



## Call for Head Facilitator: EU-Arctic Youth Dialogue 2025

The *Youth Together For Arctic Futures* project is looking for 1-2 facilitators for the 2025 EU-Arctic Youth Dialogue (AYD), happening in late June 2025 in Kittilä, Finland, after an online preparation phase. The AYD is a yearly event where Arctic and European youth share policy recommendations with EU and Arctic policymakers. The facilitators will guide participants through the process of forming policy recommendations to present during the AYD in June. For more information, read the full call below.

Any questions can be directed to Annelou Snippe, Project Manager for the Arctic Project at the International Office of the European Youth Parliament via [a.snippe@eyp.org](mailto:a.snippe@eyp.org)

Please apply via [this](#) form. The deadline for applications is October 7th.

### **About the “Youth Together for Arctic Futures” project:**

*Youth Together for Arctic Futures* is a project aimed at empowering Arctic and European youth to influence policy for a sustainable and resilient future. The project responds to the unique challenges facing Arctic youth, particularly their disproportionate exposure to the effects of climate change and environmental degradation, which threatens Arctic ice, biodiversity, Indigenous ways of life, and overall regional stability. By equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and platforms to influence policy, the initiative creates opportunities for Arctic youth to shape their futures and encourages European youth to engage with Arctic people and issues.

*Youth Together for Arctic Futures* is led by the WWF Global Arctic Programme, alongside Tromsø Municipality, the Saami Council, the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, Arctic Mayors’ Forum, Arctic Youth Network, and the European Youth Parliament. The EU-funded project is youth-led, with a representative Youth Board overseeing the project’s direction and ensuring meaningful youth leadership. Read more about it [here](#).

### **About the EU-Arctic Youth Dialogue:**

The AYD takes place during the EU-Arctic Forum and Indigenous Peoples’ Dialogue, a 2 day event organised by the European Commission. The AYD is part of the *Youth Together for Arctic Futures* project. During the AYD, participants will share policy recommendations and engage with Arctic and EU policymakers.

Ahead of the AYD and EU-Arctic Forum and Indigenous Peoples’ Dialogue, participants will follow a series of online workshops from March-June on Arctic and EU policy and will be expected to prepare for the discussions. In June, a 3-day pre-conference preparation event will be held. During the pre-conference, participants will develop policy recommendations to present during the AYD. The intensive pre-conference will have a packed programme, giving participants the opportunity to engage with one another in person through various workshops and a policy creation process.

32 participants aged 18-35 from European and Arctic states will be selected to take part in the AYD and its preparations. For an impression of the AYD 2024, read more [here](#).

### **Role of the Head Facilitator:**

As the Head Facilitator, your role will be crucial in guiding participants through the process of developing these policy recommendations. You will:

- Facilitate the process to shape policy recommendations on EU-Arctic cooperation.
- Collaborate with partner organisations to ensure the workshops are effective and relevant, complimenting the policy creation process.
- Prepare participants to present their outcomes at the AYD together with the project team.



- Co-facilitate 3 brainstorming and planning meetings with Arctic and European youth and AYD alumni.
- Help create a solid preparation process for participants, giving input on the programme the project team is putting together.
- Engage with participants from March to June through online workshops, research discussions, and preparation activities. Potentially, this would involve facilitating online meetings.
- Intensively guide participants during the pre-conference event with support from the project team.

### **Commitment:**

While the event itself spans 3 days, your involvement will start earlier with online preparatory meetings. From October to November 2024, you will be expected to **co-facilitated 3 online brainstorming and planning meetings**. After participant selection in February 2025, from March to June 2025, we expect **1-2 hours of commitment per week**, focusing on preparation and coordination, both with participants and the project team (likely, this will be less at the start and more towards the event).

You are expected to attend the full 5-day event in late June, where you will guide participants through the facilitation process, culminating in a successful EU-Arctic Youth Dialogue 2025.

### **What we are looking for:**

We expect the following qualities in our Head Facilitator:

- Open to learning about different perspectives and sensitivities related to the topics being discussed.
- Willing and able to collaborate with a project team representing seven organisations.
- Committed to intercultural understanding, teamwork, democratic values, and the project's overarching goals.
- Ready to help shape an intensive program as an expert in facilitation methods.
- Organised and capable of managing a long-term process with multiple actors.
- Interested in, or have a background in, either Arctic or EU policy (but no expertise required!)
- Aged 18-35.
- Experienced in facilitation, with the ability to adapt methods to a new setting. EYP experience, particularly in academic teams, is highly valuable.

### **What will you be getting:**

- All travel, accommodation, and meals during the event will be fully covered.
- Unique experience in facilitating high-level policy discussions and working with youth from diverse backgrounds.
- Collaboration with a dynamic team, contributing to meaningful policy outcomes for the Arctic region.
- Expansion of your professional network through connections with people from various organisations.
- Opportunity to apply EYP skills in a new setting, similar to EYP's committee work but focused on developing concrete policy recommendations.

Though this position is unpaid, it offers an incredible professional opportunity for facilitators passionate about youth engagement, cross-cultural collaboration, and sustainable Arctic futures.

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