



Info Capacity Building in the Field of Youth

Erasmus+ Key Action 2

CBY 2025 Calls for proposals

ERASMUS-YOUTH-2025-CB

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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Technical arrangements

- The session will be recorded
- For the **Q&As**:
 - Do **NOT** write questions via the **meeting chat**.
 - Questions will be gathered and answered during the **Q&A sessions indicated on the agenda** as much as possible
 - Translation services are not provided for this INFO session, but you can ask questions in EN or in FR. If needed, we will translate them for the public and reply in EN and FR.
- Mute yourself & switch off your camera if not a speaker
- The slides & recording will be available after the session on the info day page: [Online Info Session: Erasmus+ Capacity building in the field of Youth 2025 - Sub-Saharan Africa - European Commission](#)

Agenda

14:00-14:10	Welcome and introduction <i>Margaux Genachte, Head of Sector, EACEA.A5.001</i>
14:10-14:30	Policy context <i>Claire HERRMANN, DG EAC C.3</i>
14:30-15:00	Presentation of the Call features ‘Capacity building in the field of Youth 2025’ Sub Saharan Africa region <i>Arantza URIARTE, EACEA.A5.001</i>
15:00-15:30	Q&A session & Break
15:30-15:50	Specific activities for ‘Capacity building in the field of Youth 2025’ proposals submitted for region 9 – Sub Saharan Africa <i>Arantza URIARTE, EACEA.A5.001</i>
15:50- 16:20	Testimony of the project 101052051 YinfoPoneers <i>Charlotte SIMON, Eryica</i>
16:20-16:40	Q&A session
16:40-16:45	Closing remarks <i>Margaux Genachte, Head of Sector, EACEA.A5.001</i>

INFO DAY objectives



- ✓ **Information on the Action**
 - policy context, Call criteria & application procedure
- ✓ **Create space for exchange and participation**
- ✓ **Answer your questions**



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THE POLICY CONTEXT

Claire HERRMANN, Policy officer DG EAC unit C3 – International Cooperation

Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

Youth policy at EU level – External dimension

EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027

The EU Youth Strategy should also foster the connectedness of young people in the EU and candidate countries, Eastern Partnership and Western Balkan partners, as well as with other third countries with whom the EU has association or cooperation agreements.

Youth Action Plan (YAP) in EU External Action 2022–2027

EU cooperation with partner countries contribute to **human development and engagement** of young people worldwide (more resilient societies, enhanced trust between cultures and stability for the EU itself).

A joint commitment: “Engage, Connect, Empower”

What is the Youth Action Plan in EU External Action?

- First-ever policy framework to make EU external action youth-relevant and improve communication and visibility of the EU with young people
- Based on broad consultation with youth and co-created with the Youth Sounding Board
- Strategic partnership with youth, built on 3 pillars of the EU Youth Strategy

The Youth Action Plan in EU External Action (YAP)



Increase young people's voice in policy and decision-making at EU, partner country, regional and multilateral levels.



Fight inequalities and provide young people the skills and resources they need to prosper and fulfil their potential.



Foster opportunities for young people to connect, network and exchange.



Concrete Support activities to the YAP

Youth and Women in Democracy Initiative (40 M€)

- To increase the voice and leadership of young people, youth activists and youth-led organisations across the world.
- Support grassroots organizations and young activists in anti-corruption, citizen election observation, democratic reform advocacy, civil education...
- [EU and partners launch WYDE – Women's Leadership Initiative - European Commission](#)

Youth Empowerment Fund (10 M€)

- direct financial support to youth-led initiatives in partner countries focusing on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at local level.
- [Youth Empowerment Fund - European Commission](#)

Africa-Europe Youth Academy (50M€)

- formal and informal learning opportunities and exchanges for young people willing to improve their leadership skills and create networks of change-makers in Africa.

