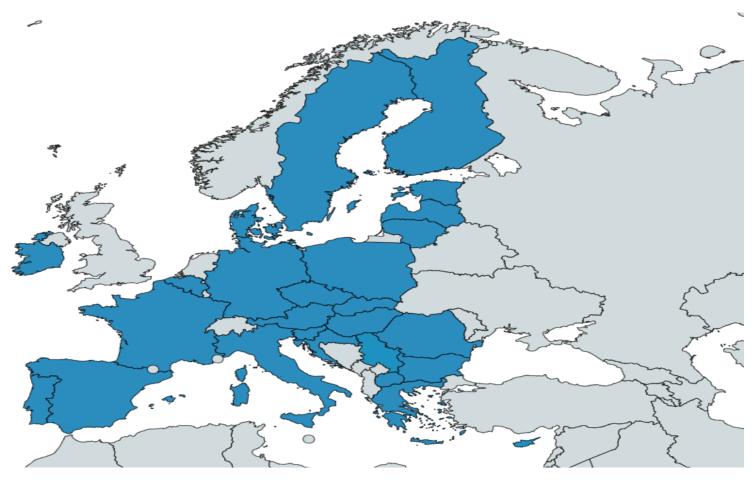
OTLAS partner finding tool developed by SALTO



EYT projects 2018-2024 - Funding spread

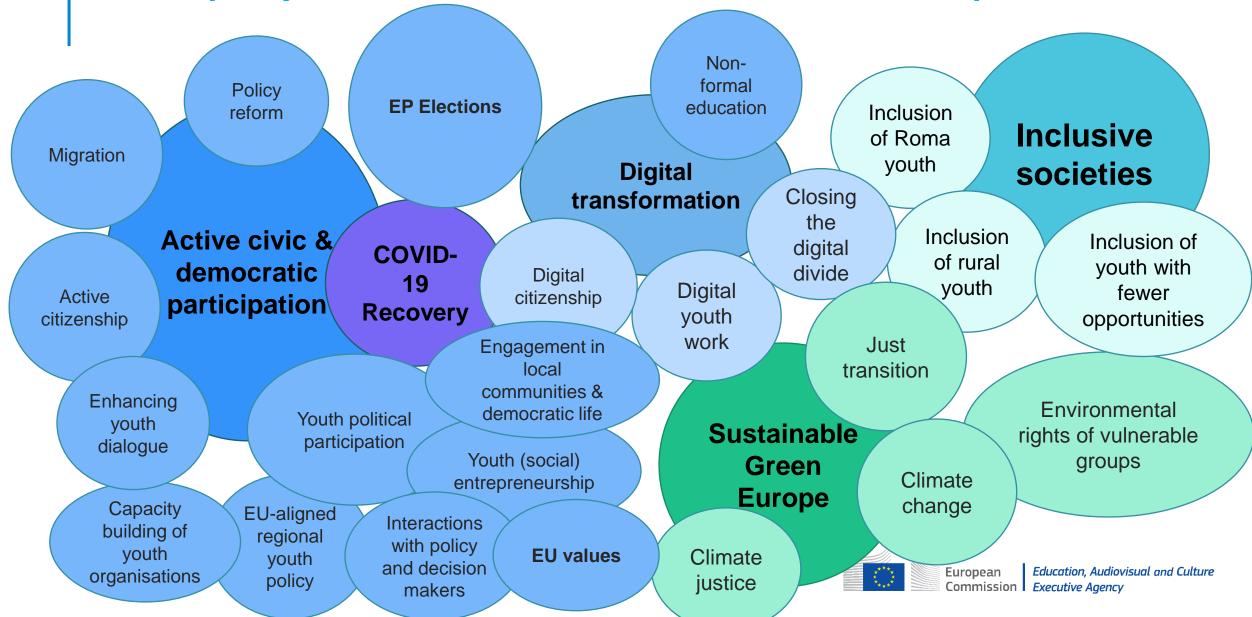


304 organisations from 28
Erasmus+ Programme
countries funded for
approx. 34 million EUR





