

# FAQ MEET UP! Youth for Partnership 2023

## DIVERSITY OF COUNTRIES

### How many countries are eligible for funding?

Binational and multinational projects involving young people from Germany, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine are eligible for funding. A maximum of 4 countries may participate in a project. One partner must be based in Germany.

### Which countries are eligible for funding?

Binational and multinational projects with participants from Germany, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine are eligible for funding.

### How do I go about finding a partner organization?

We assist in finding partners on our social media channels of MEET UP! Youth for Partnership: You are welcome to write and post your own search on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

For Instagram, we require a brief text in English from you introducing the organization, the planned project, along with your contact details and an eye-catching image (including copyright details). EVZyoung channel on Instagram:

[www.instagram.com/evzyoung/](https://www.instagram.com/evzyoung/)

Please email your request to [meetup@stiftung-evz.de](mailto:meetup@stiftung-evz.de).

### Who may apply?

Each participating partner may submit an application for the joint project. However, only one application per partnership can – and should – be submitted. Applicants

may include legally authorized institutions and organizations of school/extracurricular educational work that are based in Germany, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic Moldova and Ukraine (e.g. youth education centers, youth centers, schools, universities, memorial sites, historical places of learning, museums, associations, cultural institutions or other civil society stakeholders).

### Must all project partners attach proof of their non-profit status?

Yes.

## YOUTH ENCOUNTERS

### When can the youth encounters take place?

It is anticipated that the projects will run from March 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

### Which topics may be addressed within the scope of the youth encounters?

The main focus of the international youth encounters is joint work on one of the following topics:

**Crisis – Conflict – Cooperation:** As part of the youth encounters, young people can actively examine current wars, crises and conflicts. Young people deal with local and transnational democracy and human rights movements, discuss the role of fundamental rights such as freedom of speech and press freedom in times of crises and conflicts,

and use best practice examples and their own experiences to collectively develop concepts for shaping their future in a democratic world.

**Culture of remembrance:** The youth encounters are committed to promoting an active critical examination of the historical experience of National Socialism. The encounters integrate historical narratives of the partner countries and offer possibilities to map out approaches to historical experiences. The encounters establish links between the history of National Socialism and contemporary realms of experience and discuss the misuse of historical narratives to justify war. In this way, the encounters help young people to actively address the threats to democratic and open societies. Young people are empowered to counter historical revisionism, antisemitism and other types of discrimination.

**Youth participation and promoting commitment:** The youth encounters foster young people's commitment to becoming involved in democratic processes, both within their environment and in an international context. For young people, the last few years have been characterized by great uncertainty and a continuous state of alert and – along with it – insecure prospects for the future. The encounters empower young people to shape their own future by actively addressing civic commitment and cross-border solidarity and together developing concepts for shaping their future. Participants can exchange on best practices, learn about youth participation concepts and structures, as well as plan and implement their own project ideas.

**UN sustainable development goals:** The youth encounters enable participants to engage with and critically examine one of the 17 sustainable development goals of the United Nations. Young people can exchange ideas about the global sustainability goals as part of a process through which they learn that future-related issues in a just and equitable world affect each one of us individually. In addition to deepening their understanding and knowledge of the sustainability goals in terms of content, specific project ideas are also developed and implemented.

#### **What objectives are the youth encounters aiming for?**

- The encounters give participants the opportunity to gain international learning experience and decision-making skills in an increasingly globalized world.
- Young people can form experiences with cultural differences, reflect on their own views and perspectives, overcome prejudices and enhance their effectiveness in managing diversity.

- Through group and project work, the encounters enable young people to create self-determined learning environments using a multitude of methodological and didactic approaches and also develop awareness and understanding of their own responsibility for building a more peaceable and equitable world.

#### **What age should the participants be?**

Participants should be between 14 and 35 years of age.

#### **Is there a minimum/maximum number of participants?**

There must be at least six and at most 15 young participants (14 to 35 years of age) from each partner country.

