

Climate Youth Action Plan Idea Competition

Call for Applications
September 2024





Dear EYP Network,

We are excited to launch the 2024 call for the first ever EYP **Climate Youth Action Plan Idea Competition!** This initiative, designed in cooperation with the [E.ON Foundation](#) and [Thinkubator](#), aims at gathering your own ideas on how to make EYP much more sustainable, and taking them to the next level!

As a network where most of our activities take place face-to-face across Europe, EYP’s environmental footprint is very significant. While we don’t want to lose the incredible benefits of these in-person gatherings, it is important that we also recognise that our travels and events are not neutral to the climate or the communities in which they are held. Here is where this Idea Competition comes into place!

Through this call, we encourage **any groups and individuals from the network (active members as well as alumni!)** to participate with their concrete ideas on how EYP’s relationship with its environment can be transformed. The three best proposals will then be selected to move into a consultation phase with our partner, Thinkubator. With their mentorship and guidance, your ideas could become tangible and impactful solutions that can be implemented across our events and activities.

You can apply with your project idea [through this form](#) by 13th October 2024 at 23.59 CEST.

What’s in it for you?

By participating in this Idea Competition, you will gain:

- The opportunity to put your creative and entrepreneurial skills into practice for a meaningful transformation of EYP.
- Professional mentoring sessions led by experts in the field of sustainability practices, permaculture, circular economy, and more.
- A chance to travel to Berlin with the other selected participants to discuss and refine your projects on 6-8 December 2024.
- A total stipend of 1000€ to put your idea into practice, showcase your work and implement it in at least one EYP event.
- The opportunity to travel to Brussels to present the final prototype at a public event in April 2025 and to travel to another EYP session to further develop your prototype.

Timeline





Application Guidelines

Who can participate: The Climate Youth Action Plan Idea Competition is open for all active members as well alumni in the network, so we highly encourage the National Committees to disseminate this call through their networks! Ideas can be presented by **individuals** or **groups of up to 5 people** belonging to any National Committee. Groups composed of members belonging to different National Committees are encouraged to enter the Idea Competition.

What we are looking for: Your idea must be designed to bring EYP one step closer to climate neutrality and sustainability. Within the framework of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) by the United Nations, we are looking for ideas that promote:

- 1) **SDG 11:** Your creative idea is aimed at exploring and promoting a sustainable connection with the local communities, places and/or civil society organisations where EYP events and activities take place.
- 2) **SDG 12:** Your creative idea is aimed at our food choices or circular economy practices such as reusing, sharing, refurbishing, recycling or giving a second life to materials, products and/or waste resulting from EYP's activities and events.
- 3) **SDG 13:** Your creative idea is aimed at minimising our emissions related to the amount of Energy associated with EYP's activities such as traveling to and from our events.

In this competition we will prioritise ideas that are feasible and that can be potentially applied to more than one event at EYP. Ideally, your projects are designed to remain a common practice for the long run in the organisation. Besides that, you are free to be as ambitious and creative as you want! Your idea could imply building a bike that can generate clean energy through pedalling, creating DIY instructions for making biodegradable composting bins at every event, designing guidelines to deal with leftovers, programming an app that locates foodbanks around event venues... The possibilities are endless.

In our **pre-selection** phase, we are simply looking for that, an idea. It does not have to be longer than one page. In your [application](#) you will be asked to answer the following questions:

1. Give a nice title to your project.
2. Give a brief description of your idea (max.500 words).
3. In which ways would the application of your idea help EYP's sustainable engagement?
4. How do you envision your idea to be applied across the network?
5. Give a brief paragraph (up to 100 words) describing your idea in an appealing way, this text will be presented to EYP members.

During the application period, the International Office and our partners from Thinkubator will be available for consultation. You can also reach out with questions to Anne at a.flotho-liersch@eypp.org. Additionally, we will organise two info sessions on Sustainability at EYP where we can have discussions on the impact of our network in the environment and how the implementation of your ideas can be the key in making a long-term change.

These info sessions will take place on:

- Wednesday, 2 October, from 17.00 to 18.00 via [Zoom](#)
- Tuesday, 8 October, from 18.00 to 19.00 via [Zoom](#)

Please, send your application through [this form](#) no later than **13th October 2024 at 23.59 CEST**.

Selection Process

After a pre-selection process where we will check that your application meets the basic requirements, up to three ideas will be selected to move on to an exciting phase of consultation and mentoring with our partners at Thinkubator.

To assure a fair process of selection, the judgement of which ideas will make it into the next phase will be split between two juries:

- **One idea** will be selected by members of the EYP network through a public vote that will be published on our social media accounts.
- **Up to 2 more ideas** will be selected by a jury created *ad hoc* for this competition. The jury will be composed of (1) one representative of our funding partner, E.ON Stiftung, (2) one representative of Thinkubator, the organisation that will be in charge of the mentorship of the winning ideas, (3) one EYP alumnus working in the Social Entrepreneurship industry, (4) an external representative of a partner organisation, (5) a member of the GB, (6) the IO Project Manager for the Climate Youth Action Plan.

These projects will be chosen according to the novelty of the idea, its potential climatic and community benefits, the feasibility of its implementation in the network and potential to be put into practice and become a long-term reality in the organisation.

Idea development, Mentoring and Implementation

The winning ideas will be announced in **October 2024**. The development phase will begin with a kick-off meeting from 6-8 December in Berlin where the winners will have the opportunity to meet each other and begin their projects together.

Following the kick-off meeting, the winning groups and individuals will work closely with their mentors at Thinkubator until March 2025. This phase is a fantastic chance to learn from those that have extensive experience mentoring social entrepreneurship initiatives, particularly in the field of sustainability and environmentally conscious practices.

During this phase, the winners will receive support to:

- Develop and refine their project, turning their initial ideas into well-structured and actionable plans,
- build the prototypes and testing materials, each project will receive a **first stipend of 500€** to cover material costs,
- designing a way to scale the idea and implement it across EYP events. For this purpose, the winning projects will receive a second **stipend of 500€**.

Lastly, in **April 2025**, the groups will showcase their finalised projects and prototypes at a public EYP event in Brussels, Belgium.

Thanks to our Partners!

We would like to thank the E.ON Stiftung and Thinkubator for their support in this competition, which is part of our ongoing [Climate Youth Action Plan](#) project .