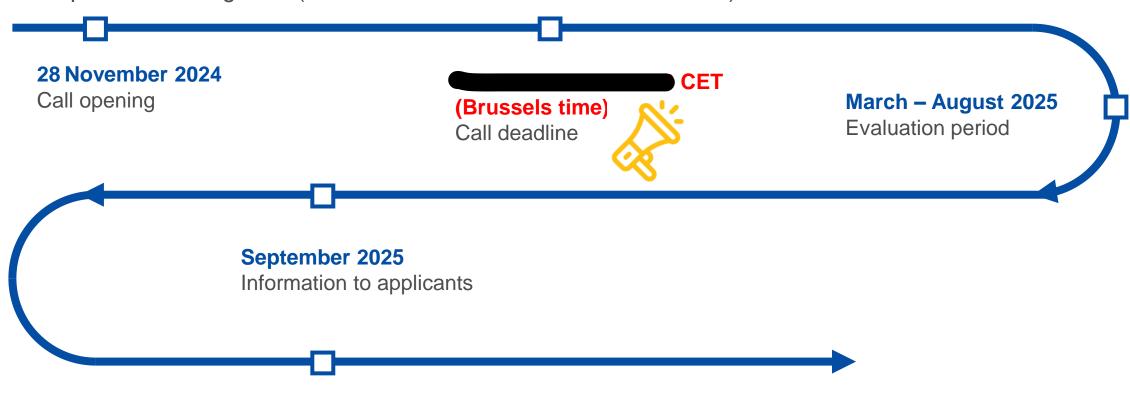
EYT projects 2018-2024 - Thematic spread



EYT2025 | Timeline

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal

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September - November 2025

Signature of grant agreement



Key elements of good quality 'European Youth Together' proposals



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EYT2025 | Elements of a strong project proposal



Coherent, explicit

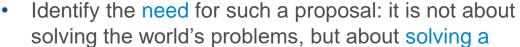
- It makes sense in its entirety: keep a structure to maintain your train of thoughts to ensure consistency & logical flow from one section to another
- Showcases joint effort and ownership, checked & verified by all partners before the coordinator submits the proposal on behalf of the consortium
- Do not take anything for granted: if it is not stated in the application it cannot be taken into account

Simple, focussed

- Keep it legible: better a few well-chosen words than long/vague explanations
- Keep your language simple, avoid jargon and abbreviations or else explain them







specific issue of EU added value

Concrete, evidence-based, targeted

- Specify the problems, solutions, tangible outcomes & target groups
- Ex-ante needs analysis, state of the art
- Use examples, justify your statements, bring proofs

Rigorous, skilled

- Quality level of the application is the basis on which your project will be implemented & the cornerstone of your partnership commitment
- Realistic planning & budget aligned with activities (which activities, when, for how long, and with what resources)
- Puts forward skilled project management & partnership mix based on strong cooperation mechanisms





EYT2025 | General Call Objectives

- O Supporting youth networks enabling young people across Europe to set up joint projects, organise exchanges and promote trainings for youth leaders and youth workers and allow for young people themselves to set up joint projects
- Targeting NGOs (not for profit) and public bodies to mobilise young people in transnational partnerships involving both youth organisations at grass root level & larger organisations, aiming to reinforce the European dimension of their activities
- O Thematic priorities: working with and promoting the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027 and the European Youth Goals, the legacy of the European Year of Youth 2022, the outcomes of the 'Conference of the Future of Europe'
- Youth networks should consider ways of forging solidarity and inclusiveness in the recovery of the youth sector from the COVID-19 crisis

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EYT2025 | Specific Call Objectives (1/2)

- Strengthen partnerships between different youth organisations focusing on solidarity and inclusive democratic participation of all in line with the EU Youth Strategy, the EU Youth Goals, the EU Youth Dialogue and the European Year of Youth 2022 legacy
- Promotion of the six core EU values that form the basis of our society: Respect for human dignity; Freedom; Democracy; Equality, Rule of law and Respect for human rights, including those of minorities
- Encourage young people to participate in the democratic process and in society, showcasing commonalities among young Europeans and encouraging debate on their connection to the EU, its values and democratic foundations e.g. events linked to the promotion of participation of under-represented groups such as vulnerable and socio-economic disadvantaged youth

EYT2025 | Specific Call Objectives (2/2)

- New ways to empower youth organisations e.g. Innovative ways of cooperation and network creation, development and management; collaboration between youth organisations in a digital context through non-formal learning methods and organisational models such as alternative modes of exchanges and mutual aid
- Reinforcement of the European dimension of the activities of grassroots youth organisations e,g. activities on how to live better together and helping to design sustainable future ways of living transnationally, in line with the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus initiative