## **PROJECT FORMATS**

The youth projects may take place in digital, hybrid or analog form. Please indicate the relevant format on the application form.

#### **What are digital projects?**

The encounters take place digitally. Funds may be requested for digital exchange, publicity initiatives and also products. The digital encounters are to take place over a period of at least 6 days for 4 hours per encounter.

#### **What are hybrid encounters?**

The partner organizations can carry out encounters and projects sharing a common theme. They may implement the projects locally – that is, in their own country – and then interface with partners in the digital space and meet for joint project work. Funds may be requested for local national projects, digital exchange, publicity initiatives and also products. Hybrid encounters are to be held over a period of at least 7 days (4 digital days for 4 hours per encounter, in addition to 3 full days locally in the partner countries). Arrival and departure days count as half days.

#### **May my encounter also consist of analog and digital elements combined?**

We would very much encourage you to integrate digital elements into your project in addition to an analog encounter – for instance, digital group work or online workshops interposed between two encounters.

#### **What happens if my scheduled analog encounter is unable to take place due to new travel restrictions?**

If your encounter is unable to take place for travel restriction reasons, please get in touch with your contact person at the EVZ Foundation at the earliest opportunity to see whether it is possible to reschedule the encounter or reassign it as a digital or hybrid encounter.

## PROJECT FUNDING

### How are the projects funded by the EVZ Foundation?

The projects are funded with so-called gap funds. In other words, the EVZ Foundation covers the expenses which grant recipients are unable to finance using either their own funds or external funds. The use of own funds or additional third-party funds is possible in this funding format. The following expenses are funded: travel expenses, ancillary travel expenses, program costs, fees, personnel costs, costs for summarizing and documenting the results and a lump sum for administration costs.

### May personnel costs be applied for?

Personnel costs may be applied for to a limited extent for project realization purposes (preparation, implementation, follow-up). The amount should be proportional to project costs and be based on local wage levels.

### Is it possible to reapply following a rejection?

Yes. You are welcome to resubmit an application during a new round of calls for applications.

### When will I find out whether my project will be funded?

Once we receive the applications, they are evaluated on a comparative basis and a selection of innovative projects is awarded grants. The EVZ Foundation's Board of Directors makes the final decision on funding for grants. You can expect to be informed starting in February 2023 regarding our decision on whether your project merits funding.

### Special conditions for funding apply to youth encounters in and with Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Within the framework of the program, the EVZ Foundation endeavors to continue the international youth exchange in the above-mentioned countries. Together with the Federal Foreign Office, the Foundation has adjusted the conditions for funding to current circumstances.

Special conditions for funding include:

- Projects with participation from Belarus, Republic of Moldova or Ukraine may be conducted in any European country.

- Applicants or partner organizations from Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine may be located out-side Belarus, Republic of Moldova or Ukraine when the project is implemented.
- Project executing agencies, project participants and other people involved in the project from Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine may stay outside Belarus, Republic of Moldova or Ukraine when the project is implemented.

### What is not eligible for funding?

- International youth encounters without a German partner
- Projects where participants come from only one country
- Projects that have already started
- Encounters that do not involve any project work (such as visiting programs, lecture visits, congresses, aid transports, humanitarian aid, etc.).
- Job shadowing does not form part of the funding measures in 2023 and is thus not eligible for funding

## TECHNICAL QUESTIONS

### I am experiencing technical difficulties with the application form. What should I do?

Please make sure you have the current version of Adobe Reader installed. Remember to save the application form prior to filling it out. Pay attention to the text field size. Only text that is visible in the text field is printed.

### How can we overcome language barriers in the project?

It is critical that all participants be given a meaningful opportunity to participate in the project. Native language and project language play a key role. For example, there may be some project phases in which a shared language is available to facilitate communication and make joint project work possible. This would typically be English, or else a language common to the constellation of partners. In the absence of a shared language, it is also possible to make use of the services of interpreters and translators, and funding for their fees may be applied for.

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