

EUROPEAN YOUTH ORGANISATIONS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 2030 AGENDA:

MAIN FINDINGS AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS



Youth organisations play a crucial role in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and young people are recognised in it as “critical agents for change”. Three years into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, what role do youth organisations in Europe play? The European Youth Forum’s new study “European youth organisations’ contributions to the 2030 Agenda” presents key data and case studies collected from 89 youth organisations across 37 countries. With concrete recommendations for governments and public institutions, this study can serve as a toolkit to work more effectively with and for young people towards a more sustainable world.

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE



HAVE GOOD AWARENESS OF THE 2030 AGENDA

Youth organisations appear to have higher levels of awareness of the 2030 Agenda than other sectors



VIEW THE 2030 AGENDA POSITIVELY

They see it as a fertile ground to build partnerships and implement projects & are eager to be involved in all policy discussions and related activities



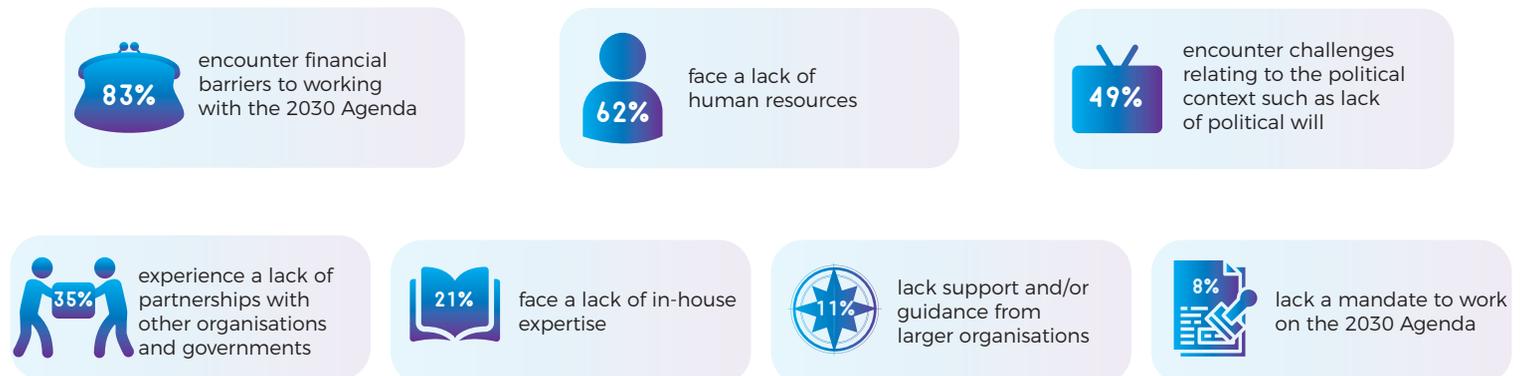
FIND THE 2030 AGENDA USEFUL

They view it as a common and holistic framework that they can use to work more effectively towards multiple ends, hold governments accountable for their actions, as well as strengthen the relevance of their own work to institutions and partners.

HOW YOUTH ORGANISATIONS CONTRIBUTE TO THE 2030 AGENDA



YOUTH ORGANISATIONS ENCOUNTER CHALLENGES IN WORKING WITH THE 2030 AGENDA



WHAT YOU CAN DO AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM A GOVERNMENT OR A PUBLIC INSTITUTION TO UNLEASH THE FULL POTENTIAL OF YOUTH ORGANISATIONS TO WORK TOWARDS THE 2030 AGENDA

SET THE STAGE!

- Work towards a conducive policy environment by including the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs as a holistic and inclusive framework in priorities, policies and projects
- Share regular updates on the progress towards the SDGs and shortcomings for instance through annual reports

BE INCLUSIVE!

- Create structured and stable spaces for youth organisations' inputs to be taken up in policy processes, while diversifying the formal and informal mechanisms for youth participation
- Ensure representativeness and meaningful participation by reaching out to youth-led and democratic organisations while ensuring diversity in terms of the organisations' origin, background, and approaches
- Give youth organisations more weight in decision-making processes given their higher stake in the future
- Systematically include a youth representative in delegations sent to international conferences such as the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

CHOOSE THE RIGHT PROJECTS TO SUPPORT!

- Work with youth organisations and youth platforms to collect data on the 2030 Agenda and projects to implement the SDGs
- Support already existing events and initiatives, as well as programmes that have demonstrated impact in other countries

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!

- Set up funding channels dedicated to initiatives focusing on topics addressed by the 2030 Agenda and sustainable development and disseminate information on these
- Allocate funds and support youth organisations, especially smaller ones, to conduct needs assessments, measure their impact and participate in research activities
- Support volunteering and youth-led programmes through dedicated funding and shared platforms
- Provide and support spaces and incentives for capacity building for young people to become innovators

LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT IT!

- Make resources and information on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs available in a free and accessible way
- Use a targeted and context-specific approach to increase young people's interest
- Build and support more partnerships with the media to communicate about the 2030 Agenda itself, projects being implemented to reach the SDGs, and positive news
- Work with young people and youth organisations when communicating about the SDGs

THE FULL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.YOUTHFORUM.ORG/YOUTH-ORGANISATIONS-AND-2030-AGENDA

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