6th African Union - European Union Summit

A common vision for 2030 – February 2022 in Brussels



Policy Declaration

+ Concrete Flagship Initiatives

financed by Global Gateway Investment Package
(public and private investment in priority fields)

We will **encourage exchanges of young citizens, volunteers and students**, through the expanded Erasmus+ programme and develop partnerships between universities, in order to improve our mutual understanding and foster excellence.

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2022/02/17-18/>

Youth Mobility for Africa Flagship Initiative

Umbrella

- [Erasmus +](#)
- [Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme V](#)
- [Harmonization of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation \(HAQAA III\)](#)
- [Support to the African Continental Qualifications Framework \(ACQF II\)](#)
- [Young African Leaders Programme \(YALP II\)](#)
- **Africa-Europe Youth Academy**

Strategic Objectives

Inclusive, demand-driven **learning mobility, skills development, and collaboration** within Africa and between Africa and the EU, through exchanges, scholarships, and cooperation projects

Continental integration by supporting **re-gional and continental harmonization mechanisms** in education

Quality, relevance and attractiveness of African Higher Education Institutions

Empowerment of African youth for employability and active citizenship

Policy dialogue, coordination, cooperation

Governance

Steering Committee

Policy and strategy advice,
Policy dialogue

Coordination Unit

Operational support, Coordination

Working Group Mobility

Working Group Frameworks

Content advice, Technical expertise

Multi-stakeholder collaboration

Africa-Europe Youth Academy

Objectives:

- Strengthen the capacity of, and provide opportunities for young people to act as leaders and multipliers at social, economic, cultural and political level.
- Increase the quality, quantity as well as the accessibility of youth leadership actions in Africa and between Africa and Europe.
- Promote learning mobility, exchange and intercultural dialogue among African and European youth.

Youth Academy – Part I (15 M€)
Leadership Actions

Put in place by Expertise France and AICS (IT)

Youth Academy - Part II (35 M€)
Expansion of Erasmus+ activities

Youth Academy - Part II

Additional budget allocated to Erasmus+

Erasmus+ Virtual exchanges (EVE)

- Top-up of 8.5 M€
- Over 3 years (2025 to 2027 calls)
- Around 25 additional projects targeting SSA countries
- Call deadline: 29 April 2025

Capacity building in Youth (CBY)

- Opening of CBY to Sub-Saharan Africa
- Allocation of 26.5 M€ over 3 years (2025 to 2027 calls)
- Specific focus on youth workers and young people mobility for this region

Thematic areas of Capacity building in Youth (CBY)

Support political participation and dialogue with decision-makers

Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

Promote democracy, rule of law and values, youth leadership

Improve empowerment and employability of young people

Peace and post-conflict reconciliation

Protect the environment and fight climate change

Support anti-discrimination and gender equality

Develop digital and entrepreneurial skills

Expected outcomes

Capacity-building
for youth
organisations

Non-formal
learning

Development of
youth work

Participation of
smaller
organisations

Cooperation
with formal
education

Interregional
cooperation

Implementation
of the EU Youth
Strategy

Sub-Saharan
Africa: Youth
mobilities

Useful links and resources

EU Youth Strategy

https://youth.europa.eu/strategy_en

[Engage, connect, empower - Publications Office of the EU](#)

Youth Action Plan in EU External Action

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/youth/youth-action-plan_en

Erasmus+ programme guide 2025

[erasmus-programme-guide-2025_en.pdf](#)



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CALL FEATURES - Sub Saharan Africa region

Arantza URIARTE, Project Advisor EACEA unit A5

Useful links & where to find the Programme Guide

To PREPARE your project proposal

2025 Erasmus+ Programme Guide [erasmus-programme-guide-2025_en.pdf](#)

Application forms (Part B and excel budget table)

[Lump sum funding](#) F& TP section

[Eligibility](#) and [admissibility](#) criteria are key (ref. Programme Guide)

[Award criteria](#) are central to a well-written proposal (ref. Programme Guide)