EYT2025 | Expected Contribution to EU Youth Policy

- Contributions to the 'Engage-Connect-Empower' priorities of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- Linking outcomes of youth projects & initiatives to policy development (the European Youth Goals, the EU Youth Dialogue, the European Year of Youth 2022 legacy and other youth debate projects and opinion surveys related to the future of Europe such as the European Youth Work Agenda) at local/regional/national/European level
- Improving the involvement of young people in democratic life & their engagement with decision makers (empowerment, new skills, involvement of young people in project design)
- Improving the capacity of the youth sector active at grassroots level to work transnationally, promoting transnational learning and cooperation between young people and decision makers
- Upscaling existing best practices and outreach beyond the regular network(s) e.g. making good use of digital means to stay connected under all circumstances
- Promoting results in an effective and attractive way among young people involved in youth organisations, and also among youngsters who are not affiliated to youth structures or those with fewer opportunities



EYT2025 | Award criteria

30%

1. Relevance of the project

30%

2. Quality of the project design and implementation

20%

3. Quality of the partnership and cooperation arrangements

20% 4. Impact

To be considered for funding:

- 1. At least the threshold of **60% of the total score** (i.e aggregate score of the 4 award criteria).
- 2. At least the threshold of **50% of each criterion**.

Priorities for ranking ex-aequo proposals:

- 1. Highest individual score on the award criterion 'Relevance'.
- 2. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the combined criteria 'Quality'.
- 3. When these scores are equal, priority will be based on their scores for the criterion 'Impact'.



EYT2025 | Relevance (30 points)

- ✓ Purpose and EU added value: the proposal establishes and develops an EU added value project that supports policies at EU level relevant for youth i.e. EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, the legacy of the European Year of Youth 2022 and the European Youth Work Agenda
- ✓ EU Values: the proposal is relevant for the respect and promotion of shared EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as fighting any sort of discrimination
- ✓ Objectives: the proposal objectives are SMART and relevant to <u>at least one</u> of the general / specific objectives; they address issues relevant to the participating organisations and of a clear added value to the chosen target groups
- ✓ Needs: the proposal demonstrates that it is based on a thorough needs assessment verifiable facts and figures relevant to all countries and organisations in the consortium & linked to the concrete realities of applicants, partners and target groups
- ✓ Youth engagement: the proposal demonstrates an active engagement with a <u>diverse youth</u> population including those from remote/rural areas and/or with fewer opportunities

EYT2025 | Relevance | Where to address this?

Chapters 1.1; 1.2; 1.3 of the application (<u>Standard application form</u>
 (<u>ERASMUS LSII</u>) – Technical Description (PART B))

- 1. RELEVANCE
- 1.1 Background and general objectives
- 1.2 Needs analysis and specific objectives
- 1.3 Complementarity with other actions and innovation European added value

EYT2025 | Youth target group (1/2)

Target Group

Who is this project for? Problem

Is your target group clearly defined & visible throughout your proposal?

Is your target group diverse enough i.e. including youth with fewer opportunities?

What problem are they experiencing?

What are their needs?

Objectives

How can you address this problem to bring solutions and meet these needs?

Are the objectives clearly defined, realistic and address issues relevant to the participating organisations and target groups?



EYT2025 | Youth target group (2/2)

- Youth engagement: active engagement with a <u>diverse youth</u> population including those from remote/rural areas and/or with fewer opportunities
- Consider the minorities/people with fewer opportunities you have access to & demonstrate you promote inclusion and youth diversity in your proposal:
 - What type of groups will you engage with and why are they relevant to the project? Is their inclusion credible?
 - How will you perform outreach to these groups? Have you considered obstacles to their participation? Are these reflected in your risk management strategy?
 - What will be their role in the project activities? How will you will select participants and engage with them?
 - What practical arrangements are needed in the activities planned with these participants (i.e. to facilitate their access, take into account special needs, impact on budget)?

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Needs analysis

"the proposal demonstrates that it is based on a thorough needs assessment based as far as possible on verifiable facts and figures supported by general and specific data relevant to all countries and organisations in the consortium. A clear needs analysis linking to the concrete realities of applicants, partners and target groups is expected."



