



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

# The Sustainable Engagement Fund

Call for Applications 2023-01





## Overview of the Sustainable Engagement Fund (SEF)

- The SEF is a project of the [Climate Youth Action Plan \(CYAP\)](#) and funded by the E.ON Stiftung and the European Union. The fund aims to encourage young people across Europe to explore, discuss, and ultimately act for climate neutrality within their existing engagement with the EYP and with their local and national communities.
- 15,000€ of funds will be distributed to selected National Committees during this first round of funding for 2023. This round is for projects taking place between **the beginning of May and the end of November 2023**.
- Projects with **long-term (environmental) sustainability impacts** on the activities of their National Committee/Initiative or the activities of the EYP Network will be funded. **With this round we would like to emphasise projects that also focus on “breaking the EYP bubble” and will therefore welcome project ideas that establish partnerships with other local stakeholders so as to foster sustainable civic engagement beyond EYP.**

### What type of projects are eligible for the SEF?

There will be a focus on projects (events or any other type of activity) that take sustainability measures in areas such as, but not limited to transportation, food and beverages, and material and waste management.

- As transportation is one key emitter of EYP events, bids that aim to reduce the carbon footprint in this sector will be given priority. For example, **EYP France** received funding in the first wave for an initiative at their 50<sup>th</sup> National Session where they will offer travel reimbursement to officials who will replace part of their journey with a **train or bus trip** instead of a flight.
- The measures should have a sustained impact. For example, **EYP Portugal** received funding to purchase **durable** cooking equipment and utensils to be used at their events going forward.
- We also support projects that make a positive contribution to society on a local, national or international level, network on a topic-related basis and set an example in their context and community with a climate-friendly format – so if you’ve always wanted to involve other NGOs or local decision-makers in your activities, now is the chance!

### Application Information

- The deadline for the first call of 2023 is **1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at 23:59 CET**.
- NCs and Initiatives can apply for **€1000-€2,000** for each project that they believe will meet these requirements (each application should be made separately). However, this should not prevent NCs/Initiatives from submitting a bigger request for support in case they have a larger proposal in mind. We are implementing a **“strings attached”** policy, which means that the **SEF will not fund 100% of all activities** but that NCs and Initiatives will be expected to contribute to these sustainable practices. The motivation behind this is to avoid situations where NCs and Initiatives are de-incentivised to fundraise for activities without the Sustainable Engagement Fund, ensuring that the activities can continue in the long-term.

- Each chosen NC/ Initiative and project managers will need to work with the IO in the weeks and possibly months before and after the project in order to submit a report and receipts regarding how the funds were used. In addition, they will be asked to track the carbon footprint of the activity and will receive guidance from the IO in this process.
- The Application Form is available here: <https://forms.office.com/e/sdNaLQT8vc>

## Office Hours and Application Assistance

We will host three 'Office Hours' in the month before the cut-off date to apply, to answer questions in a constructive environment. As noted in the SEF 2022 Selection Report, all NCs who took the time to attend these previously did receive funding so we would encourage anyone interested to attend these. They will take place on **Wednesday, 12 April, Tuesday, 18 April and Thursday, 20 April at 18:00 CET via Zoom**. If you are interested in attending these (which we strongly encourage!), please fill in this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/3B8CXFDYVW>. Alternatively, any applying NC/Initiative is encouraged to request a meeting with the CYAP team to discuss their ideas and ask for feedback.

Please contact Anne or Conor at the International Office via [a.flotho-liersch@eyp.org](mailto:a.flotho-liersch@eyp.org) or [c.comiskey@eyp.org](mailto:c.comiskey@eyp.org) with any questions or inquiries you might have.

We encourage you to consult these **helpful resources** before submitting your application:

- [Sustainability guide](#),
- [IS organising guide \(pp.29-33\)](#),
- [Selection Report SEF Round 1](#).

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