Link to [Recordings](#) - World Wide Webinar 2024 (24/10/2024)

To SUBMIT your project proposal

[An introduction to the Funding & Tenders Portal IT tools: Business process flow](#) video tutorial

F&TOP [Online Manual](#)

F & TOP [IT How To](#)

[Presentation How to submit](#)

Budget available for the call & per region



Total budget for 2025: 14.500.000 EUR			
3.500.000 €	11.000.000 €		
Region 1: Western Balkans	Region 2: Eastern Partnership	Region 3: South Mediterranean countries	Region 9: Sub-Saharan Africa
3.500.000 €	3.000.000 €	4.000.000 €	4.000.000 €

Eligibility criteria

Who can apply?



- Applicants must be legal entities:
 - ☐ **NGOs** working in the field of Youth **and/or public bodies** at local, regional or national level
 - ☐ Public or private organisations may **ONLY** be partners
- Organisations from Sub-Saharan African countries are eligible to participate as **partners ONLY**
- **Coordinators may submit only one application per region within the same call**
- legally established in:
 - ☐ **EU Member States**
 - ☐ **Erasmus+ third countries associated to the Programme** (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye)
 - ☐ **Eligible third countries not associated to the Programme:**
 - ☐ **Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)**

Max grant amount for ONLY region 9 & duration



EU grant per project

Maximum EU contribution per project is **450.000 EUR**** and EU co-financing rate **80% of total costs**



Project Duration

12 to 36 months

Eligibility: Minimum geographical composition of the application

For your convenience, information is colour coded (*i.e. different colours correspond to different categories*).

Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of **at least 4 applicants** (coordinator and full partners), including:

➤ **At least 1 EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme**



➤ **At least 2 eligible third countries not associated to the Programme within the same eligible region**

CROSS REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS are **NOT ALLOWED**. An EU or third country applicant can exclusively work with one eligible African country.

Affiliated entities and associated partners do **NOT COUNT** for the consortium composition.

Organisations must be **legally established** in one of the following eligible countries:

- **EU Member States** (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)
- **Erasmus+ third countries associated to the Programme** (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey)

- **Eligible third countries NOT associated to the Programme:**
 - **Region 9 – Sub Saharan Africa** - Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Examples of eligible consortia for region 9 that are composed of minimum 4 entities located in eligible countries, **AND** at least 1 green and 2 yellow from 2 different eligible countries from region 9.

1. Belgium (EU)
2. Belgium (EU)
3. Malawi
4. Mozambique

1. Turkey (Associated)
2. Norway (Associated)
3. Guinea
4. Benin
5. Ghana

1. Poland (EU)
2. Romania (EU)
3. Benin
4. Chad
5. Serbia
6. Cameroon
7. North Macedonia (associated)

Examples of **NOT eligible** consortia with region 9:

1. France (EU)
2. Morocco (Region 3)
3. Egypt (Region 3)
4. Gabon

1. Italy (EU)
2. Guinea
3. South Africa

1. Germany (EU)
2. Botswana
3. Netherlands (EU)
4. Botswana

1. Germany (EU)
2. Botswana
3. Netherlands (EU)
4. Bosnia (region 1)

REASONS FOR THE INELIGIBLE

1. Ineligible because involves partners from **eligible third countries not associated** to the programme **BUT from 2 different regions**. Cross-regional projects are **not** eligible anymore
2. Ineligible because the **minimum number of entities required** has **not** be **complied with****
3. Ineligible because it does **not** include **at least 2 partners from 2 different eligible third countries not associated** to the programme **within the same region**. Always the same country from region 9 (Botswana) is included instead.
4. Ineligible because involves partners from **eligible third countries not associated to the programme BUT from 2 different regions**. Cross-regional projects are **not** eligible anymore

**** entities that participate in a proposal are encoded in PART A of the online application to be filled in and shall also be indicated in part B that will be uploaded as part of the proposal.**

