



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS “Youth delegate for a year”

Participation of Youth Delegates at the April and October 2020 sessions of the Conference of INGOs

Dear Members,

The EYBA is a member of the Council of Europe with INGO participatory status.

Through this status, the Council of Europe includes INGOs in its intergovernmental activities and encourages dialogue between the members of Parliament, local and regional authorities and those of diverse INGOs on the various challenges facing society.

Indeed, in June 2019, at the Summer Conference in Rome, a special committee was created to represent the EYBA at the Conference of INGOs' sessions in Strasbourg. We attended the last session in October 2019 and We will attend the next sessions in January and in April.

Moreover, this year, in line with its “Roadmap for youth participation”¹, the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe will invite 2 young persons, representing their member INGO, to Strasbourg, to take an active part, as a youth delegate, in its coming April and October sessions.

The EYBA Board have decided to do a Call for Applications to its members (*individual member* of the EYBA or member of an *organisation member / associate member* of the EYBA) who wish to attend both sessions on behalf of the EYBA as "youth delegate".

We believe that being a youth delegate is a unique opportunity to gain international experience, become part of a diverse group of young activists, network and make an impact by stimulating the debates from a youth perspective on issues that are fundamental for the EYBA as provided by our Statute.

These are the requirements:

- be an EYBA *individual member* or a member of an EYBA *Organisation Member/Associate member* (in this case, the application must be sent by a member of the board);
- be between 18 and 30years old;
- be open, committed and motivated to develop and strengthen dialogue between young people and civil society;
- be available to engage in the whole of the activity (Participation in only one session is not possible) including the preparation of grass-roots projects;
- have an interest in actively participating in the policy making processes supporting

¹ To learn more about the “Roadmap for youth participation” of the Conference of INGOs please follow this link <https://rm.coe.int/road-map-youth-150618-en/16808b5fbb>.

- civil society;
- be able to multiply the information obtained during the session on their return in their sending organization (EYBA);
- speak English fluently.

Travel, subsistence and accommodation

The youth delegates' travel and subsistence expenses will be covered by the INGO Service according to its rules. Accommodation will be provided and paid for by the organisers, in single-occupancy or shared rooms according to availability. The organisers cannot cover the cost of accommodation elsewhere.

Compulsory activities include:

- participation in preparatory activities prior to each session;
- full attendance during both sessions (which included the preparation day on the eve of each session and the evaluation meeting on the last afternoon of each session);
- availability to hold several Skype meetings (April – September) to prepare the youth project;
- implementation of a project between April and October 2020.

Commitment

1. Participating as a youth delegate in the sessions

Firstly, the youth delegates will attend both of the Conference of INGOs' 2020 sessions. A preparatory session will be organised prior to each session. Youth delegates must commit to taking part in the whole of the two 2020 sessions: 20-24 April 2020 and 12-16 October 2020.

2. Developing and implementing projects between the sessions

Secondly, between April and October, youth delegates will remain involved in the work of the Conference of INGOs. They will be required to undertake the initiatives and develop projects related to the Conference of INGOs' priorities or to the session themes for 2020. For this, they will have the support of the Conference of INGOs Bureau member. While the Conference of INGOs will not provide funding for project development, it will provide youth delegates with an introduction letter to act as a visiting card in their dealings with other institutions and may provide information material. There may also be possibilities for some of the youth delegates to participate in other events organised by the Conference of INGOs outside Strasbourg such as its committee meetings, seminars or conferences.

Application procedure

Please find attached the application form to fill.

A signature must be added at the bottom of the application form (*candidate's signature*).

The application form, together with a CV (in English), must be send to info@eyba.org before the 5th of February 8pm (London time) and will be evaluated by the EYBA Board.

The result will be communicated by email.

Then the EYBA will send the selected Application(s) to the Council of Europe before

the **15th of February (which is the final deadline)**.

The youth delegates will be selected by the Council of Europe, in particular by a selection panel which includes the President of INGO- Service, 2 Bureau members of the Conference of INGOs coordinators of the Youth road map and two members of the Council of Europe's Advisory Council on Youth. The panel will ensure that the selected applicants represent a balanced group with regard to gender, cultural background and experience.

Applicants will be informed of the results of the selection procedure at the **beginning of March 2020**.

Kind Regards,

EYBA Board