



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Sustainable Engagement

Fund: Funding Round 3

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The Sustainable Engagement Fund was established in 2022 as part of the [Climate Youth Action Plan](#), with the support of the E.ON Foundation. The aim of this fund is to bolster sustainability practices in the EYP Network. This year's round focused on breaking the EYP bubble and creating partnerships with local and civic actors. The third round of the Sustainable Engagement Fund awarded 14.300€ to 10 National Committees. The call was launched in May and closed in June. All National Committees were eligible to apply for funding.

Executive Summary

- Out of 12 applications, 10 National Committees were selected. These projects focus on various streams of sustainability and how to break the EYP bubble, and cover the holistic sustainable practices at events.
- Funding was given to those NCs whose application clearly showed the goal of reaching out outside of the EYP bubble, for example by offering up to 5 free spots to delegates from under-represented backgrounds in sessions, establishing collaboration with other civic actors (such as LGTBI+ youth organisations) and organising public panel discussions with policy-makers.
- All the selected projects are expected to fill in the [Carbon Footprint Template](#) for the first time. The International Office provided guidance on how to work with the sheet in two briefing sessions and will offer general support throughout the next months.
- The next wave of the Sustainable Engagement Fund will be launched in late summer 2024 and up to 8 000 € will be distributed. A detailed Call for Applications will be published before the upcoming Summer Academy.
- The main criteria for grading the applications were the following:
 - Opportunity to create long-term partnerships with other civic actors (Breaking the EYP bubble);
 - Impact and contribution to the long-term sustainability of the NC;
 - Focus on environmental sustainability;
 - Possibility for other NCs to benefit from this concept;
 - Innovativeness of the project;
 - Assessment of the financial needs of the NC and the difficulty level involved in fundraising for such a project;
 - Consideration of other support received from International Office initiatives in recent years.



Selected Projects

Total amount of funding received by NCs is **14.300€**. Additional information on the inspired projects is found below:

NC	Project Title	Project summary
Armenia	Sevan Summer Session 2024	The Sevan Summer Session of EYP Armenia is the first event held in the city of Sevan located on the shore of the namesake lake, the largest one in the entire region that encompasses an entire ecosystem for flora and fauna of the region. The session aims to bring attention to the environmental issues Lake Sevan faces and make a long-lasting impact with its resolution on building bridges with other stakeholders and partners, the NGO Maqoor as one example.
Azerbaijan	Regional Session: “Green Future Forum: Combating Climate Change”	EYP Azerbaijan plans on hosting a green regional session focused on environmental sustainability and community engagement. The key initiatives include local community generation (by clean-up drives, workshops and seminars), sustainable food practices, by locally sourced meals, and other things such as encouraging green travel. The whole event seeks to maximise youth engagement and aims to set a new standard for sustainable events, with plans for increased funding support. Furthermore, as a member of the National Youth Organisations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA), EYP Azerbaijan was offered the chance to organise activities with the member organisations, regarding the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP) taking place in the country in November.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sarajevo 2024 – The 8th National Session of EYP Bosnia and Herzegovina	The 8th National session of the European Youth Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the flagship event of the National Committee, which aims to gather around 120 participants from all over Europe. EYP BiH is collaborating with other organisations by sending delegations to each other's events, sharing knowledge, and establishing Youth Councils within each Municipality, which enable youth organizations to work together with larger stakeholders and decision-makers on an administrative scale. This year, the primary focus is to engage with unconventional stakeholders, such as public communal service companies and landfills, to educate our members and event participants.
Belgium	Hasselt Regional Session	The theme of this regional session “Fostering impactful growth and innovation: Shaping a thriving and inclusive Europe”, has a strong focus on sustainability. The conference will be unique as it is the first EYP Belgium event in Limburg, a culturally rich province and key



agricultural hub. Given Limburg's high community engagement, EYP Belgium hopes to collaborate with other youth organisations, especially youth movements. Belgium has a rich culture of youth movements, and partnering with these groups in Hasselt presents an exciting opportunity for EYP Belgium. The plan is to reach out to schools and youth movements in Hasselt, inviting them to send delegations to our Regional Selection Conference. This will allow young people active in youth movements to share their experiences informally with other participants. Additionally, a spokesperson from local youth movements may be invited to discuss the impact of their work.