Specific activities in a SSA proposal

- Same horizontal aspects and thematic priorities that are described in the **Programme Guide** for also regions 1, 2 & 3 apply
- Same funding **lump sum type II funding scheme** as for the other regions funded under this call apply. We recommend you check the video on the INFO DAY page of this event.
- More detailed suggestions/tips on how to prepare the budget breakdown, some key elements for a good proposal, among other important elements, were covered in the morning 2025 CBY INFO DAY session. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to check the presentation and recording published on that event page as well: [Info Session – Erasmus+ Capacity building in the field of Youth 2025 - Neighbourhood East, Western Balkans and South Mediterranean Countries regions - European Commission](#)

Compulsory activities for proposals ONLY targeting Region 9 (I)

from different countries , from EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, on the one hand, and from Sub-Saharan Africa countries, on the other hand.

Youth Exchanges*

Youth Participation Activities

*The following activities are **NOT possible**: academic study trips; exchange activities that aim to make financial profit; exchange activities that can be considered as tourism; festivals; holiday travel; performance tours, statutory meetings, training courses by adults for young people.

Compulsory activities for proposals ONLY targeting Region 9 (II)

Youth Exchanges

Young participants (with fewer opportunities) **and/or youth workers shall gather for a short period to implement jointly a non-formal learning programme** (workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, simulations, outdoor activities, etc.) on a topic of their interest aligned with the thematic priorities and objectives of the CBY action. A Quality Youth exchange:

- *Is based on clearly **identified needs of the young participants**; it relies on their active and direct involvement the preparation, implementation and follow up of the activities;*
- *involves diverse groups of participants and **builds on this diversity**;*
- *encourages the participants to reflect on **topics of common interest and values**;*
- *must have in place effective procedures and arrangements to **promote and guarantee the safety, protection and non-discrimination of the participants**, especially in case of underage participants*
- *ensures the recognition by the participating organisations of the **non-formal and informal learning outcomes of the participants***

Compulsory activities for proposals ONLY targeting Region 9 (III)

Youth Participation Activities

Activities outside formal education and training that encourage, foster and facilitate young people's participation in democratic life. They consist of workshops, meetings, seminars or other events gathering young people and offering them space for information, debate and active participation on issues relevant to their daily lives.

These activities aim to:

- *provide young people with opportunities to engage and learn to participate in civic society;*
- *raise their awareness about common values and fundamental rights and contribute to the achievement of one or more of the 11 EU Youth Goals;*
- *increase young people's resilience to disinformation, misinformation and propaganda;*
- *empower young people to have influence on policies that affect their lives, by bringing them together with decision makers at local, regional, national and international level*

Activities - Tips for your application

- The **mandatory activities** mentioned before shall be **clearly stated and presented in the proposal**
- It shall be clearly stated in the proposal:
 - How many exchanges
 - How many young participants will be involved in each exchange
 - Who will be exchanged among the young workers of the organisations involved
 - from where to where both young participants and youth workers will be exchanged
 - type of mobility/exchange (onsite)
 - for how long and for which task/activity both young participants and youth workers will be exchanged.
- **DO NOT FORGET:** the **total number of mobilities** shall be also included in the **Form C** embedded in the application that will be submitted via the **Funding and Tender Portal**.

Award criteria

Your application will be evaluated against....