Needs analysis

This is not a project activity!

Already completed:

forms part of the application

forms the foundation of the project





Needs analysis

Based on **up to date, verifiable facts and figures**: cite, give sources, evidence from own research conducted

Evaluations

"The needs analysis is confined to a **short narrative of the needs**, lacking in verifiable facts and figures."

"The needs analysis is not based on verifiable facts and figures. This is a major limitation."

"However, concrete data and documents that support these needs are not mentioned in the project, which does not help for a complete understanding of the problem (general mentions to 'primary research, reports and learning materials)."



Multi-level needs analysis

"...general and specific data relevant to all countries and organisations in the consortium"

Evaluations

"The needs assessment shows a good grasp of the general and specific conditions that affect European youth. There is, however, less specificity with regards to country-based data, and data pertaining to the organisations involved in the consortium."



"lots of figures and data from Eurostat etc. but not focused on target groups"



Evaluations

"The needs analysis draws on facts and figures from relevant reports from Eurofound, the Council of Europe, and the OECD examining youth concerns and priorities, particularly in the wake of the Covid pandemic, with findings about increasing feelings of exclusion, and voicelessness. This is supported by a local survey (5396 respondents) carried out by the applicant, identifying the specific concerns, priorities, and perceptions of local young people."



Needs ANALYSIS, not Needs Description

Critical engagement with the data

- Why are there gaps in the data?
- What has been done thus far/is being done to address these problems?
- Has 'X' policy worked?
- Why do these problems persist?



Evaluations

"The needs of young people with mental disabilities are clearly articulated and very well justified in the well-argued needs analysis, demonstrating the consortium's understanding of the situation, the gaps in evidence, and highlighting the specific needs of youth with mental disabilities. Problems of the target groups (lack of/denied access to participate in the democratic process and civic life) in the partner countries are appropriately justified."





Target group:

Young people deprived of their liberty, youth from disadvantaged backgrounds

Aim:

Empowerment and engagement of young people in custody

- The VOICE Action
- @voiceeu2021





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EYT2025 | Quality of the project design and implementation (30 points)

- ✓ **Planning:** The proposal is clear, complete and of high quality and includes appropriate phases for preparation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the project based on robust project management methodologies.
- ✓ **Methodology:** The implementation is based on suitable methodologies; the objectives are consistent with the activities and are clearly outlined, with logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions; the work plan is coherent and concrete; there are suitable quality control measures and indicators to ensure that the project will be duly implemented with the required quality, in scope, in time and within budget; there are concrete and suitable risk management and contingency plans.
- ✓ Cost effectiveness: the proposed budget is coherent, detailed enough, suited for the implementation of the project and designed to ensure the best value for money. The resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and deliverables. The budget caters to the needs of grassroots organisations and vulnerable young people in order to encourage their inclusion in the Erasmus+ programme

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EYT2025 | Quality of the project design and implementation | Where to address this?

- O Chapters 2.1.1; 2.1.2; 2.1.3; 2.1.4; 2.1.5 & chapter 4 of the application (Standard application form (ERASMUS LSII) Technical Description (PART B)) as well as the detailed budget table (mandatory annex)
 - 2. QUALITY
 - 2.1 PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION
 - 2.1.1 Concept and methodology
 - 2.1.2 Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

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- 2.1.3 Project teams, staff and experts
- 2.1.4 Cost effectiveness and financial management
- 2.1.5 Risk management
- 4. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING
- 4.1 Work plan
- 4.2 Work packages, activities, resources and timing

Methodology

"Methodology: The implementation is based on suitable methodologies; the objectives are consistent with the activities and are clearly outlined, with logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions"



Explain

What methodology is being used and why?

- Why is it suitable for achieving the project objectives?
- Why is it suitable for youth work or the specific target group?

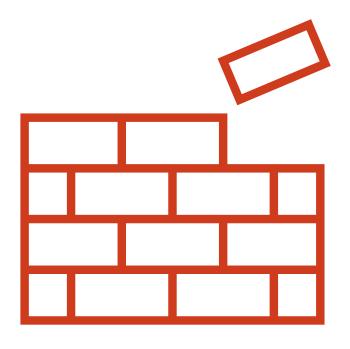
How is the methodology applied in the activities?