Cyprus	Long Term Project (LTP) of EYP Cyprus 2024	<p>The LTP is a project that incorporates all the sessions and events EYP Cyprus will hold in 2024. The project's overarching theme is “Reimagining humanity; Reigniting hope”. EYP Cyprus will be holding a “Discussing Europe” panel after the Opening Ceremony, with high-profile speakers on disruptive innovation. The panel will be opened to the public and advertised during an NGO Fair. This fair will also be opened to the public and will be advertised through social media to guarantee maximum visibility and will be featuring 15-20 youth NGOs and partner organizations in Cyprus. The public panels will feature Cypriot officials and interactive roundtable discussions with NGO representatives. An academic workshop for students and teachers will be held in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. The collaboration is established with the Cyprus Youth Council to reach diverse participants, including Greek-Cypriots, Turkish-Cypriots, LGBTQI+ community members, and international students.</p>
Finland	Tampere Regional Session of EYP Finland 2024	<p>EYP Finland's first regional session of 2024 will be held in Tampere from October 17 to 20. Expecting 80-90 delegates and 30-40 officials, this session will introduce many young participants to the EYP and European Parliament. Emphasising diversity, inclusion, and sustainability, EYP Finland ensures low barriers to participation and minimal environmental impact. Many of EYP Finland members are also active in other organizations, helping EYP Finland foster connections within the youth sector and strengthen ties with local organizations and civil society actors. EYP Finland will be organising events such as election panels with politicians across the political spectrum, increasing visibility and engaging decision-makers, involving both local and national leaders.</p>
Latvia	36 th Regional Selection Conference of EYP Latvia – Salaspil 2024	<p>The 36th Regional Selection Conference - Salaspil 2024 will gather around 70 young people from Latvia and other European countries with the aim of educating and involving young people in youth action. EYP Latvia will continue its partnerships with local companies and youth organisations like “Klubs Māja.” To reach more youth</p>



organisations, the NC will leverage its members who are active in multiple groups to attract participants and foster future collaborations for greater impact. Additionally, the organisers are working closely with the Salaspils council to not only collaborate on upcoming events but also establish lasting partnerships with other regional stakeholders, such as the European Parliament Ambassador School and local student councils.

Poland	Warsaw 2024: 20th National Selection Conference of EYP Poland	<p>The National Selection Conference in Warsaw marks an important milestone in the National Committee's history as it is the 20th National Session. The leading partner will be Warsaw's city mayor, Rafał Trzaskowski. The plan is to renew long-term partnerships with Members of the European Parliament, such as Róża Thun from the ENVI committee, who has contributed to shaping committee topics and enhancing session sustainability. Other potential partners, include the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland and the Reform Institute, an independent think tank focused on public policy improvement, energy and industry transition, and sustainability. A cultural program with the Polish History Museum, which has offered a venue, will be established to enhance cultural awareness and understanding of the city and country. Additionally, the NC is in contact with organisations representing national minority and refugee youth in Poland, especially the German and Ukrainian communities, to invite them to the event. It is expected to be one of the largest events to date in terms of participant numbers, bringing together individuals from all over Europe in the heart of Poland.</p>
Spain	Valencia National Selection Conference 2024	<p>Valencia NSC 2024 is committed to setting a new standard for sustainable nourishment within EYP events. By creating a "Veggie Day" where all participants consume meals without meat, it aims to reduce the carbon footprint, as well as foster strong partnerships with local businesses and prioritise the use of locally-sourced products. From using eco-friendly and reusable materials, to organising events focused on raising awareness, and featuring speakers and experts, its goal is to inspire a path towards more sustainable food consumption.</p>
Romania	Ploiești '24 National Selection Conference	<p>Ploiești '24, the first National Conference of EYP Romania since its revitalisation, aims to embody environmental sustainability and sustainable civic engagement. The event will feature sustainable practices like vegetarian menus and recycling initiatives, and seeks to expand accessibility within the EYP network, offering up to 5 free spots to delegates from underrepresented backgrounds to foster inclusivity and diversity.</p>



General remarks

The International Office is happy about the overall quality of this third round of the Sustainable Engagement Fund in the context of a still young initiative. The applications showed a broad dedication and concepts as sustainability were clearly explained. We would like to thank those NCs which applied this time and encourage those who did not to consider applying in the next round later this year. The Call for Applications will be published shortly before Summer Academy. Please reach out to the International Office in case you are not sure your project idea applies to the fund.

In addition, we are very pleased to note that NCs have gained significant knowledge about environmental sustainability. The quality of these applications has improved significantly from previous rounds. As a next step, we would like to shift our focus to improving social and civic sustainability of the network.

We encourage those NCs who plan to apply for the next round of funding to continue this trend, as they have previously improved an application's chances of aligning their vision with that of the fund. If board members or project managers cannot attend the Office Hours, the team will also be available for separate consultations with the board.

We have developed a '[database](#)' with input from every project that receives funding from the SEF. This makes it easier for future applicants as they will draw on lessons learned by the network to focus on using best practices in sustainability. It also offers NCs insight into the areas or project types that have not been carried out with SEF support.

We would like to thank EYP's partners who contribute to the Sustainable Engagement Fund, namely the E.ON foundation as our main partner for the Climate Youth Action Plan.