



European Youth Foundation (EYF)

<http://www.eyf.coe.int/fej/>



What is European Youth Foundation?



The **European Youth Foundation (EYF)** is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities.

The budget



Annual budget is approximately 3 million Euros.
Since 1972, more than 300 000 young people,
aged between 15 and 30 and mostly from
member states, have benefited directly from
EYF-supported activities.

The purpose of EYF



Its purpose is to encourage co-operation among young people in Europe by providing financial support to such European youth activities which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for the Council of Europe's fundamental values such as human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

The financial support for activities



The EYF thus provides financial support to the following types of activity undertaken by non-governmental youth organisations or networks or by other non-governmental structures involved in areas of youth work relevant to the Council of Europe's youth policies and work:

- ▣ educational, social, cultural and humanitarian activities of a European character;
- ▣ activities aiming at strengthening peace and co-operation in Europe;
- ▣ activities designed to promote closer co-operation and better understanding among young people in Europe, particularly by developing the exchange of information;
- ▣ activities intended to stimulate mutual aid in Europe and in the developing countries for cultural, educational and social purposes;
- ▣ studies, research and documentation on youth matters.



ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN BE FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION



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A. International youth meetings (Category A)

- ▣ The EYF may provide financial support for organising international youth meetings for youth leaders, including seminars, conferences, workshops, camps, festivals, etc.



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B. Youth activities other than meetings (Category B)

Apart from meetings, the types of youth activities eligible for EYF financial support are studies, research projects and the production of information and documentation on youth issues. In this category the Foundation may support, for example:

- specialised publications (such as training manuals);
- newsletters or magazines produced by international youth organisations or networks;
- information campaigns;
- exhibitions and the production of audio-visual materials etc;
- the development of websites or the production of CD-ROMs;
- the production of posters, badges and stickers;
- research projects on youth-related issues.

In the same category, the EYF can also grant study visits enabling youth organisations and networks to make new contacts in Europe and thus extend partnerships and develop co-operation.



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C. Administration of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks (Category C)

The European Youth Foundation may, on an annual basis, grant international non-governmental youth organisations or networks a contribution to cover part of the general administrative costs involved in running their activities at European level.

The Foundation may also contribute to the administrative costs of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks, during a maximum period of **three years**, in order to help them to establish a European structure (**Category C bis**).



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D. Pilot projects (Category D)

Since 1 January 2000, the European Youth Foundation (EYF) is able to provide financial support to pilot projects carried out in the form of meetings between young people or activities other than meetings (documentation, research and publications).

This facility has been introduced in order to enable the EYF to provide as effective a response as possible to the priority objectives of the Council of Europe's youth policy.



Priority objectives are:



- ▣ to help young people, particularly **disadvantaged young people**, deal with the challenges facing them and fulfil their own aspirations;
- ▣ to encourage **new forms** of youth participation and organisation;
- ▣ to make a contribution to social cohesion, including through the fight against exclusion and the prevention of phenomena affecting young people more particularly;
- ▣ to adapt and broaden programmes and structures in line with changes in society.

NOTE:



The following types of activity cannot be financed by the EYF:



- ▣ operations of a commercial nature
- ▣ the construction, purchase or equipment of buildings
- ▣ tourist activities
- ▣ statutory meetings
- ▣ activities part of a school or university programme
- ▣ activities with only a vocational training character



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- ▣ An international non governmental youth organisation or network
- ▣ A national or local non governmental youth organisation or network
- ▣ Non governmental structures involved in youth work



PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS TO THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FOUNDATION

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On 10 March 2004 the European Youth Foundation introduced a computerised system to manage the registration of youth NGOs, grant applications and follow up.

On the web site of the EYF, youth NGOs can register with the EYF, submit their projects online and monitor the progress of the applications and the administrative follow up.

The system is accessible via the following browsers:
Internet Explorer versions 5.0 and 6.0, Netscape version 7.0.



FOR YOUTH NGOs AND NETWORKS WHICH ARE FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS TO THE EYF



The first step for youth NGOs is to register with the EYF www.eyf.coe.int (go to **How to register**)

Without a correctly filled in registration form that **has been validated by the Secretariat**, organisations will not be able to submit their applications online.



DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS



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1 February

- ▣ for requests for EYF administrative grants (Categories C and C bis) concerning the current year.



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1 April

- ▣ for Category A and B activities of the EYF taking place between 1 January and 30 June of the following year.
- ▣ for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres (study sessions) in the first semester of the following year (please contact the European Youth Centres).

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1 October

- ▣ for Category A and B activities of the EYF taking place between 1 April and 31 December of the following year.
- ▣ for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres (study sessions) in the second semester of the following year (contact the European Youth Centres).



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There are no fixed deadlines for pilot project applications or first (ad hoc) applications to the EYF, which may be submitted at any time. However, according to the decision of the Programming Committee on Youth (the decision-making body), **all ad hoc applications including pilot projects should be submitted at least three months prior to the beginning of the activity** in order to allow a proper assessment.

Bodies interested in submitting applications to the European Youth Centres are asked to consult the website of the Directorate of Youth and Sport (<http://www.coe.int/Youth/>).

Organizations submitting applications to the European Youth Foundation have to follow the online procedure.



Useful info:



Grant applications are considered first by the EYF Secretariat, which ensures that the applications are complete and sufficiently well documented.

To be supported, activities should contribute to the priorities and the programmes of the objectives of the Council of Europe's youth sector.

In addition, especially for Category A projects, the Secretariat checks to what extent the application corresponds to certain criteria. These include:

- ▣ clearly set out educational aims and learning objectives
- ▣ coherent and feasible budget
- ▣ geographical balance of participants
- ▣ international preparatory team
- ▣ multiplying effect.

For more info contact the EYF



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