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European Youth Foundation

Working for the benefit of young people in Europe



How much money can be awarded for activities?

Limits in financial assistance differ according to grant type. Category A and B applications cannot receive more than two-thirds of the total project cost (the average grant is € 13-15,000 for a Category A and € 5-6,000 for a Category B). Category D grants cannot exceed € 7,600. Category C grants are calculated by the Secretariat. Category A, B and D applications may not include salaries, purchase of equipment and overhead costs in their budgets.

The Council of Europe

The Council of Europe is a political organisation set up in 1949 to promote democracy and human rights throughout Europe. It also develops common responses to challenges in social cohesion and cultural diversity. The Council has 47 member states and embraces 800 million Europeans.

The Council of Europe supports the active role of youth in society through European activities. The European Youth Centres in Strasbourg and Budapest, as well as the European Youth Foundation, are essential instruments to carry out these activities. The Council's main goals in youth policy are:

- to encourage young people to play an active role in civil society in Europe;
- to promote and develop youth policies in Europe, with special emphasis on youth participation.

What is the decision-making process?

Grant applications are considered first by the EYF Secretariat, which ensures that the applications are complete and sufficiently well documented. All applications received are summarised in a document with the Secretariat's recommendation and forwarded to the members of the Programming Committee on Youth. This committee comprises eight government representatives and eight representatives of non-governmental youth organisations, networks and other non-governmental youth structures. It normally meets twice a year, in June and December, to examine applications and make decisions regarding the amount of financial support to be granted, if any.

The EYF Secretariat notifies the applicant organisations of the decision and sends a grant acceptance form to those receiving a grant. 80% of the grant is paid approximately 10 weeks before the start of the activity, and the balance is paid once the EYF has received a satisfactory activity and financial report. Reports should be received no later than two months after the completion of the activity.

The Directorate of Youth and Sport

The Directorate of Youth and Sport is part of the Directorate General IV – Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport. The youth and sports programmes of the Council of Europe are integral parts of a wealth of initiatives aimed at the development of a common European cultural area and identity.

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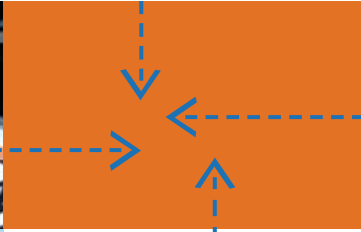
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all equal





What is the 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. It is a division in the Directorate of Youth and Sport.

Each year the EYF allocates about € 3 million to non-governmental organisations that directly assist young people aged 15 to 30. Since 1972, more than 300,000 young people, mostly from member states, have benefited from EYF-supported activities. Each year, the EYF supports some 300 projects involving more than 15,000 young people.

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.



Who can apply for a grant ?

- International non-governmental youth organisations or networks;
- National, regional or local non-governmental youth organisations or networks;
- Other non-governmental structures involved in youth work.

What activities can be financed by the EYF?

- 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.

Participants are between the ages of 15 and 30 and activities are held (as a general rule) in one or more member states of the EYF.

What cannot be financed?

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

What are the different grant categories?

- Category A: International youth meetings;
- Category B: Youth activities other than meetings (e.g. publications, campaigns, websites, CD-Roms);
- Category C: Administration of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks;
- Category D: Pilot projects or pilot projects on Human Rights Education (Category D-HRE).

How to apply?

The European Youth Foundation has created a computerised system to manage the complete application procedure for youth NGOs. At www.eyf.coe.int/fej NGOs are able to register with the EYF, submit projects online and monitor progress and administrative follow up.

What are the deadlines?

- 1 February for Category C grants for the current year;
- 1 April for Category A and B activities to be carried out between 1 January and 30 June of the following year;
- 1 October for Category A and B activities to be carried out between 1 April and 31 December of the following year;
- There is no fixed deadline for Category D applications. They must be submitted at least three months before the start of the activity.