Needs analysis as the foundation

Evaluations

"The quality and effectiveness of the project's conceptual and methodological approaches for the proposed activities are not sufficiently specified. With the underdeveloped needs assessment, the logical links between the identified problems and the proposed solutions are not based on sound evidence."



The link between needs, objectives and activities may be clear to you, but not to the experts...

"Less clearly explained in section "2.1.1 Concept and methodology" is the component 2 "research and analysis". Especially, it is not clear why a research component is needed after the needs assessment, and how and to what extent it is different from it."

"It is unclear how producing a cookbook with only a limited number of recipes will promote inclusion and active participation. The proposal thus fails to demonstrate a clear connection between what the young people learn during the cooking workshops and how this will empower them in life."

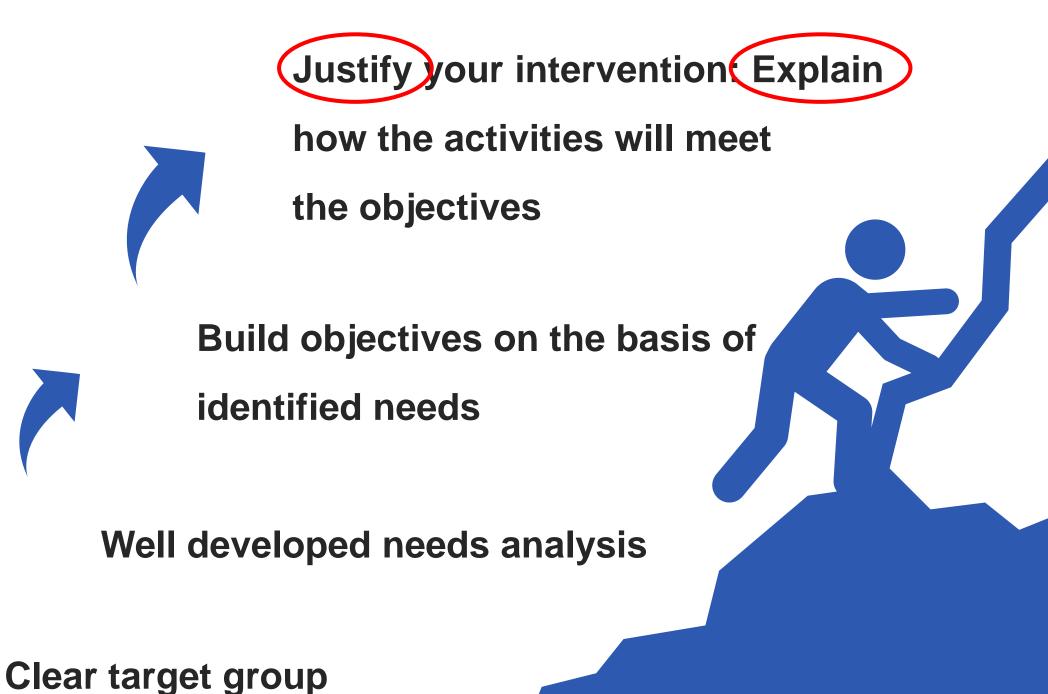
"For example, for "Identification and raising awareness of mobile EU youth participation in local social and democratic life", the proposal does not explain clearly enough how the activities Tasks 1.3 "Study Visit in Greece" and 1.4. "Youth Exchange in Romania" are conducive to the fulfilment of the aims of this work package."

Evaluations

"The proposal follows a clear, logical path in building up the intervention. It is based on the principles of connecting, engaging, and empowering the beneficiaries, through means of action research and the creation of opportunities for a meaningful dialogue with relevant, national and EU level policy stakeholders. However, the links between the intervention at the local level and the desired EU level are not shaped in an equally convincing manner"

Remember: Multi-level system change!







Aim:

 promoted active citizenship among disadvantaged women

Activities:

 leadership workshops, volunteering, Youth and Youth worker exchanges

BUILDING YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AT WORK AND AS CITIZENS:

Policy Recommendations

 2 reports, 3 toolkits and 8 short videos to influence policy and youth work practice on the intersectionality of gender, work and citizenship





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Cost-effectiveness

the proposed budget is coherent, detailed enough, suited for the implementation of the project and designed to ensure the **best value for money.**

The resources assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and

deliverables. The budget caters to the needs of grassroots organisations and

vulnerable young people in order to encourage their inclusion in the Erasmus+ programme".



