



EUROPEAN **YOUTH** PARLIAMENT

# Call for NC Project Fund

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Dear National Committees,

We are excited to launch the 2024 call for the NC Project Fund! The **NC Project Fund** has been designed as a tool to support your activities and help you develop specific projects. This fund is meant to be a low threshold way for NCs to apply for funding.

We are very happy to open a call for applications from all EYP National Committees, Initiatives and Candidate NCs. The projects that have a permanent positive impact on your NC's status and ability to develop sustainably and consistently are prioritised. With the NC Project Fund in 2024, you will be able to apply for expenditures relating to activities with a focus on certain topics and administrative costs, see the following streams:

### **Youth Rights Dialogue Stream**

- This fund will support National Committees who commit to hosting a “Youth Rights Dialogue” during their sessions – these dialogue labs are designed to foster discussions and enhance understanding of the [Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union](#) (CFREU), promoting its usage in various societal contexts (e.g. by having a committee topic on fundamental and human rights).
- You can apply for an amount of €800 - €1,200

### **Sustainable Engagement Fund**

- The Sustainable Engagement Fund aims to encourage young people across Europe to explore, discuss, and ultimately act for sustainability within their existing engagement with the EYP and with their local and national communities.
- You can apply for an amount of €500-€1,500 for each project.

### **Diversity and Inclusion Stream**

- The Diversity and Inclusion funds aims to support initiatives dedicated to strengthening diversity and accessibility in events or creating long-term solutions for making your NC activities more inclusive.
- You can apply for an amount of €200-€500.

### **Security topic Stream**

- The Security Stream aims to support sessions including on a topic related to Foreign Affairs and Security.
- You can apply for an amount of up to €500.

### **Administrative Stream**

- The Administrative Stream is aimed at supporting administrative and logistic expenses connected to the everyday running of your NC.
- You can apply for an amount of €200-€800.

Please **read in more comprehensive detail the criteria and type of costs for each stream** in the pages below.

All interested National Committees can submit their application for all streams via this [form](#) by **September 29th, 2024 (23:59 CET)**. We are here to support you in the application process, so feel free to reach out with any questions you may have!

You can contact Annelou Snippe ([a.snippe@eyp.org](mailto:a.snippe@eyp.org)) and Anne Flotho-Liersch ([a.flotho-liersch@eyp.org](mailto:a.flotho-liersch@eyp.org)) with any questions or inquiries you might have, including if you would like to discuss a concept or whether your planned activity would be eligible under any of the streams.



If you are interested in applying, join one of the online office hours on 4 September from 18:30-19:30 CEST ([zoom link](#)) or 10 September from 18:30-19:30 CEST ([zoom link](#)) to learn more about the 5 streams and to ask any questions you may have. NCs that have previously attended these had a much higher chance of a successful application. :)

## Application Guidelines

### General rules

- **One National Committee can apply for funding for multiple streams.** However, there should be a *separate application* per stream. If your NC has previously been selected for one stream, you can apply again but your application should differ substantially from the previous one or underscore why it would be beneficial for you to receive the same funding again.
  - You can find a summary of [previously selected projects here](#). For previously selected projects for the Sustainable Engagement Fund, you can [find a summary here](#).
- Please submit the **full NC budget for 2024** for the IO to be able to assess the financial needs of your NC and highlight which expenses the funds from the NC Project Fund would cover. You can use the template [here](#). If you are receiving funds from **Understanding Europe**, please add them too with a breakdown of how they are being allocated towards your running costs.
- For the project costs to be eligible, **consider the individual timeframe of each stream.**
- Selected National Committees will be **required to hand in receipts and a project report** within **four weeks after the project has ended**. You will receive more information about accounting and reporting if you are granted the NC Support Fund. The main elements of the report are:
  - A short summary and reflection on the activity.
  - A receipt list with scanned copies.
  - **Evaluation results** collected using the survey template of the IO (you can find them [here](#) for various type of events and the instructions) should be used for all the events/activities in ALL of the streams, besides the administrative one.
  - Several streams will have **additional reporting requirements**, some of which are outlined below. Full reporting requirements will be shared upon selection.
- **Important note:** Your NC will receive only 80% once you are granted the NCPF. The rest 20% will be transferred after you have submitted the project report. Failure to submit the report will affect financial contribution and chances of receiving IO support in the future. Smaller sums (300 euros or less) will be transferred in one instalment.

