

## The European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe

**The European Youth Foundation (EYF)** is a fund established by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities. It aims to encourage co-operation amongst young people in Europe by providing financial support to youth activities. It concerns activities, which serve the promotion of peace, understanding and co-operation in a spirit of respect for human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity.

The EYF provides financial support to the following types of activity undertaken by youth NGOs or networks, or by other NGOs involved in the areas of youth work relevant to the Council of Europe's youth policies and work:

*educational, social, cultural and humanitarian activities of a European character activities aiming at strengthening peace and co-operation in Europe activities designed to promote closer co-operation and better understanding among young people in Europe, particularly by developing the exchange of information activities intended to stimulate mutual aid in Europe and in the developing countries for cultural, educational and social purposes studies, research and documentation on youth matters.*

The EYF may support the following operations:

**A. International youth meetings for youth leaders (Category A)** - including seminars, conferences, workshops, camps, and festivals. The EYF will cover up two-thirds of the total cost.

**B. Youth activities other than meetings (Category B)**- apart from meetings, the types of youth activities eligible for EYF financial support are studies, research projects and the production of information and documentation on youth issues. For example: - specialised publications (such as training manuals); - newsletters or magazines produced by international youth organisations or networks; - information campaigns; - exhibitions and the production of audio-visual materials etc; - the development of websites or the production of CD-ROMs; - the production of posters, badges and stickers; - research projects on youth-related issues. In the same category, the EYF can also grant study visits enabling youth organisations and networks to make new contacts in Europe and thus extend partnerships and develop co-operation.C. Administration of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks.

**C. Administration of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks (Category C)**- The European Youth Foundation may, on an annual basis, grant international non-governmental youth organisations or networks a contribution to cover part of the general administrative costs involved in running their activities at European level. The Foundation may also contribute to the administrative costs of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks, during a maximum period of three years, in order to help them to establish a European structure (Category C bis).

**D. Pilot projects (Category D)** - youth meetings or activities, which contribute more particularly to priority objectives of the Council of Europe. To receive funding in 2006, the Programming Committee on Youth will base its decisions on the following priorities: - projects taking place in the following countries and geographical areas: the Russian Federation, Turkey, South-East Europe and the Caucasus; - projects involving disadvantaged young people; - projects with an innovative character.

Applicants must represent either an international non-governmental youth organisation or network, a national or local non-governmental youth organisation or network, or non-governmental structures involved in youth work, from the Council of Europe member states. A list of the members can be found on:

[http://www.coe.int/T/e/com/about\\_coe/member\\_states/default.asp](http://www.coe.int/T/e/com/about_coe/member_states/default.asp)

Deadlines: 1 February 2006 - for administrative grants of the EYF (Categories C and C bis) for the year 2006. 1 April 2006 - for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres (study sessions) in the first semester of 2007; - for activities under category A and B of the EYF taking place between 1 January and 30 June 2007.

There are no fixed deadlines for pilot project applications or first (ad hoc) applications to the EYF, which may be submitted at any time. However, according to the decision of the Programming Committee on Youth (the decision-making body), all ad hoc applications including pilot projects should be submitted at least three months prior to the beginning of the activity in order to allow a proper assessment. Register here, in order to apply online.

*Key documents:*

How to apply for a grant from the EYF - Category C: Administration of international non-governmental youth organisations and networks internet:

[http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/html/how\\_to\\_applyC\\_EN.html](http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/html/how_to_applyC_EN.html)

How to apply for a grant from the EYF- Category A: International youth meetings for youth leaders internet:

[http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/portal/media-type/html/user/anon/page/How\\_to\\_grantA](http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/portal/media-type/html/user/anon/page/How_to_grantA)

How to apply for a grant from the EYF- Category B: Youth activities other than meetings internet:

[http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/portal/media-type/html/user/anon/page/How\\_to\\_grantB](http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/portal/media-type/html/user/anon/page/How_to_grantB)

How to apply for a grant from the EYF- Category D: Pilot projects internet:

[http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/portal/media-type/html/user/anon/page/How\\_to\\_grantD](http://galadriel.coe.int/fej/portal/media-type/html/user/anon/page/How_to_grantD)