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Item 4 - EUSAIR Youth Council – update

National Coordinators Technical Meeting

Patras, Greece, 12February 2025



1st Meeting of Members





Work done so far by EYC

- ▶ 1 Working Group meeting:
 - ▶ Worplan Working Group
 - ▶ RoP Working Group
- ▶ 2nd MoM: received comments from other Members not in WG + Presidency + FP LP
 - ▶ RoP WG implemented first comments until from 13. to 15. January 2025
 - ▶ WP WG to prepare updated Work Plan until the end of mandate
- ▶ RoP to be revised with comments from YC TF Meeting



Draft Rules of Procedure

- ▶ 2 Main parts:
 - ▶ Establishes main principles, vision, and values of the EUSAIR Youth Council.
 - ▶ Regulates the procedures, membership, and activity of the organisation.
- ▶ What the EYC envisioned in RoP
 - ▶ Advisory role of EYC (representing youth perspective on issues & provide recommendations)
 - ▶ Operational Aspects of EYC (meetings, voting procedure & Communication)



Relationship with EUSAIR Governance

- ▶ An independent advisory body – consultative role
- ▶ Provides youth-centered recommendations for EUSAIR actions
- ▶ Participation in Governing Board and Thematic Steering Group meetings.
- ▶ Feedback and recommendations to improve EUSAIR's policies.
- ▶ Possible EYC Contributions
 - ▶ Strengthening EUSAIR Strategy
 - ▶ Ensures youth representation in policymaking; Builds partnerships with other youth organizations and macro-regional strategies.



Relationship with TSG

▶ Interaction with TSGs

- ▶ EYC Pillar Groups for each TSG/Pillar (2-4 EYC members) following the work of each Pillar
- ▶ Meeting of EYC Pillar Group before TSG meetings to prepare EYC positions on agenda points
- ▶ EYC Pillar Group representative – spokesperson bringing EYC inputs to the TSG meeting
- ▶ Each TSG/Pc to decide whether all EYC members (or just Pillar representatives or just members of EYC Pillar Group can participate to the TSG meeting and in what role (speakers/observers) – important to agree for the Spring TSG meetings
- ▶ Topics for EYC inputs: EYC Pillar Group can decide on which topics inputs shall be brought to TSG or PCs/TSGs can request an EYC input on a certain topic



Purpose & Content of the Workplan

- ▶ To agree on main activities and results to be realised during the EYC mandate
- ▶ To be developed by each EYC at the start of a new mandate (October each year) – it needs to be written in RoP when WP needs to be developed by each EYC
- ▶ Current Workplan was developed only for the transition period (before RoP are prepared)
- ▶ At the 2nd MoM comments were received, but were not yet integrated in the version shared before TF meeting
- ▶ CONTENT:
 - ▶ Finalize and Define Pillar Groups: ensuring balance participation based on members backgrounds and wishes:
 - ▶ Organize and online meeting with other MRS Youth Councils
 - ▶ Social Media Development: modernize content, EYC branding & profile
 - ▶ Identify Available Funds and Plans for Future Projects



EYC 2nd (2025) Call

- ▶ **SELECTIVE CALL:** The EUSAIR Youth Council 2nd Call for EYC members will be launched **only for the countries from which current EYC members cannot (if they turned 30 years) or wish not to prolong their mandate** for another year (from October 2025 till September 2026).
- ▶ **METHODOLOGY:** If no new consensus is reached by the GB on the updated Youth Council Concept Paper regarding the selection methodology by **15 March 2025**, the launch of the 2nd Call will proceed using the existing Youth Council Concept Paper and Application pack.



EYC 2nd (2025) Call - timeline

| Task | Time |
|---|---------------------------|
| Members appointed in 2024 to sign Letter of commitment for 2025 | 31/03/2025 |
| Any changes in Concept Paper and methodology to be approved | 15/03/2025 |
| Call in countries with missing members | 01/04/2025- 13/05/2025 |
| Assessment/Selection | MAY-JUNE 2025 |
| Final list of members for EYC 2025 | SEPTEMBER 2025 |



Proposals from Italy for changes in the EYC members selection methodology

- ▶ A. The GB has to decide on **what the role of the YC will be** and in particular on the relation between the YC and the GB and TSGs.
- ▶ B. The GB needs to discuss and take a decision of the following options:
 - ▶ **Option A)** the YC members will give a thematic contribution to GB and TSGs (as it is foreseen in the draft RoP at section 2.3);
 - ▶ **Option B)** the YC members have just to represent the point of view of young people in general, as Greece, Slovenia and Croatia has underlined during the meeting.
- ▶ Only after having clarified and taken a decision on these points, it will be possible to continue the discussion on the methodology and on the RoP.



Facility Point Project - Financing T&A of Youth Council members

WHAT IS PLANNED IN FACILITY POINT PROJECT - *on country level*

- ▶ Each Project Partner ensures coverage of **6 travels per year for EYC members** from their country (2 travels of 3 members = 6 travels).
- ▶ At that time we did not know how Youth Council will be structured, the discussions in the Task Force indicated there will be 3 members from each country.



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WHAT IS PLANNED IN FACILITY POINT PROJECT - *on country level*

Now minimum requirements for EYC members T&A **per country per year are known** (following Youth Council Concept Paper and EYC Rules of Procedures):

- 2 members traveling to one EYC meeting in person (2 travels)
- 2 EYC members traveling to EUSAIR Forum (2 travels)
- 2 additional travels to GB and/or TSG in person meetings (maximum 2 travels)

Total: 6 travels of EYC members per year per country (exactly as originally planned)



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WHAT IS PLANNED IN FACILITY POINT PROJECT - *on Strategy level*

Ensuring minimum in person participation of Youth Council members at EUSAIR meetings/Forum per year:

- 1 representative (in line with EYC RoP) of EYC at 2 GBs
- 1 representative (in line with EYC RoP) to in 6 person TSG meetings (one TSG meeting in the year is in person, one online)
- 20 EYC members attending 1 in person meeting of EYC (all other meetings are organised online)
- 20 EYC members attending EUSAIR Annual Forum.




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PROPOSAL FOR CONCLUSION

Since 6 travels per year per country were originally planned for EUSAIR Youth Council members during the preparation of the Facility Point project, minimum participation of EYC members to EUSAIR meetings/events has to be ensured by the Facility Point Project Partners as long there is budget available under the Facility Point Project Partner budget line *“GB, TSG and YC members travel and accommodation”* given that financial liquidity of the Project Partner is sufficient





Thank you for a constructive meeting!

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