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## Call for national co-facilitator of the European Youth Conference

### European Youth Conference – Cyprus

17–20 March 2026, Cyprus

#### 1. Introduction

Between 1 January and 30 June 2026, Cyprus will hold the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Youth Board of Cyprus (ONEK), as the competent authority for youth affairs in Cyprus, which is under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, is organizing the EU Youth Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus, from March 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2026, in collaboration with the Cyprus Youth Council (CYC).

ONEK is a semi-governmental organisation responsible for the implementation of youth policy in Cyprus. ONEK coordinates and promotes programmes, initiatives, and opportunities that empower young people's participation in society, enhance their skills, and support both their personal and professional development.

The Cyprus Youth Council (CYC) is the National Youth Council of the Republic of Cyprus and the official platform representing youth organizations nationwide. Founded in 1996, it promotes youth participation in decision-making and unites political, NGO, and student organizations under one democratic structure. CYC represents Cypriot youth at national and European levels, advocating for young people's rights, active citizenship, and social inclusion.

CYC is looking for a **national co-facilitator to chair the European Youth Conference (EUYC) in Cyprus** together with the main European Facilitator.

**This call is open only to Cypriot candidates.**



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## 2. Background information

### 2.1. About the EU Youth Dialogue (EUYD)

The EU Youth Dialogue is the European Union's main mechanism for engaging young people in shaping youth policy. It creates a space where young people, youth organisations, decision-makers, experts, researchers and civil society can come together to reflect, consult, and co-create recommendations that influence youth policy across Europe. This process supports the implementation of the EU youth policy and serves as a key mechanism for youth participation in policy-making throughout the European Union.

### 2.2. About the 11th Cycle of the EUYD

The EU Youth Dialogue is organised in 18-month work cycles. The 11<sup>th</sup> cycle runs from January 2025 to June 2026, under the Trio Presidency of Poland – Denmark – Cyprus, focusing on **Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with Youth**. This goal aims to foster young people's sense of belonging to the European project, strengthen trust in the EU and improve youth participation in EU decision-making.

The process during a cycle is led by the European Steering Group of the EU Youth Dialogue, composed of representatives of National Authorities and National Youth Councils of the Trio Presidencies, the European Youth Forum and the European Commission.

The cycle is divided into two phases:

- Consultation phase – gathering young people's views, needs, and ideas on the thematic focus.
- Implementation phase – translating consultation results into concrete actions.

Each Presidency hosts an EU Youth Conference (EUYC), a key moment in the process where up to 300 young people and decision-makers meet to exchange, develop proposals, and build joint recommendations.

The content of the three EU Youth Conferences in each cycle builds upon one another. During the 11<sup>th</sup> cycle of the EUYD, the following EUYC have been planned:

- From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in Lublin



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- From 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 in Copenhagen
- **From 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Nicosia**

### 3. European Youth Conference in Cyprus

The EUYC, held under the Cypriot Presidency, will take place in Nicosia from 17 to 20 March 2026. Building on the framework of the 11th cycle and previous conferences, this event aims to translate the emerging needs, discussions and outcomes into concrete recommendations and implementation measures, which will be reflected in the Council Resolution of the 11th Cycle.

Over two and a half days, youth delegates and policymakers from across Europe and neighbouring regions will collaborate to develop actionable recommendations for EU youth policy. Through engaging discussions and plenary sessions, young participants will be able to share their experiences, express their views on key issues related to the conference theme, and co-create policy proposals. These proposals will be further enhanced by the contributions of youth organizations, experts, and decision makers, guaranteeing that a diverse range of perspectives is represented. Ultimately, the conference outcomes will contribute to shaping EU policies, especially in the areas of youth policy, youth dialogue, European values, and the development of the future EU Youth Strategy.

### 4. Thematic areas & working groups

The Cypriot presidency will focus primarily on **Youth Goal #1: Connecting EU with Youth**, with a particular emphasis on the following subgoals:

- 1.6 “**Build young people’s trust in the EU project by addressing the democratic deficit, lack of transparency and visibility**”.
- 1.7 “**Institutionalise the assessment of youth-friendliness, impact and effect of EU policies**”.

