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.

YOUTH WORK DEVELOPMENT

A political momentum for youth work development and recognition of youth organisations as youth work providers was created with adoption of CoE Youth Work Recommendation in May last year. This policy corner aims at exchanging of good practices and information among the membership on youth work development.

The policy corner will focus on the following dimensions and current processes of the youth work development:

- Implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on Youth Work;
- Contribution of youth work to prevent violent extremism;
- European youth work and local youth work;

The online space will be used not only to gather inputs, but also to provide updates and support to membership, in particular on the implementation of the CoE Youth Work Recommendation.

FUNDING FOR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

This policy corner will be dedicated to informing members about the latest developments related to funding and investment in civil society and youth organisations. It will mainly provide information on:

- Erasmus+
- Multiannual Financial Framework
- European Solidarity Corps
- European Youth Foundation

The online space will be used not only to gather inputs, but also to support the membership in their advocacy efforts at national and EU level. It will not overlap with but complement the work of the Expert Group on Funding for youth organisations to reach out to the Membership and to foster peer-to-peer exchanges among MOs.
**EDUCATION**

This policy corner will be dedicated to update Member Organisations on the most recent developments in our work related to education as well as relevant developments within the European institutions. It will mainly focus on the following topics or processes:

- The role of youth organisations in providing citizenship education
- Development of the European Education Area
- Validation of non-formal and informal learning
- Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching

This policy corner will be a space to not only inform the membership but also gather inputs for our daily policy advocacy work in the field of education.

**YOUTH, PEACE & SECURITY**


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

**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.

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 on
- 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.

**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.

**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.