

Youth Participation Task Force

Call for Members

The Governing Board of the European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA), in accordance with Article 17 of the Standing Orders, approved during its meeting on 19th May, is issuing a call for the mandate of the Youth Participation Task Force for the period of September 2025 to September 2026.

The Aim of the Youth Participation Task Force, as outlined in the 2025 Work Programme (section 4), is to enhance involvement of young people in the governance and activities of the organisation. This will be achieved by identifying the most suitable methods of youth participation for ERYICA's members, drawing on the Task Force's expertise and considering the diversity of approaches.

Participation in the Youth Participation Task Force is open to Members on voluntary basis.

Mandate:

- Agreeing a mechanism to involve young people in the work of the Governing Board and General Assembly including method of recruitment, selection, or election and suggesting the model to the General Assembly 2026
- Understanding the impact on the structure of the organisation
- Developing a suggestion of role description for young people involved in the Governing Board and General Assembly
- Providing plan for induction or mentoring process to support young people participating in the Governing Board and General Assembly
- Piloting and using feedback to finalise the agreed mechanism
- Proposing development and support of the Youth Ambassador Commission (EYAC) through establishing a structured framework for youth participation, reviewing and refining recruitment and training process, defining opportunities for ERYICA, establishing a framework for providing young people with feedback on how the information gathered is used or acted upon.

Composition of the Task Force

- Co-ordinated by an ERYICA Governing Board member (1)
- ERYICA member representatives that express interest in this topic (min. 3, max. 5)
- ERYICA Secretariat representatives (1)
- Former EYAC members representing the voice of young people (1-2)

Furthermore, the Task Force may invite specialists working on the field in question, not covered by the Task Force.

Profile of applicants:

- Have relevant experience in youth participation activities, projects, or governance structures.
- Commit to attending the meetings of the Youth Participation Task Force
- Possess the language skills to participate in the work of the Task Force in English.

Selection

The selection will be carried out by the ERYICA Governing Board. Selection will aim for:

- Geographical diversity (from different ERYICA member countries/regions)
- Organisational diversity (variety in size and type of youth information services)
- Age and youth representation (including young professionals and former EYAC members)

Ensuring that the process remains open, participative, and reflective of the diverse approaches and realities of ERYICA's members.

Duration of the Mandate

Member representatives: 1 year, with possibility of prolonging if necessary.

Functioning of the Task Force

- The Task Force will meet at least three times during its mandate: two meetings will be held online and one face-to-face meeting. The costs related to the in-person meeting will be covered by ERYICA.
- Additional online meetings may be organised during the one- year mandate
- Members of the Task Force will jointly agree on working methods, the rules of procedure and decision- making methods.
- The Co-ordinator will be a member of the ERYICA Governing Board and will report directly to the Board.

Are you interested?

The applications must be submitted by 12:00 (noon) CET on 15 July 2025 [by filling in this form](#). The application should include the contact details of the representative, a description of experience in youth participation, and an indication of language proficiency.