The EUYC’s main topic will be: “**Ensuring the youth friendliness of policies at national and EU level.**”

During the conference, eight workshops will be organized, each focusing on one of the following thematic areas (tbc):

1. Suggesting EU policy proposals on critical youth topics.



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2. Identifying youth-friendliness indicators and practical mechanisms for policy design.
3. Strengthening youth participation in decision-making and promoting active citizenship and democratic engagement.
4. Advancing the New EU Youth Strategy.
5. Improving the EU's communication strategies to better engage young people.
6. Strengthening civic education and EU values and awareness through schools, youth organizations, and non-formal education.
7. Address barriers to youth trust in the EU and propose mechanisms to foster trust and active youth participation.
8. Exploring how youth work at the grassroots level connects young people with the EU and its opportunities.

The national co-facilitator will support the European Facilitator in the preparation, programme and follow-up of this conference.

## 5. Tasks

The primary responsibility of the Cypriot national co-facilitator is to ensure the active engagement of all participants during the EU Youth Conference. To achieve this, the National Facilitator will collaborate closely with the European Facilitator, European researchers responsible for processing workshop recommendations, and other relevant actors and stakeholders referenced above. Duties include facilitating both offline and online activities, as well as preparation and follow-up.

An online preparatory meeting is provisionally scheduled for January 2026 (final date to be determined).

### 5.1. National Facilitators will:

- Moderate the event and facilitate sessions in cooperation with the European Facilitator; this includes leading the conference, introducing sessions and speakers, moderating public sessions and panels, and facilitating thematic workshops and sessions with young participants and decision-makers.



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- Ensure the involvement of all group members, representatives of youth, youth organizations, and government stakeholders, in the working process.
- Prepare report templates and compile reports on participant discussions in collaboration with researchers and harvesters.
- Co-design materials were distributed to participants prior to the conference.
- Develop the methodology and the structure of the conference together with fellow stakeholders.
- Plan and prepare conference sessions in close cooperation with national organizers, workshop facilitators, and harvesters, both before and during the conference.
- Attend preparatory meetings and evaluation sessions as required (primarily online), as well as during the EU Youth Conference.
- Jointly with the European Facilitator, plan and deliver a preparatory webinar for participants ahead of the Conference, scheduled for February 2025 (exact date TBD).
- Participate in meetings of the European Steering Group as needed (primarily online, and only for selected agenda items).

## 6. Profile

**The ideal candidate should:**

### 6.1. Experience Needed:

- Experience facilitating large events with young people and decision-makers, using interactive and innovative methods, including digital approaches
- Experience in using participatory and open-space methods and formats.
- Experience in moderating panels with (high-level) politicians;
- Intercultural sensitivity and experience working with international and diverse groups, including individuals with varied backgrounds and knowledge levels.
- Experience in a youth organisation and a good knowledge of the EU Youth Strategy, including the themes of European values, youth empowerment, access to youth rights, democracy debates (including democracy decline)



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and other youth-related policies; willingness to keep up-to-date with the latest news in the field will also be appreciated.

- Good knowledge of youth policy, EU Youth Strategy, and Youth Goal #1.
- Previous involvement in the EU Youth Dialogue (former EU Structured Dialogue) or as a facilitator/harvester of a European Youth Conference will be considered an advantage.
- Be preferably between 18 and 35 years old and a resident of the Republic of Cyprus.

## 6.2. Competences Needed:

- Ability to manage large audiences (ca. 300 people).
- Strong organizational skills and ability to meet tight deadlines.
- Demonstrate initiative, flexibility, creativity, and teamwork skills.
- Strong problem-solving and teamwork skills.
- Ability to present information clearly and concisely.
- Ability to provide support to the organisers as well as to the workshop facilitation team.
- Excellent communication skills, including with high-level stakeholders, empathy and tact.
- Excellent proficiency in English (working language of the conference). Knowledge of the languages of the Trio (Polish, Danish, Greek or Turkish) will be an asset.

## 7. Fees & costs

For this task, we consider **a total of 8 working days**: briefing and preparation of the conference, including materials and methodologies (2 days); a preparatory meeting with the facilitators and the organising team (0.5 day); facilitating a webinar for participants (0.5 day); a meeting with facilitators and rapporteurs before the conference (1 day); attending and facilitating during the EU Youth Conference (2.5 days); and on-site briefing and debriefing (1.5 days).

Daily fee: €350 (incl. taxes).



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The organisers will cover all costs associated with the meeting(s) and event, including meals and, where applicable, accommodation.

