



– Call for Project Proposals – European Youth Initiative Fund 2018

“Youth organisations are important contributors to enhancing an inclusive society for all culturally and socially diverse young people, empowering them to become active citizens. When it comes to participation, youth organisations play a crucial role and share common responsibilities.”

(Resolution of the Protection and Integration of Young Refugees in Europe, European Youth Forum, 2015)

A significant number of the newly arrived to Europe are young people¹ often unaccompanied minors. Many of them make dangerous journeys with the hope of finding a place where their future is not predetermined by deadly conflicts, but is yet to be written by them. However, reality offers a different picture.

In numerous European countries the political leadership fails to take the necessary steps towards building an inclusive society. However, in parallel with the lack of willingness from national authorities to find comprehensive solutions, we see youth organisations step up to fill in the gap and take an increasingly active role in providing support and services to young asylum-seekers and refugees.

Tremendous efforts have been invested by youth organisations to ensure that displaced youth feel included to the host communities and they have the means to shape their own future. Today, solidarity – one of the core values of the European Union is reflected in the actions of the young people. Many creative, inspiring youth initiatives have been carried out on the grass roots, regional and national level, all triggering significant changes.

In order to make sure that youth organisations can continue their important work in the field of refugee inclusion, the European Youth Forum decided to launch the European Youth Initiative Fund with the financial support of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

What is the European Youth Initiative Fund?

The aim of the **European Youth Initiative Fund (EYIF)** is to mobilise young people, promote integration and build positive relationships between displaced youth and

¹ EU-28 in 2016 – 83%, or more than four in five applicants – were under the age of 35. Source: http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statisticsexplained/index.php/Asylum_statistics

host communities in Europe. To do so, the European Youth Forum will provide grants to youth organisations so that they implement projects run with the meaningful involvement of young refugees and asylum-seekers and in cooperation with host communities.

The main objectives of the EYIF

- 1.) Displaced youth have a voice and engage in participatory dialogue with other youth, youth organisations, host communities, UNHCR, and partners through grants.
- 2.) Displaced youth strengthen their capacity and skills development.
- 3.) Displaced youth are better integrated within host communities.

Who are we?

The European Youth Forum (YFJ) is a platform of youth organisations in Europe, representing 104 members – national youth councils and international non-governmental youth organisations. We work to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives and to be powerful catalysts for positive change and contributors of innovative solutions to Europe's problems.

What are the eligibility criteria to apply for the EYIF?

- ❖ The project has to be submitted on behalf of a youth organisation legally registered in Europe. The grant is not limited to the membership of the European Youth Forum.
- ❖ The project has to be implemented within one of the [Council of Europe member states](#) or Belarus or Kosovo.
- ❖ The youth organisation has to have an official bank account that can receive an international bank transfer from a euro account.

Important details about the project proposal

- ❖ The project should be implemented in maximum 6 months between the 1st April and the 30th September 2018.
- ❖ The maximum amount you can apply for is **10,000 euros**, however there is no minimum limit.
- ❖ One organisation can submit more than one project proposal.
- ❖ It is important to design the project proposal so that it **reflects the main objectives of the EYIF**, ensuring the **meaningful involvement of displaced youth** at every stage of the drafting process.

How to apply?

In order to apply for the grant, please fill in the following three templates in English:

- ✓ [Logical Framework](#)
- ✓ [Budget Plan](#)
- ✓ [Project Application Form](#)

We suggest you to start with filling in the Logical Framework, as it will help you with identifying the general goal, the specific activities and the expected results of your project. This should be followed by the completion of the Budget Plan where you can list all costs that will ensure the smooth implementation of the project. Finally the Project Application Form gives you space to provide a more comprehensive description of the different aspects of your project.

The above mentioned three documents have to be fully completed and submitted to the Eszter Somogyi, the Project Manager to the following email address: eszter.somogyi@youthforum.org with the following title: Project application EYIF 2018 and your organisation's name.

In case any of the 3 documents is missing, the application will not be taken into consideration.

Deadline for application: 4th March 2018, 23.59 CET

Evaluation of the submitted project proposals

- ❖ After the application deadline, an independent selection committee will be convened to review the proposals and select those to be funded.
- ❖ The following **selection criteria** will be taken into consideration when evaluating the project proposals:
 - Relevance of the identified project goal and expected results
 - Quality of the project (Timeline, Budget, Identification of target group)
 - Inclusiveness (involvement of refugee youth in every stage of the project implementation including the design of the proposal)
 - Organisational capacity to implement a project
 - Outreach strategy towards target group and relevant stakeholders
 - Communication strategy, visibility of the project and its results

Results will be communicated to the applicants by the 31st March.

The support we can offer during the application process

- ❖ During the drafting process of the Logical Framework, Budget Plan and Project Application Form, feel free to reach out to Eszter Somogyi, Project Manager **by email** (eszter.somogyi@youthforum.org), she will get back to you with an answer in a timely manner.
- ❖ **Webinars** will be organised for those interested to apply for funding in January and February 2018. Dates will be published in the European Youth Forum's weekly e-newsletter – the Yo!News - and on our social media. In order to subscribe to the Yo!News please click [here](#), and if you want to follow us on Facebook click [here](#).
- ❖ National UNHCR offices can offer you help with connecting to refugee and asylum-seeker youth groups. Please contact Eszter on the above email address for more information on this.

While developing your project proposal consider the below listed **Core Actions for Refugee Youth** developed through the Global Refugee Youth Consultations conducted by UNHCR and the Women's Refugee Commission (WRC) (<https://goo.gl/aRHTay>)

Seven Core Actions for Refugee Youth

Core Action 1: Empower Refugee Youth through meaningful engagement

Core Action 2: Recognize, utilise, and develop Refugee Youth capacities and skills

Core Action 3: Ensure Refugee Youth-focused protection

Core Action 4: Support Refugee Youth physical and emotional wellbeing

Core Action 5: Facilitate Refugee Youth networking and information sharing

Core Action 6: Reinforce Refugee Youth as connectors and peace builders

Core Action 7: Generate data and evidence of Refugee Youth to promote accountability to youth