

# Capacity Building in the Field of Youth



**Erasmus+ opportunities for  
Northern Montenegro**  
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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 non-formal learning.

# What's the policy context?



EU Youth Strategy  
2019 - 2027

Youth Action Plan in  
EU External Action





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# What are CBY projects expected to achieve in Partner countries ?

Raise the capacity of youth organizations

Promote non formal learning

Synergies with formal education systems

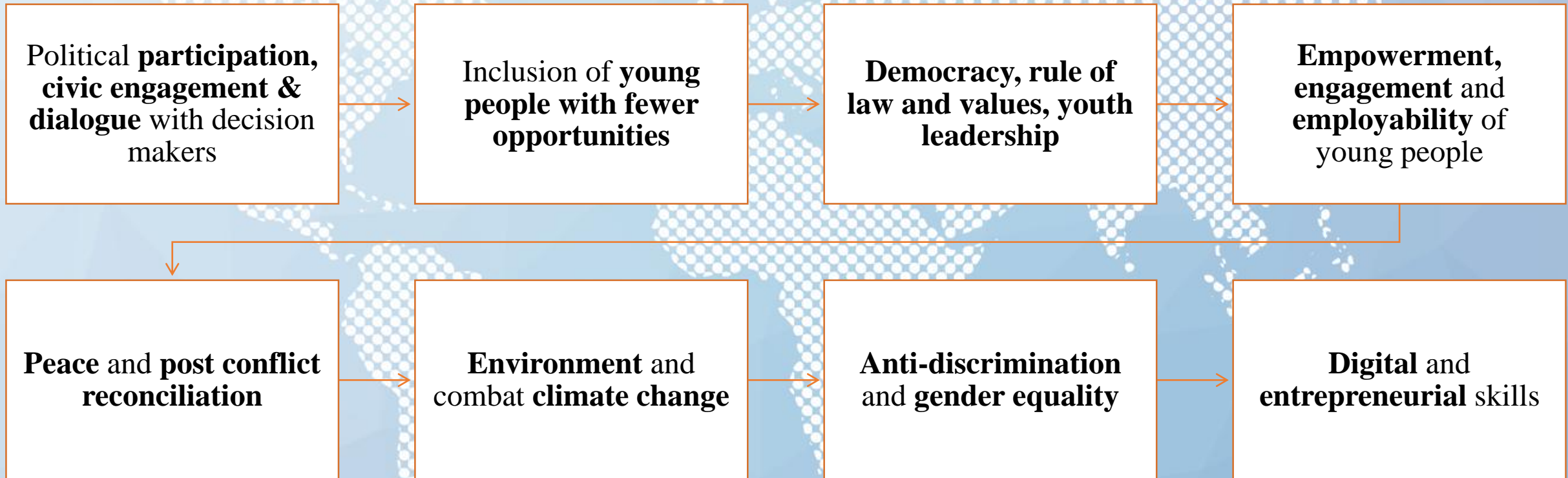
Support the development of youth work

Contribute to the promotion and implementation of the EU Youth Strategy

Foster interregional cooperation

Participation of smaller organizations

# Thematic areas:





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# Horizontal aspects to be considered when designing your project:

Don't  
forget

Inclusion and  
diversity

Environmental  
sustainability

Digital  
transition

Common  
values, civic  
engagement and  
participation

# Activities supported: examples



Tools and methods for socio-professional 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



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## 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**





## 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 Azerbaijan 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, Guinea-Bissau, 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)
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3. Montenegro (Region 1)
4. Lebanon (Region 3)

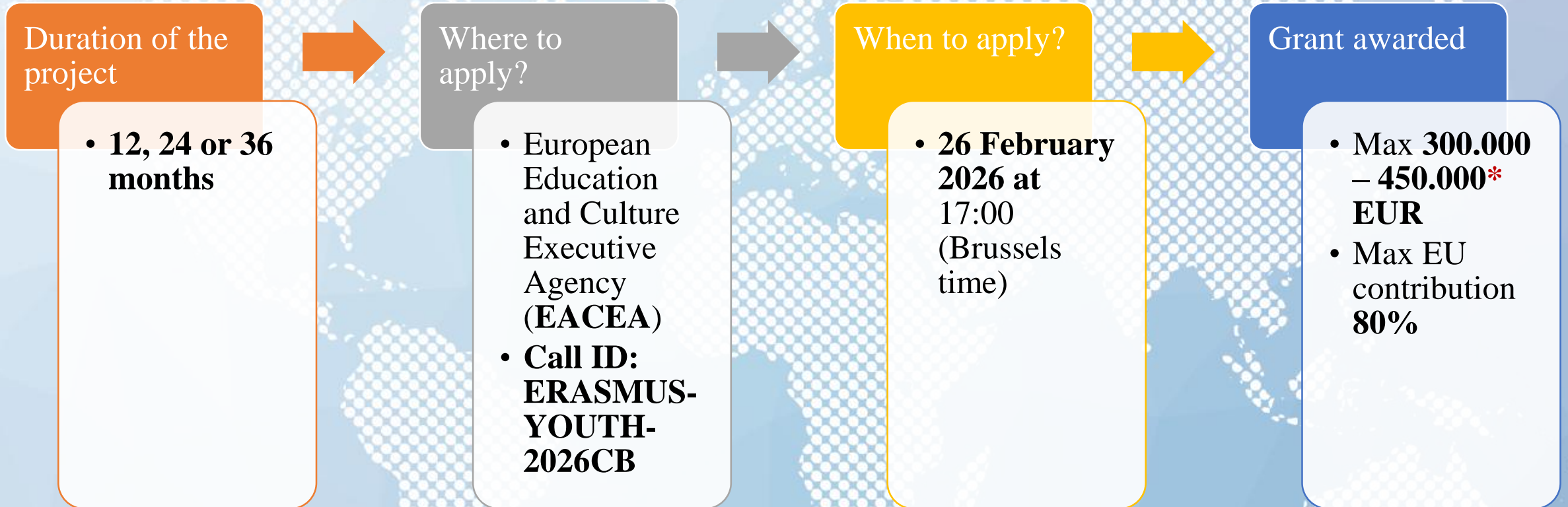
1. Albania (Region 1)
2. Albania (Region 1)
3. Austria (EU)
4. Latvia (EU)

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



*\*Only for Region 9 (Sub-Saharan Africa)*

# Award criteria

Relevance

Quality of project  
design and  
implementation

Quality of  
partnership and  
cooperation

Impact

**Note:**

- *Min threshold 60/100*
- *Relevance and quality of the project design: max 30 points*
- *Quality of the partnership and impact, dissemination and sustainability: max 20 points*



# What is a good proposal?



Be **coherent** with the objectives of the Action and **relevant** to the policy priorities

Be **focused**, think before you write, think of your reader- what is the main message?, who is your audience? What is their level of knowledge?

Be **accurate, clear and complete**— give adequate reply to each question

Keep it **simple** - complexity creates fog; simplicity clears it

Be **precise** - develop the idea, provide concrete examples



Do not use very **long sentences** – one main idea per sentence

Beware of **jargon** -Avoid jargon wherever possible, but if you have to use a jargon term then explain it in plain language at first use

Avoid abbreviations and **acronyms** - Spell out abbreviations and acronyms at first use, and avoid them if possible (or if used less than three times in a section)

Do not be **repetitive** – avoid to repeat the same information in different parts of the application

Be aware of **plagiarism** – checked during evaluation

## 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](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](mailto:EACEA-YOUTH@ec.europa.eu)***

Good luck with your project proposals! 😊

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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