

Capacity Building in the Field of Youth



Erasmus+ Information Day in the Field of Youth

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What are CBY projects?



International cooperation projects between organizations active in the field of youth in Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme.

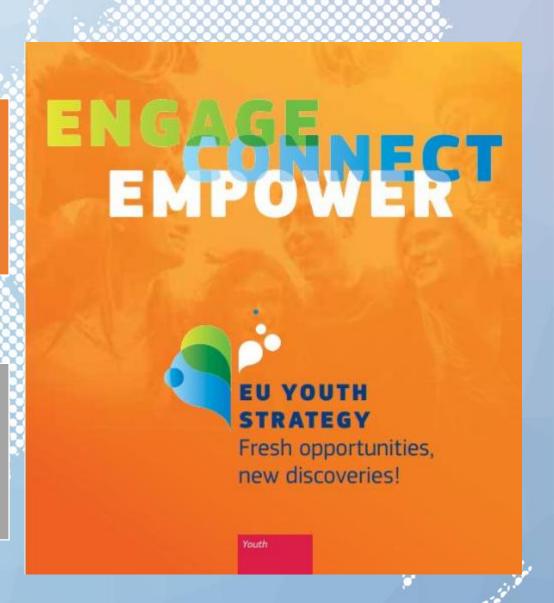
Supporting the international cooperation and policy dialogue in the field of youth and nonformal learning.



What's the policy context?

EU Youth Strategy 2019 - 2027

Youth Action Plan in EU External Action





What are CBY projects expected to achieve in Partner countries?

Raise the capacity of youth organizations

Synergies with formal education systems

Foster interregional cooperation

Support the development of **youth work**

Contribute to the promotion and implementation of the EU Youth Strategy

Promote non formal learning

Participation of smaller organizations



Thematic areas:



Political participation, civic engagement & dialogue with decision makers

Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities

Democracy, rule of law and values, youth leadership Empowerment, engagement and employability of young people

Peace and post conflict reconciliation

Environment and combat climate change

Anti-discrimination and **gender equality**

Digital and **entrepreneurial** skills



Horizontal aspects to be considered when designing your project:

Don't forget

Inclusion and diversity

Environmental sustainability

Digital dimension

Common values, civic engagement and participation



Activities supported: examples



Tools and methods for socioprofessional development of youth

Non formal learning methods

New forms of youth work

New forms of practical training schemes

Events/seminars/workshops/exchange of good practice for cooperation



Strong focus on youth organizations in the neighboring countries

CBY is the only youth action of its kind

Young people are **not the direct target**, but they will
eventually be the ones who will **benefit** from the **improved capacity of youth organizations**



What's new in the 2026 Call?



☐ Coordinators may submit only one application.



Total budget for 2026: 19.412.000 EUR			
3.490.000 €	15.922.000 €		
Region 1: Western Balkans	Region 2: Eastern Partnership	Region 3: South Mediterranian countries	Region 9: Sub- Saharan Africa
3.490.000 €	3.122.000 €	4.800.000€	8.000.000€



Eligibility

Who can apply?

- NGOs working in the field of Youth (including National Youth Councils);
- Public authorities at local, regional or national level
- Other public or private organisations may **ONLY** be partners

N° of organizations

- Minimum of 4 organisations from at least 3 different countries
- At least 1 EU Member State or third country associated to the programme;
- At least 2 legal entities from 2 different eligible third countries not associated to the Programme belonging to the same eligible Region
- Cross-regional projects are not eligible



Erasmus+ Organisations must be legally established in one of the following eligible countries:

- **EU Member States** (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden)
- Erasmus+ third countries associated to the Programme (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey)
- ➤ Eligible third countries **NOT** associated to the Programme:
 - Region 1 Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro)
 - Region 2 Eastern Partnership (Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by International law Armenia and Azebaijan NOT as coordinators. Belarus cannot participate)
 - Region 3 South-Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia)
 - Region 9 Sub-Saharan Africa Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon,
 Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo Democratic Republic of the, Côte
 d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, GuineaBissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia,
 Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa,
 South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe (all listed countries NOT as
 coordinators, partners ONLY)



Partnership:

Which of the following geographical compositions respect the minimum eligibility requirements?

- 1. Belgium (EU)
- 2. Belgium (EU)
- 3. Montenegro (Region 1)
 - 4. Lebanon (Region 3)

- 1. Albania (Region 1)
- 2. Albania (Region 1)
 - 3. Austria (EU)
 - 4. Latvia (EU)

- 1. North Macedonia (Associated)
 - 2. Albania (Region 1)
 - 3. Montenegro (Region 1)
 - 4. Kosovo (Region 1)

- 1. Turkey (Associated)
 - 2. Egypt (Region 3)
 - 3. Ireland (EU)
 - 4. Poland (EU)

- 1. Turkey (Associated)
- 2. Norway (Associated)
- 3. Azerbaijan (Region 2)
 - 4. Georgia (Region 2)



Application

Duration of the project



• 12, 24 or 36 months

Where to apply?

- European
 Education
 and Culture
 Executive
 Agency
 (EACEA)
- Call ID: ERASMUS-YOUTH-2026CB

When to apply?

• 26 February 2026 at 17:00 (Brussels time) Grant awarded

- Max 300.000
 450.000*
 EUR
- Max EU contribution80%

*Only for Region 9 (Sub-Saharan Africa)



Application process to EACEA:

The submission of the application is managed by the EU Funding & Tenders Portal which is the central electronic portal for all EU funding and tenders

Before starting your application:

Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026 and Online Manual Create your EU Login account

Register your organization: **PIC number**

This 9-digit number is received after you register in the Portal Participant Register

You can now start the submission of your application



Information sources:

- Programme Guide: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en
- Funding and Tender Opportunity Portal: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home
- Online Manuel: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/funding-tenders-opportunities/display/OM/Online+Manual
- Erasmus+ platform for dissemination and exploitation of project results: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/

For help related to this call, please contact: EACEA-YOUTH@ec.europa.eu



Good luck with your project proposals!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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