Relevance of the project



Quality of the project design and implementation

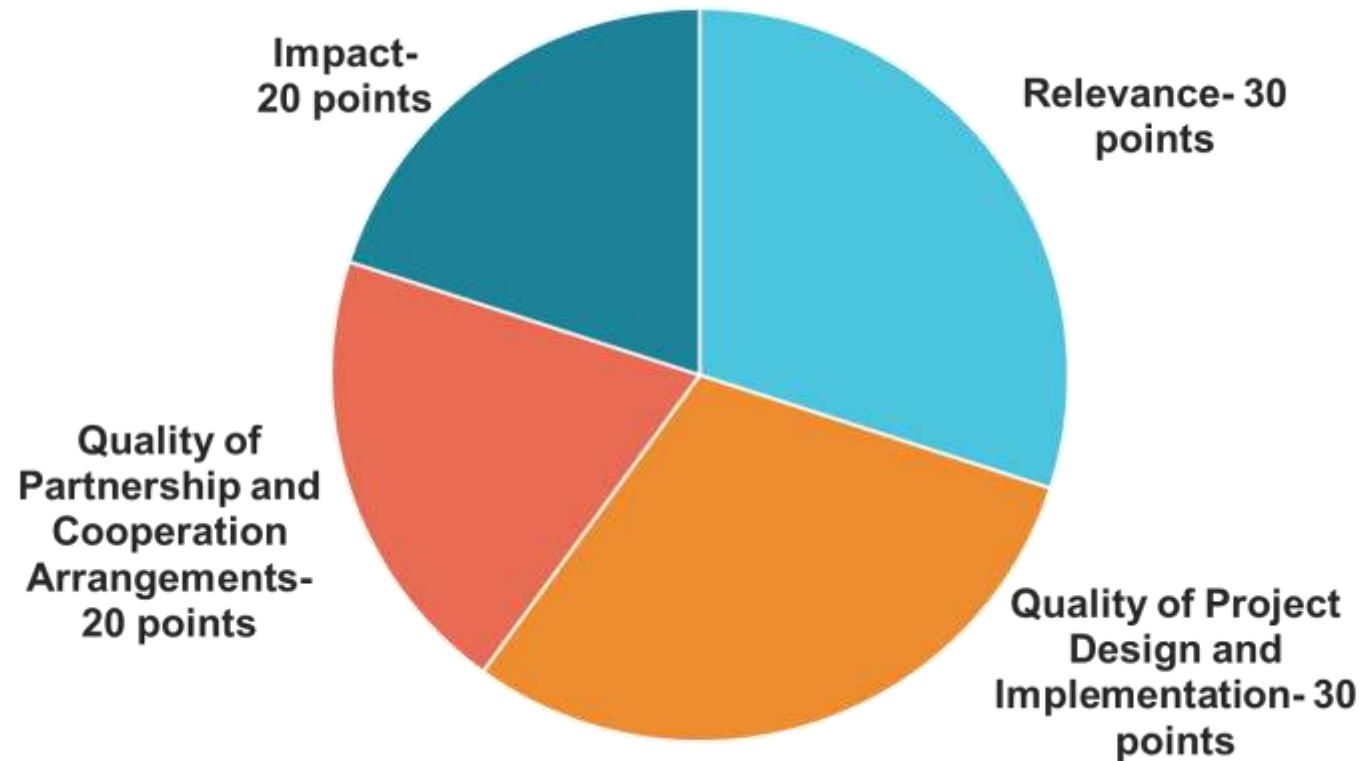


Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements



Impact

Weighting of criteria



Threshold for funding:

- Minimum of 60 points overall
- Minimum pass score (50%) in each award criterion

Specific points to Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)

Criterion 1 - Relevance

the **relevance** of the **Youth Exchanges or the Youth Participation Activities** for the overall capacity building goals of the project.

Criterion 2.1 - Quality of the project design and implementation

- the **quality** of the **Youth Exchanges or Youth Participation Activities**
- the safety and protection of participants
- the consideration of actual obstacles to mobility (for example the visa process);
- the **application** of the principle of **active youth participation**
- **involvement of youth participants in all phases of the Youth Exchanges or Youth Participation Activities;**
- **solid learning dimension of the youth exchanges and the recognition of learning outcomes**

Criterion 3 - Impact

real benefit to the participating organisations and the individual participants involved from the Youth Exchanges or Youth Participation Activities and potential broader impact (e.g. on the local, regional, national or transnational level).