### Guiding Principles for Activities

Please note: These are NOT must-haves for the activities in your application, but strategic areas we encourage you to consider when developing a project.



- Activities should aim to sustainably build up the capacities of a National Committee. Activities aimed at recruiting new members, especially those your NC has not reached before, will be viewed favourably.
- Activities implementing an innovative format relating to active citizenship will be viewed favourably, for example by utilising innovative formats for EYP, such as Think Tanks or Roundtables (see [Roundtable concept](#)), or even creating new ones altogether.
- The administrative investments or activities should structurally enhance member retention and external visibility of your NC.
- Activities should have clear objectives and, ideally, some measures to assess and evaluate the impact of the achieved objectives.
- The activities should have a long-term effect on the organisational development, structures of your NC and activity levels, rather than one-off activities or temporary improvements.

## Funding Streams

### 1. Youth Rights Dialogue Stream

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (CFREU) was adopted in 2000 and came into force in 2009. It represents the EU's ambition to have a comprehensive bill of rights, encompassing a wide scope of human rights and freedoms, including dignity, freedom, equality, solidarity, citizens' rights, and justice. Despite its significant potential, awareness and usage of the Charter remain limited, especially among young people and youth organisations.

The Youth Rights Dialogue Stream aims to promote **understanding and practical use of the Charter among youth and key societal stakeholders**. By organising these dialogues, National Committees can help to **clarify the Charter, empower youth to advocate for their rights effectively, and foster commitment to fundamental rights**.

- National Committees can apply for between €800 and €1,200 worth of funding from this stream, up to 6,000€ will be distributed in total.
- The implemented events must take place before the end of November 2024.
- It is required to have a minimum of 15 participants at the Youth Rights Dialogues.
- Youth Rights Dialogues can be either part of existing events, or standalone events organized by NCs.
- Youth Rights Dialogues can take the form of committee topics, training modules or panel discussions as long as they refer for the Charter and ensure an exchange of young people's views on fundamental rights that are summarised in the project report. More materials related to the Charter will be shared with NCs selected for this stream.

The Youth Rights Dialogue Stream is supported by the [FOCUS project](#), a project funded by the European Union.

### 2. Sustainable Engagement Fund

The SEF is a project of the [Climate Youth Action Plan \(CYAP\)](#) and funded by the E.ON Stiftung and the European Union. Its goal is to empower young Europeans to act for sustainability within their existing engagement with the EYP and with their local and national communities.



**Up to 8,000€ of funds** will be distributed to selected National Committees & Initiatives during this third of funding. This round is for projects taking place between **the beginning of October and the end of February 2025**.

Projects with **long-term 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 **focus on “breaking the EYP bubble”** while also reducing the carbon footprint of its activities and will therefore welcome project ideas that establish partnerships with other local stakeholders to foster sustainable civic engagement beyond EYP while also promoting environmental sustainability.

- NCs and Initiatives can apply for **€500-€1,500** for each project.
- The implemented events must take place before the end of February 2025.
- All projects/ activities should place **connections with other civil society organisations (such as youth councils, sports associations etc.) at the core**. For example, **EYP Romania** previously received funding for offering free spots to delegates from other youth organisations inviting them to nominate delegates.
- **Projects should also address a socio-political debate and encourage participants to reflect on it**, for example **EYP Armenia** received funding for its Sevan Summer Session that exclusively focused on issues related to Lake Sevan raising awareness about the topic among participants. Similarly, **EYP Azerbaijan** has been previously selected as it aims to collaborate with other young organisations ahead of the upcoming COP taking place in the country in November.
- The projects/activities that are eligible should also **encourage sustainable practices**. For example, **EYP Netherlands** received funding in the second wave for an initiative at Summer Academy 2023 where they offered only **vegetarian meals** and encouraged participants to use sustainable means of transport.
- The measures should have a **sustained impact**. For example, **EYP Slovenia** received funding to **educate on the importance of recycling and waste management** by organising expert talks and polling member with quizzes before and after the modules.
- All projects select commit to **tracking the carbon emissions** of their activities. A template and guidance will be provided by the International Office.

