



Policy Corners

Topics and Description

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

EDUCATION

This policy corner is dedicated to engage with Member Organisations on the most recent developments in our work related to education 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;
- the 2018 Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching;
- 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 of education and exchange on developments.

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 serves also to foster peer-to-peer exchanges among MOs.

FUTURE OF WORK

As technological advancements continue to change the nature of work, a global conversation is unfolding on the future of work. In August 2017, the ILO launched the Global Commission on the Future of Work to explore how to achieve a future of work that offers decent and sustainable opportunities for all. The Youth Forum is active in contributing to this conversation and currently working on a study on the future of work and its impact on young people.

This policy corner is a space to discuss some of the topics linked to the Future of Work, and to contribute your thoughts. It will serve to share updates and discuss issues related to discussions happening at EU and global level.

Topics covered will include:

- The Fourth Industrial Revolution
- Skills of the future
- Mental health and well being
- Work conditions and work-life balance
- Access to social protection and the reform of welfare systems
- New forms of work (gig economy)
- Data ownership and privacy
- The digital divide

Member organisations are invited to contribute by sharing any relevant content including, but not limited to, articles, policy briefs, videos, podcasts, or reports on the Future of Work, 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 the role of youth in sustainable development, inequality, economic governance, environmental issues or policy frameworks such as the 2030 Agenda, to name but a few.

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 the 2030 Agenda and policy areas 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

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.

THE EU DAILY

The EU Daily is an online platform for an active sharing and exchange on EU related matters. EU long term and annual budgets, Presidencies, Institutions, Conference on the Future of Europe, enlargement, EU leadership and other topics - all of it with an aim to bring what's happening in the EU Institutions closer to Member Organisations and vice versa.

This policy corner would not replace the topical policy corners, but rather aim to provide space on general EU matters and cover overall institutional processes, such as the Multiannual Financial Framework among others.

Member organisations are invited to:

- Follow relevant developments in the EU through active participation in the EU Daily.
- Share updates on the Member State positions they are aware of concerning various political issues.
- Exchange information and views, identifying common actions.
- Share information resources, such as briefings, policy papers and other relevant content that can contribute to the knowledge development and capacity building.
- Feedback received information through the EU Daily to their own Member Organisations, where relevant.

UNITED NATIONS UPDATES

This new 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.

VOLUNTEERING

The Policy Corner on Volunteering is an online space dedicated to Member Organisations for exchanging information and receiving updates in the policy area connected to volunteering.

It focuses on:

- the European Solidarity Corps programme,
- the 20008 Council Recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers;
- as well as any other relevant processes connected to volunteering.

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 of volunteering and exchange on developments.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

This policy corner will be a space to update Member Organisations on developments related to quality youth employment. These 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:

- Quality transitions from education to the labour market (internships and apprenticeships);
- Quality employment (quality jobs, access to social protection);
- Follow up to the European Pillar of Social Rights;
- Youth Guarantee;
- Proposal for an EU Recommendation on access to social protection for all workers in non-standard forms of employment and the self-employed;
- Proposal for a Directive on transparent and predictable working conditions;
- Funding for youth employment (European Social Fund; Youth Employment Initiative; post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework).

This Policy Corner will aim to both provide information and updates to the Youth Forum's membership, but also to gather input from Member Organisations, to be

integrated into our daily policy and advocacy work towards institutions. This Policy Corner should also be a space for the membership to share good practices and initiatives at local and national level.

YOUTH POLICY

Youth Policy Corner is an open space dedicated to Member Organisations for exchanging information and receiving updates in the youth policy area.

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;
- Council of Europe Youth Strategy 2030 implementation.

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.

YOUTH WORK DEVELOPMENT

This policy corner aims at exchanging of good practices and information among the membership on youth work development, given the political momentum for youth work and recognition of youth organisations as youth work providers - was created with adoption of the Council of Europe's Recommendation on youth work in May 2017 and it continues to be on the table with the development of the European Youth Work Agenda and the upcoming European Youth Work Convention.

The policy corner focuses on:

- the upcoming European Youth Work Convention 2020;
- the creation of the European Youth Work Agenda;
- the implementation of the [Council of Europe Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on Youth Work](#);
- the contribution of youth work to prevent violent extremism;
- European youth work and local youth work;
- as well as any other relevant advocacy processes.

This space is used not only to gather inputs, but also to provide updates and support to membership. Furthermore, it should serve as a space for peer-to-peer exchange and potential cooperation among MOs.

YOUTH, PEACE & SECURITY

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