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Testimony from project 101052051 YinfoPoneers

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ERYICA

YInfoPioneers project

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What is ERYICA

ERYICA (Euro Youth Info and Counselling Agency)

non-governmental, independent and non-profit organisation.

Its **secretariat** is located in Luxembourg.

We aim to intensify **European and international cooperation** in the field of **youth information work and services**:

- giving visibility to initiatives at the local, national and international level,
- providing opportunities for professional development, exchange and innovation,
- advocating for young people's right to quality information.



42

MEMBERS

26

COUNTRIES

+4,000

YOUTH INFO
SERVICES
European
Commission

What is the YInfoPioneers project



Aim of the project

Setting the basis to **develop and expand YIC services** in the Western Balkans (BiH, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia) and to **promote the integration of the right of young people to information** in national youth policies.



PIONEERING YOUTH INFORMATION SERVICES
IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

YinfoPioneers = Pioneering youth information services in Western Balkans



Coordinated by ERYICA

201 971€

Jan 2022 – Jan

2024

Macedonia –
Poraka Nova



Albania – YVNO



Slovenia - ŠKUC



BiH – CEREBRA & ORC Tuzla



Montenegro – Forum MNE



Spain – ACJ



Outcomes of the project

- Research on young people's information needs in Albania, BiH, Montenegro and North Macedonia.
 - Consultation based on the survey conducted by ERYICA in 2017-2018 in the framework of the Future Youth Information Toolbox project
 - Focus groups with young people in each target country
 - [Report on the survey](#) and focus groups findings (ERYICA website)



To understand young people's needs and develop services accordingly as well as advocacy

Outcomes of the project

- Capacity building of youth workers and public bodies to initiate and support YIC services
 - Introductory **webinar on youth information** aimed to policy-makers and the youth sector of the target countries
 - JIMMY training: **Youth Information mediator** course for youth workers.
 - ALTYO training: **Advocacy and lobbying** training for youth organisations (ALTYO).

➡ To improve skills of youth workers from Western Balkans countries (5 persons selected from each partner)



Outcomes of the project

- Translation, and dissemination of relevant resources and ERYICA material:
 - Charter
 - Charter brochure -Ensuring Quality in Youth Information and Counselling
 - YouthInfoComp
 - DesYign Toolkit



To provide support and learning resources to youth information providers, youth workers and policy-makers

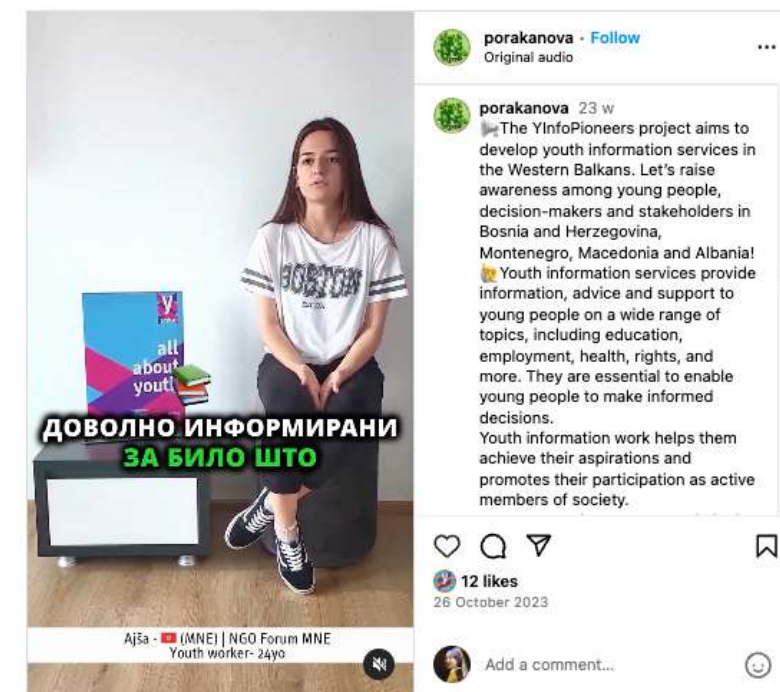
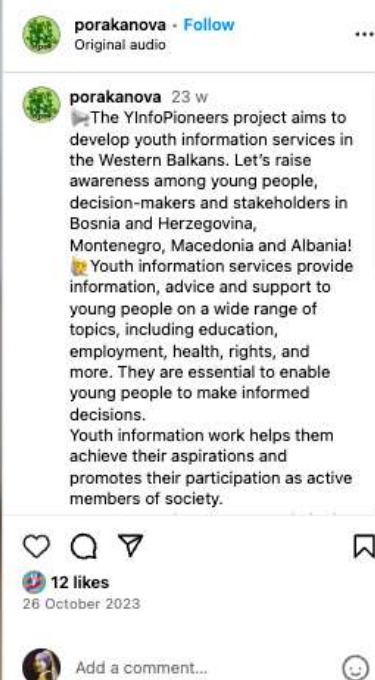
Outcomes of the project

