

WHY BECOME A  
MEMBER ORGANISATION  
OF THE EUROPEAN  
YOUTH FORUM?



# EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



**CBMA**  
Consultative Body on Membership Applications  
Reviews the membership applications

**BOARD**  
11 members including 1 President and 2 Vice-Presidents  
• Defines the overall strategy in line with the Youth Forum Strategic Priorities and Work Plan  
• Is responsible for the finances and budgetary matters  
• Ensures external representation

**FCC**  
Financial Control Commission  
Responsible for the internal audit of the finances of the Forum

**SECRETARIAT**  
Secretary General Office - Policy & Advocacy Department - Administrative & Finance Department  
Ensure the daily functioning of the platform and the implementation of the Youth Forum's Strategic Priorities and Work Plan

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- accept and work for the purpose of the Youth Forum
- be a non-governmental and not for profit organisation
- have democratic aims and structures and accept the principles of the European Convention of Human Rights
- fully acknowledge the Statutes of the Youth Forum
- work with young people and have a decision making body controlled by young people
- not to be subject to direction in their decisions by any external authority.

## SPECIFIC CRITERIA

### NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL?

A) be the national coordinating body of non-governmental youth organisations in a European State

B) be open to all and include most of the main democratic youth movements and organisations on the national level in that State.

### INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL YOUTH ORGANISATION?

Have at least 5,000 young members in ten European States, and under no circumstances have less than 300 young members in any one of these ten states

OR

Have under special circumstances on the basis of their relevance to the work of the Forum a positive recommendation from: the Secretary-General and Board or the Consultative Body on Membership Applications.

# BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER ORGANISATION OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

1

Have **your voice heard** in Europe - becoming a member organisation of the European Youth Forum will give access to European and international institutions.

2

Help decide on the future of youth in Europe - becoming a member organisation of the European Youth Forum will give **access to decision and policy making** of the platform and the possibility to nominate candidates for working structures.

3

Grow stronger - the European Youth Forum provides numerous **opportunities** for capacity building and organisational development.

4

Share your **expertise** through various networks and expert groups to improve the situation of young people in Europe.

5

Participate in different events at the European level - the European Youth Forum regularly organises **events** on various topics relevant to young people.

6

**Networking** - connect and exchange best practices with 100 national and international youth organisations.

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