Before applying, applicants are encouraged to browse the [Sustainability Resource Section](#) on the Members Platform and consult the previous selection reports of the SEF, most notably that of round 3 (accessible [here](#)). We also strongly recommend attending an office hour beforehand.

### 3. Diversity and Inclusion Stream

The Diversity and Inclusion Stream aims to support NCs in making their events more inclusive and accessible. As it can be difficult for NCs to invest in this area, this stream aims to make it easier for NCs to make a direct investment in their NC. Additionally, this stream supports NCs in raising awareness and setting up structures for the future.

- NCs can apply for €200-€500 for each project.
- Activities and projects targeting young people pertaining to the five target groups for outreach and inclusion in EYP, as set by the GB in June 2015, are prioritised. The definitions can be found [here](#). Other target groups will also be considered.
- The activity should strengthen diversity and inclusion in your existing events.



- Proposals with long-term impact are preferred. For example, this could include developing inclusive communication materials, buying materials to further enhance the accessibility of your NC's events, or capacity building events focussed on outreach & inclusion.
- Travel stipends and/or costs related to accessibility of events can also be included, but are not prioritised for this round.
- Due to our funder's requirements, EU countries will be prioritised in this stream.
- The project should take place before the end of November 2024 (costs and invoices outside this given timeframe cannot be considered).

**Reading material!** In case you need some support with planning your outreach and inclusion events, please have a look at the guides on the Member Platform: [Best practice guide on outreach and inclusion](#) and the [Outreach and Inclusion Guide](#). You can also have a look at the [Digital Events Guide](#) to see how digital sessions could be used as outreach tool.

The Diversity and Inclusion Stream is supported by the Mercator Stiftung.

## 4. Security Stream

This stream aims at raising awareness for security topics in EYP. Supported by the Hertie Stiftung/Foundation, NCs will have the chance to have committees with security topics. All resolutions from these committees will feed into a Security Conference in Berlin. Select committee members of the Security Committees will have the opportunity to travel to Berlin for the Security Conference.

- NCs can apply for an amount up to €500.
- Costs that can be included are travel reimbursements, materials, communications costs, and food.
- At least one Committee topic needs to be security focussed. The topic can either be submitted in the application, or the topic can be developed together with a representative from the International Office. Please indicate your preference in your application.
- Committee members will be invited to a conference in Berlin taking place in early 2025 to discuss Security topics with experts.
- Sessions with funding from this stream need to take place before December 2024.

For inspiration on what kind of topics we are looking for, please take a look at the [Munich Security Conference](#). Topics related to what is discussed at this conference will have preference, such as transatlantic relations, European defence or technological security.

## 5. Administrative Stream

Fundraising for administrative costs is always particularly challenging for National Committees. We therefore want to support NCs with covering administrative costs and legal fees. Funding provided as part of this stream should be targeted at administrative costs of running a National Committee, including but not limited to:

- Bank fees and setting up bank accounts;
- Legal documents or registration fees;
- Smaller investments in the infrastructure of the National Committee.

NCs can apply for €200 to 800€ in this Administrative Stream. Applicants will be chosen based on urgency and need.



## **Support materials for your events & application**

- [EYP's Strategy 2021-2025](#)
- [NC Budget Template](#)
- [NC Budget Template Guide](#)
- If you need some inspiration on how to plan environmentally sustainable events, check out the sustainability section in the [IS organising guide](#) (p.29-33) or the [Sustainability guide](#) on the Member Platform.

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