## 8. How to apply:

Send the following documents to [info@cyc.org.cy](mailto:info@cyc.org.cy) by 08 January 2026, 11:59 a.m. EET with subject line “**EUYC National Facilitator**”:

1. CV\* (pdf/doc) - specifically indicate those experiences that confirm your experience that we indicated in the call as necessary;
2. Cover letter explaining your relevant experience matches the profile and answering the following three questions:
3. Short video\* (max 5 min, English) outlining your motivation for becoming a National Co-facilitator, which will also be part of the overall candidate assessment.
4. GDPR disclaimer (provided below).
5. An estimation of the number of working days (max. 8 days), with a detailed planning.

*\*CV, cover letter: accepted documents format: pdf, ppt(x), zip.*

*\*Video reference/recording – accepted formats: zip, rar, mp3. Maximum file size: 10 MB. In case this limit is insufficient, please provide a link from where the files can be downloaded (e.g. MS Sharepoint, Google drive, WeTransfer etc.).*

The contract will be issued by the Cyprus Youth Council in 2026. All applicants will be notified by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 with information on the next steps.

For any questions about the call or the recruitment process, please contact: [info@cyc.org.cy](mailto:info@cyc.org.cy).



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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following should be included in your application:

- Name, surname (as in ID document)
- Title (Ms/Mr/Dr/other)
- Country of residence
- Date of birth (format: DD-MM-YYYY)
- **CV** - *accepted documents format: PDF, PPT(x), zip.*
- **GDPR disclaimer** - Documents without a GDPR disclaimer below will not be considered.
- **COVER LETTER\*** - *accepted documents format: PDF, PPT(x), zip.*

Please attach the appropriate file with your motivation to become a National Co-facilitator of the European Youth Conference in Nicosia, Cyprus (17-20 March 2026)

*The cover letter should also contain information on the following:*

- What is your relevant training and experience as a facilitator in relation to large youth activities and/or policy events at national or European level, and the Structured/EU Youth Dialogue events in particular?*
- What is your level of knowledge on the topic of European values, EU Youth Strategy, EU Youth Dialogue and youth participation in general? Please give specific examples.*
- What is your motivation in applying for this position? What innovative approaches (regarding methods to engage large international audiences) can you bring to the EU Youth Conference?*

*Also, please confirm your availability for the duration of the whole event (arrival on March 16th/17th, 2026, departure on 20th/21st March 2026 after debriefing – final dates: TBC) and the preparation beforehand.*

- **A SHORT VIDEO REFERENCE/RECORDING\*** explaining your motivation in applying for the position of national co-facilitator (max. 5 min in English).

*\*Video reference/recording – accepted formats: zip, rar, mp3. Maximum file size: 10 MB. In case this limit is insufficient, please provide a link from where the files can be downloaded (e.g. MS Sharepoint, Google Drive, WeTransfer, etc.).*





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### 9. Appendix: GDPR Disclaimer & Data Protection Notice

I declare that I have read and understood the information clause on the processing of my personal data provided in the Call for National Co-facilitator for the European Youth Conference – Cyprus, 17–20 March 2026, by the Cyprus Youth Council, and I consent to its processing for the purposes of this recruitment.

Information on Personal Data Processing:

- The Cyprus Youth Council is the Data Controller of your personal data.
- Your data will be processed solely for the purposes of the recruitment process for this call.
- Processed data includes full name, contact details, date of birth, country of residence, professional experience, and any other information you provide in your application.
- Your data will be retained until the finalisation of the EUYC-related grant and for the period required by law.
- Data may be shared with co-organisers, relevant EU institutions, and service providers (e.g., travel agencies, accommodation providers) strictly for the purposes of organizing the event.
- You have the right to request access, correction, or deletion of your personal data, to object to processing, and to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Commissioner for Personal Data Protection (Cyprus).
- You may withdraw your consent to the processing of your personal data at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal. To do so, please contact the Cyprus Youth Council at [info@cyc.org.cy](mailto:info@cyc.org.cy) with your request. Upon withdrawal, your data will no longer be processed unless required by law or for legitimate interests related to the event.
- For more detailed information, please refer to our [Privacy Policy - Cyprus Youth Council](#)

Applicant's Details

Place:	
Date:	
Full Name:	
Signature:	