

**5th Meeting of Members of the EUSAIR Youth Council**

**24 June 2025, Online**

**Draft Minutes & Conclusions**

**Participants**: Members of the EUSAIR Youth Council, EUSAIR Presidency of North Macedonia, EUSAIR Presidency of Hellenic Republic, European Commission, EUSAIR Facility Point Lead Partner

**Facilitator and Chair:** EUSAIR Youth Council Chairs (Ankica Sokolić and Vladimir Perazić)

**Operational Conclusions:**

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| **RoP** | * Agreed on TF to be used in the interim period until formally approved by GB.; to be formally approved via GB written procedure by 12 July
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| **Application Pack** | * The Concept Paper was revised in line with updates to the Application Pack and submitted for approval via the GB Written Procedure (closing 12 July). Members will be asked to re-sign the Letters of Commitment after approval to reflect changes.Age limit for mandate extension revised to ensure continuity. Members who turn 30 during their mandate may extend it for an additional year (max until turning 31).
* Political neutrality rule revised, individuals affiliated with political parties remain ineligible and individuals linked to election-related interest groups are also ineligible.
* An EYC position paper outlining concerns regarding the case of Vladimir Perazić was submitted to the Presidency of North Macedonia. It will be shared with the Youth Council Task Force after the conclusion of the Written Procedure.
* Travel costs for EYC members will be covered by Facility Point Project Partners in each participating country. For North Macedonia and Albania, costs will be pre-financed by the Facility Point Lead Partner. Representatives from these countries should contact the Lead Partner to arrange travel.
* There will be pre-financing for travel to: The EUSAIR Forum, TSG Meetings, In-person Meetings of Member and Capacity-building at the start of the mandate.
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| **Communication** | * FP LP proposed technical meetings with Secretaries, Chairs, and Communication Team to discuss operational work and digital tools (tentatively 14 July)
* The EYC Logo vote concluded, the EYC prefers logo n. 4; final decision pending.
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| **Next in-person Meeting** | * To be hosted by North Macedonia, tentatively scheduled for December 2025.• EYC members from North Macedonia will propose potential locations and coordinate this with FP LP and Presidency of North Macedonia.
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| **Initiatives** | * University of Athens expressed interest in a joint climate diplomacy event. EYC will gather more information and explore collaboration options.
* • The Pillar 2 Coordinator proposed an Intergenerational Pact initiative. EYC (Pillar Group 2) will contact and meet with the TSG2 Pillar Coordinator in September to respond to the TSG2 proposal.EYC will initiate contact and connect with other MRS YC. FP LP will support in this effort.
* EYC requested a communication training workshop to be held during the Capacity-Building segment at the start of the new mandate.
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**Minutes:**

1. EUSAIR FP LP presented the 11th Youth Consultations Force meeting outcomes focusing on the Rules of Procedure (RoP), the revised Application Pack, and the 2025 Mandate.
2. Rules of Procedure:
* It was confirmed that the RoP finalized by the YC at the 4th MoM in Crete will remain in use pending formal GB approval via written procedure (due 12 July)
* Participating States agreed to prefinance travel and accommodation costs for a minimum number of travels. Facility Point Lead Partner will pre-finance travel for North Macedonia and Albania, who are unable to advance funds in the interim period.
1. Revised application pack:
* Mandate extension until age 31 was accepted; no extension beyond that.
* Clarified rule on political neutrality: “*The applicant is not a member of a political party and/or interest group officially involved in elections*”
* DG REGIO raised concerns that this eligibility rule may be discriminatory and diverge from regional norms
* The YC expressed concerns over political influence in member selection and sought transparency in cases of government intervention
* Case of Vladimir Perazić: Montenegro requested termination of Vladimir’s mandate, citing political membership affiliation. Vladimir stated he had no formal affiliation toa political party. He also states he was not informed of the process and requested his argument to be reviewed. The EYC agreed to forward a formal email outlining EYC perspective to the TF (email sent on 27 June).
1. Technical and Communication matters:
* A logo vote was held through WhatsApp; logo n. 4 received most support.
* A technical meeting will be organized to discuss EYC operationalization. An informal meeting was proposed to discuss digital tools together with the FP Lead Partner, Secretaries, Chairs and Communication Team (proposed day: 14 July)
* Email account was activated and shared with EYC Secretary; the FP LP prepared a draft website page for the EYC; The EYC will have its digital presence on Instagram, however, social media content must be approved and uploaded by FP to keep the communication activities coherent across different channels.
1. Work plan and future engagement
* North Macedonia will host next in-person meeting (tentatively December)
* The EYC showed interest in engaging with other macro-regional YC
* A question was raised regarding the lack of legal status and its implications for funding (topic postponed)
1. Partnership and Initiatives:
* University of Athens expressed interest in a joint climate diplomacy event
* EYC to have a meeting Pillar 2 Coordinators (postponed until September). The idea is to review the Action Plan from a youth perspective.
* The Presidency noted that the kick-off event, initially planned for July 23, has been delayed to the second half of November. The EYC inquired about its participation, this remains an open question.

*This document summarizes the key discussions, operational conclusions, and next steps outlined during the meeting to ensure the EUSAIR Youth Council continues its work effectively and in alignment with its objectives.*