What is meant by "cost-effectiveness" exactly? 1/2

- √ Value for money
- ✓ Allocation between the partners secured
- ✓ Coherence of the budget in relation to the deliverables and objectives
- ✓ Justifications in case of high budget, especially staff costs (countries have a different salary scale)
- ✓ Management and coordination costs proportionate to the number of partners to coordinate, size and geographical coverage of the project
- ✓ Budget meeting the needs of the beneficiary and enhance inclusion in the ERASMUS + programme



What is meant by "cost-effectiveness" exactly? 2/2

- ✓ Proposed budget is proportional to the project outputs, expected results and wiff the proposed action
- ✓ Justifications must be provided especial for subcontracting: differentiate between subcontracts and contracts/purchases (MGA)
- ✓ Budget must be detailed, clear and justified: beware of consistency of the annex detailed budget 'excel sheet' and DoA Part B
- ✓ Indicate 'efforts' measured in personmonths - what is person-month and how to calculate it

Lump sum grant – Budget allocation

Annex 2

Lump sum = Maximum grant amount

Max. liability of the beneficiary after payment of balance

	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	WP6	WP7	WP8	Total
Beneficiary A	250.000			50.000	300.000	250.000		300.000	1.150.000
Beneficiary B		250.000	350.000	50.000			100.000	150.000	900.000
Beneficiary C	100.000	100.000		50.000		280.000			530.000
Beneficiary D		120.000		50.000			100.000	150.000	420.000
Total	350.000	470.000	350.000	200.000	300.000	530.000	200.000	600.000	3.000.000







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Evaluations

"While the budget is coherent, it offers little engagement with grassroots organisations or vulnerable young people, as distinct from young people at university. The cost-effectiveness of the planned budget costs is not proven. There is a heavy distribution of the budget in favour of one of the consortium partners, dealing with the majority of the planned activities which makes the budget rather unbalanced."

Evaluations

"The budget is well-balanced among partners and WP (even the costs for WP 1 -management and coordination). Even though the partnership in the consortium is smaller in size in comparison with similar projects, the budget agrees well the size and scope of the proposed activities and the intervention is a cost-effective one. The budget adequately covers the needs of grassroots organisations (whose capacity it aims to increase) as well as those of vulnerable young people from rural areas that will benefit from a meaningful inclusion in the ERASMUS + Programme."



EYT2025 | Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements (20 points)

- ✓ Partnership profile: an appropriate mix of complementary organisations with the necessary profiles, skills, experience, and management support to achieve the project objectives; the added value of the for-profit organisations is clearly demonstrated, if involved in the consortium
- ✓ **Geographic spread:** capacity to reflect the European economic, social and/or cultural diversity through its geographic spread so as to ensure a truly pan-European cooperation
- ✓ Local NGOs development: the partnership has the ability to develop the capacities and knowledge of local NGOs not well established at European level
- ✓ Commitment & tasks: the distribution of responsibilities and tasks in the partnership is clear and appropriate; the coordinator shows high quality management and potential for coordination of transnational networks and leadership in complex environments; young people are suitably involved in all stages of the project implementation
- ✓ Cooperation arrangements: suitable governance mechanisms & plans for effective coordination, decision-making, communication and conflict resolution

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EYT2025 | Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements | Where to address this?

- Chapters 2.1.3; 2.2.1; 2.2.2 & chapter 4 of the application (<u>Standard</u> application form (<u>ERASMUS LSII</u>) Technical Description (PART B))
 - 2. QUALITY
 - 2.1.3 Project teams, staff and experts
 - 2.2 PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS
 - 2.2.1 Consortium set-up
 - 2.2.2 Consortium management and decision-making
 - 4. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING
 - 4.1 Work plan
 - 4.2 Work packages, activities, resources and timing





Aim:

 Build capacities and trust among different youth communities —both at local and international level — to create a more inclusive and open-minded Europe.

