



policy corners

Topics and Description

Online spaces on Basecamp dedicated to Member Organisations for informal exchange and updates in the policy and other areas of work of the European Youth Forum.

EDUCATION & YOUTH WORK & VOLUNTEERING

This policy corner is dedicated to engage with Member Organisations and to inform on the most recent developments in our work related to education, youth work and volunteering as well as relevant developments within the European institutions.

The policy corner focuses on:

- the role of youth organisations in providing citizenship education;
- the development of the European Education Area 2025;
- validation of non-formal and informal learning;
- developments of micro-credentials
- the 2018 Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching;
- Developments of European volunteering programs
- the 2008 Council Recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers;
- developments related to the Bonn process
- as well as any other relevant advocacy processes.

This space is used to not only inform the membership but also to gather inputs for the daily policy and advocacy work of the Forum in the field. Member organisations are encouraged to contribute by sharing any relevant content and initiating discussion on the related topics.

FUNDING FOR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

This policy corner is dedicated to engage with members about the latest developments related to funding and investment in civil society and youth organisations.

The policy corner focuses on:

- Erasmus+;
- the Multiannual Financial Framework;
- the European Solidarity Corps
- the activities of and opportunities provided by the European Youth Foundation;
- as well as any other relevant opportunities and advocacy processes for youth organisations in terms of funding.

This space is used not only to gather inputs, but also to support the membership in their advocacy efforts at national and EU level. It also serves to foster peer-to-peer exchanges among members.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION

This policy corner is a space to discuss some of the topics linked to Social and Economic inclusion. It will include both updates on the work of the European Youth Forum, as well as on EU-level initiatives, programmes and policies. The focus will be mainly on the following topics or processes:

Topics covered will include:

- Youth employment
- The Future of work
- Social Protection and poverty
- Other social policy topics including mental health and housing
- EU social policy (including the Youth Guarantee, European Social Fund Plus, European Pillar of Social Rights etc)

Member organisations are invited to contribute by sharing any relevant content including, but not limited to, articles, policy briefs, videos, podcasts, or reports on social and economic inclusion, including from a national perspective. Sharing content that can initiate debate is actively encouraged.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This policy corner will be a space for the Youth Forum and member organisations to debate, talk, listen, argue, agree and disagree on a wide range of topics related

to sustainable development, including sustainable development, inequality, economic governance, environmental issues or policy frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda, to name but a few, and the role of youth in these.

The Youth Forum will update its member organisations on developments related to the topic, including:

- The work of the European Youth Forum on sustainable development
- Initiatives, programmes and policies of the EU and European governments related to sustainable development
- Events related to sustainable development topics

Member organisations are invited to:

- Share updates on policy developments in their national context
- Share updates on sustainable development issues they are working
- Present their own initiatives related to sustainable development
- Share events they are organising or are involved in

Finally, everyone is invited to share insights, articles, videos, policy briefs, toolkits or any other thought-provoking materials and ask questions on topics related to sustainable development.

There are different visions about the future we want to live in, different understandings about how change happens, and different ideologies and belief systems that shape our thinking. The ambition for this policy corner is to share, help each other and learn from the best ideas to collectively move forwards on sustainable development.

UNITED NATIONS UPDATES

This policy corner is a space for Member Organisations to find out more about our work with the United Nations, update us on your work in intergovernmental processes or with UN agencies, funds and programmes, and discuss opportunities and ideas.

The discussions may be particularly interesting for people involved in coordinating youth delegate programmes in National Youth Councils as well as anyone from INGYOs with an interest in global policy-making and UN processes.

Updates will focus on UN processes we are following related to the different pillars of the work of the UN (sustainable development, human rights and peace and security) and our UN actions related to youth rights, strong youth organisations, sustainable development, social and economic inclusion and participation. The policy corner will also provide an opportunity to discuss and share ideas around meaningful youth participation in the UN system.

YOUTH POLICY UPDATES

The Youth Policy Updates Corner is an open space dedicated to Member Organisations for exchanging information and receiving updates in the area of youth policy at local, regional, national, EU and Council of Europe level., and broader updates on activity in the European Institutions.

The Youth Forum will update its member organisations on developments related to the topic, including:

- EU Youth Strategy implementation;
- EU youth policy making processes at the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council;
- Broader, EU business including Presidency programmes and events, news from the institutions, enlargement, EU leadership and other pertinent topics.
- Council of Europe Youth Strategy 2030 implementation.

These updates are also with the view to bringing what is happening in the EU Institutions and Council of Europe closer to Member Organisations and their work.

Member organisations are invited to:

- Share updates on the development and reviews of national youth policy and youth laws;
- Share experiences in using the Quality Standards of Youth Policy Tool in their advocacy;
- Share other relevant youth policy updates from the local, national, European or even global level.
- Share updates on the Member State positions they are aware of concerning various relevant political issues.
- Share information resources, such as briefings, policy papers and other relevant content that can contribute to the knowledge development and capacity building
- Disseminate relevant information received through this channel to their own member organisations where relevant.

YOUTH, PEACE & SECURITY

The different policy frameworks adopted at UN level, namely the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250 (UNSCR 2250) on Youth, Peace and Security and the UNSCR 2419 on the Maintenance of international peace and security, the Council Conclusions on the role of young people in building harmonious societies in Europe, show an increasing need for a meaningful involvement of youth in peace and security processes.

The policy corner is a working space for Member Organisations to exchange, share updates, debate on issues around Youth, Peace and Security. These will include both updates on the work of the European Youth Forum and from the Youth, Peace and security coordination network, as well as on the UN and EU level initiatives, programmes and policies.

Member organisations are invited to:

- Share updates on policy developments related to Youth Peace and Security in their national/local context
- Share updates on YPS issues and undergoing projects
- Present their own initiatives related to Youth, Peace and Security

GENERAL YFJ UPDATES

The goal of the corner for general updates is to keep all YFJ updates, invitations, consultations, event reminders and so on in one place, so they can be easily accessed.

Moreover, it is a space for general questions and queries.

CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

This policy corner is a space to share information and updates on the Conference on the Future of Europe, including on the priority theme of enhancing transitions and improving conditions for youth-friendly employment and training sectors. It will also help to coordinate positions ahead of key conference milestones/events and engagement with the Multilingual Online Platform.

The Youth Forum will provide updates before and after the Conference Plenary sessions, Executive Board meetings and Citizen's Panels, insights into Brussels-based engagement with the institutions and opportunities to participate in the 25% project.

Member Organisations are invited to share details of the Conference-related events they are organising or taking part in at local, national and European level, reflections on the priority themes coming out of this activity and provide feedback on the youth inclusion element of the EU process.

CIVIC SPACE

This is a space to enable cooperation on safeguarding civic space and for receiving updates from this policy area. If you are an organisation facing

difficulties or you want to support others in protecting and promoting civic space, you are very welcome to join, share, contribute, ask and more.

You are very encouraged to share your experiences, best practices, resources and we also hope you will engage with other member organisations.