**11th EUSAIR Youth Consultation Task Force Meeting**

**13th May 2025, online**

**Operational conclusions**

**Participation:** YC TF members from all participating countries and European Commission with the exception of representatives from North Macedonia were present. San Marino has not yet appointed YC TF member and was not represented at the meeting. Albania was represented by the Albanian Facility Point Project Partner. Additionally, the meeting was attended by National Coordinator from Montenegro.

The meeting was chaired by the Hellenic Presidency and supported by the Facility Point LP.

Draft operational conclusions:

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|  **Item 2****Report on work of EYC** | * Representatives of participating countries in YC TF are invited to be at the disposal of the EYC members to exchange views on any issues, suggestions, ideas and information that facilitates active and effective participation.
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| **Item 3****Report on EYC 2025 mandate** | * YC TF agreed with the approach followed by FP LP to complete the membership of 2025 EYC mandate as described in the Report shared prior to the meeting (attached).
* The newly selected candidates for the membership and reserve list will be approved by the Governing Board through written procedure.
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| **Item 4****EYC Application Pack** | * EUSAIR Youth Council Call Application Pack was revised according to the agreements reached at the meeting. Revisions were integrated directly in the document (attached in track changes and clean). With this the EYC Call Application Pack is finalised and will be used for future Calls.
* According to the revised EYC Call Application Pack the corresponding documents will be revised, including the EYC Letter of Commitment and EYC Concept Paper. EYC Concept Paper will be sent for Governing Board approval upon approval of these conclusions.
* Among the agreements reached on Application Pack for the EYC Call are the changed eligibility criteria on political neutrality of EYC members. The revision of the criterion was proposed by Montenegro and shaped at the meeting in the following manner: “The Applicant is not a member of a political party and/or interest group officially involved in national/regional/local election process.” It was agreed this criterion will become valid for 2025 mandate. All EYC members who already signed their Letters of Commitment for 2025 mandate will be asked to sign the amended Letter of Commitment, including this revision.
* During the meeting Montenegro gave explanations why Vladimir Perazić is considered to be member of interest group officially involved in active local election process and therefore it was agreed at the TF he is considered to be ineligible for 2025 EYC mandate. For the purposes of the communication of the agreement to EYC and to avoid any possible subsequent legal problems, it was agreed that Montenegro would prepare a written explanation of the reasons why Mr Perazić does not comply with the newly revised eligibility criterion and sends it to FP LP.
* EC recommended that all decisions concerning the non-eligibility of an active member (and co-chair) of the EC should be legally water-tight to avoid detrimental effects to the credibility and legitimacy of the EYC.
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| **Item 5****EUSAIR Youth Council Rules of Procedure** | * YC TF agreed that with minor integrations in point 2.7. the EYC RoP (document attached) can be submitted for Governing Board approval through written procedure.
* YC TF also agreed that until the Governing Board approves the RoP the EYC can proceed following the RoP internally allowing them to start working accordingly.
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| **AOB** | * Bosnia and Herzegovina TF member, who is also representing BA Presidency in EUSDR macroregion, suggested to invite EUSAIR YC representatives to the Youth Conference that will be part of 14. EUSDR Forum. The Conference will be organised by the EUSDR PA 10, DYON and DYC. The participation of representatives of the DYC and EYC at the planned joint meeting of the NCs of the EUSDR and EUSAIR is also foreseen. FP LP will inform EUSAIR Youth Council members about this possibility and will coordinate with the EUSDR Youth Council Coordinator at Danube Strategy Point.
* Bosnia and Herzegovina TF member also asked what is the situation with the Network of EUSAIR Youth Organisations. In EUSDR such Network was established and EUSAIR could explore their example. On proposal of Croatia TF agreed (Bosnia and Herzegovina TF member maintained a neutral position) that EUSAIR needs to first consolidate the work of the EYC, ensure its stable operation and interaction with EUSAIR structures and then the Strategy can start to expand youth activities in EUSAIR.
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