Partnership

 A mix of experienced ENGOs and grassroots organisations

Brave New You

Brave New You - Erasmus+ Project Results



EYT2025 | Impact (20 points)

- ✓ Impact & Sustainability: sound pathways for contributing to at least one of the expected impact areas of the action; particular focus on upscaling the grassroots organisations' activities; contribute to changes at system level in the youth sector both within the project lifetime and beyond, to enable long lasting cooperation at EU level and/or inspire new EU youth policies and initiatives
- ✓ Communication & Dissemination: capacity to undertake youth outreach and ability to communicate effectively on problems and solutions of the communities they represent to a broader global audience; a sound plan for the communication and dissemination of results which includes appropriate targets, activities, tools and channels to ensure that the results and benefits will be spread effectively to policy makers measures are proportionate to the scale of the project, and contain concrete actions

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EYT2025 | Impact | Where to address this?

Chapters 3.1; 3.2; 3.3 & possibly chapter 4 of the application (<u>Standard</u> application form (<u>ERASMUS LSII</u>) – Technical Description (PART B))

3. IMPACT

- 3.1 Impact and ambition
- 3.2 Communication, dissemination and visibility
- 3.3 Sustainability and continuation
- 4. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING
- 4.1 Work plan
- 4.2 Work packages, activities, resources and timing



Dissemination

Dissemination plan must already be elaborated at application stage

- > Identify dissemination tools and methodologies
 - Outline at which stages these will be deployed
 - Provide justification for their use/timeline

Feedback from the experts

"in the majority of the projects applicants fail to connect dissemination tools to the relevant project phases"

Sustainability

"Sustainability: the proposal clearly identifies how the outcomes of the project could contribute to changes at system level in the youth sector both within the project lifetime and beyond, with high potential to enable long lasting cooperation at EU level and/or inspire new EU youth policies and initiatives."



Sustainability

 Not merely ensuring that the project results will be sustained beyond the project lifetime

Evaluations

"The proposal does not clearly show how the project has a realistic pathway to causing a systemic change in European youth strategy. The long-term impact will principally be local. The deliverables are valid as tools for supporting replication beyond the project, but how and why such adoption might take place at scale is not shown — i.e. because the toolkit is available for download and use does not mean that it will be used.

How will you instrumentalise your results?

Evaluations

"Specific sustainability strategies for the main results (e.g. a training manual on peer-education, a community of practice compendium) are missing"

"...mentions of general aspects such as 'deepening the impact of the work done', 'the development of an existing network' or 'the findings as a steppingstone' lack consistency and detail."

HOW?

"Sustainability is weak and limited to unsupported statements of intention."



Analyse what you have produced.



Who should it be shared with? Why? How? When?



Consider the connections you have made.



How can this collaboration be continued?



Identify elements that will require funding to be sustained.



How can our own resources be used? How can we generate further funding (internal or external)?

Remember:

- Multi-level
- System change



Evaluations

"There are convincing explanations provided in the proposal about the potential to contribute to **lasting changes** that may be achieved at a systemic level in the youth sector, also through ensuring **financial support and continuity of initiated linkages with stakeholders**. The last task under the dedicated Work Package is devoted to exploitation and contains a description of well-targeted efforts to **identify sponsoring opportunities** for the e-magazine and other sources of funding for carrying out all the activities."

Where to address this?

3.3 Sustainability and continuation

Sustainability, long-term impact and continuation

Describe the follow-up of the project after the EU funding ends. How will the project impact be ensured and sustained?

What will need to be done? Which parts of the project should be continued or maintained? How vill this be achieved? Which resources will be necessary to continue the project? How vill the results be used?

Are there any possible synergies/complementarities with other (EU funded) activities that can build on the project results?



YOU.th RO.und TRIP. for climate action

- © 8 Local Youth Councils established
- MoUs signed with 157 new cooperation partners
- 9 proposal ideas for future initiatives

Project website

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Youth @cting for climate justice: building a paradigm of online and

offline engagement in the covid era

 Enhanced civic and democratic engagement of youth at EU level, through a pilot-tested methodology, using digital means adapted to youth needs and contemporary reality.

Youth Agenda & Policy Brief recommendations

 Drawing from youth experiences and learnings through the trainings, digital and physical mobility, <u>multi stakeholder</u> <u>policy hackathons</u> and action-led initiatives

 Driving policy dialogue about the applicability and transferability of the recommendations involving 40 public authorities

Engagement with policy makers at the <u>international ActJust</u> <u>policy hackathon organised at the United Nations in Vienna</u>:
 15 teams of young people from the project pitched their policy recommendations to the policy makers jury on the topics of food, energy, mobility, migration, and education.









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