- Dissemination and raising awareness on YIS in Western Balkans countries
 - Local **mutliplying events** at the end of the project to present the outcomes of YInfoPioneers
 - Designing and running an **awareness-raising campaign** based on interviews from young people

Campaign



CAROUSEL 1



Outcomes of the project

- Design of youth information and counselling service models for each country
 - YIS conference with policymakers and relevant stakeholders (advocacy) -
> Local dialogue days
 - Designing and developing a national YI structure strategy in Albania, BiH, Montenegro and North Macedonia
 - from the outcomes of the project
 - an online infosession with guidelines and experience sharing

Good practices

Good practices

- Budget based on old projects
- Finding partners
 - ERYICA members
 - Former ERYICA members
 - Recommendation from other stakeholders (e.g. former ERYICA President from Croatia)
 - Database of EU funding & tenders portal

Good practices



- 2/7 partners were seen as supporters
 - ACJ (Spain): 30 years of experience of YI
 - SKUC (Slovenia): developed for years and aware of the context of the Balkans
 - Study visits (combined with the face-to-face consortium meetings)
 - Feedback on the development of outcomes Western Balkans
- Some outcomes based on existing resources
 - Translations
 - Available trainings delivered to the Western Balkans audience
- Involving experts
 - focus group analysis, webinars on youth information

Good practices



- Policy & advocacy
 - Meetings with local, regional or national authorities during consortium meetings or local events -> ERYICA = European Agency
 - Local events to develop network and contact with authorities
- Drafting a strategy to develop their YIS based on the outcomes of the project
 - FG needs of YP
 - Webinar & Trainings
 - Resources in local languages
 - Local events
- Being a European network = great advantage for European, local and national advocacy; contacts of stakeholders; experts within members

Thank you!

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<https://www.eryica.org/project/yinfopioneers>



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CLOSING REMARKS

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To be kept in mind to:

- **READ WELL ALL THE MATERIAL AVAILABLE & THE PROGRAMME GUIDE**
- prepare your application online via the Funding & Tender Portal and **PAY ATTENTION TO ALL THE POSSIBLE BLOCKING ERRORS, MANDATORY INFO & ANNEXES** to ensure the admissibility and eligibility of your proposal
- Submit your application **WELL BEFORE THE DEADLINE (48 H)**

In case your submission **FAILED due to IT problems:**

- ❖ Submit IMMEDIATELY a complaint via the **F&TP IT Helpdesk**
- ❖ Keep a **PDF version of the part B and annexes** of your application holding a time stamp before the call deadline
- ❖ Keep a proof of the alleged failure (**screenshots**).



IT Helpdesk

The IT Helpdesk answers your questions about the Funding & Tenders Portal tools and processes.

Thank you

If you have further questions: eacea-youth@ec.europa.eu



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