

YANG WORKSHOP

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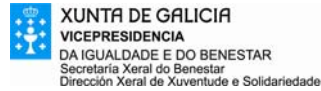
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GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

1. SUMMARY

In the aftermath of the failure of the ratification of the EU constitution, there was wide consensus that awareness and participation on EU issues should be raised among EU citizens. So, there was a need to involve citizens more deeply into EU procedures, specially concerning young people, as shown by the Youth Convention in 2003 and the Youth Summit carried out in March 2007. Thus, the YANG project consists of a workshop on European fundamentals carried out by young experts in European Union issues. The direct target group is composed of young graduates with experience in EU issues whose candidatures will be presented by civil society organisations and based on their realisations in Active European Citizenship. The beneficiaries are the young people of the 27 EU member countries, who will receive feedback on what the European Union is and should be about from a closer point of view.

The workshop will model the EU Parliament in a sort of EU convention divided into six Committees: External Relations & Development; Economic Affairs & Employment; Social Affairs & Human Rights; Environment; Culture, Education & Youth and Equal Opportunities. Each Committee will have a president and a secretary in charge of the initial report (based on Youth summit conclusions) and of moderating the debate. The initial report will take into account all the background of the most important topics of each Committee, from youth's standpoint. The debate will include all the backgrounds of the members of the Committees: academic, professional career, socio-cultural; so as to improve with their opinions the initial report and develop a final one. Each Committee will select a Best Speaker to present their Final Report in a Plenary Session. The Committees and the Plenary session will take place at Santiago de Compostela.

The Committees' meetings will be complemented with cultural activities so as to offer the participants a broader view of the European Union, its institutions, its history and its programmes like Citizenship, Lifelong Learning and Youth in Action. The Six final reports, the conclusions of the Plenary Session and any other document raised at participants' initiative will be compiled in an *Opinion of young European experts on the future of the European Union*. This essay and other results of the meeting will be widely disseminated, so as to contribute to the wider debate in EU construction.

So as to achieve a multi-local dimension and a multiplying effect, the participants will be also pried to develop any dissemination activity they might consider appropriate on the workshop results, supported by their sending organisations when possible, once back in their countries.

2. OBJECTIVE

The future of the European Union and its basic values are the core topic of the workshop. The main goal is to get the contributions of young people in Europe about the nature and the scope the European Union should get. The mean to do so is through Active European Citizenship, so the participants ought to be people already distinguished by their achievements at EU level, aiming to get a multiplying effect. The debates at the Committees are based on inter-cultural dialogue, as the different backgrounds and origins (no more than one person per country is allowed at a Committee, except President and Secretary) guarantee the exchange of ideas, values and expertise.

The workshop intends to analyse all the core topics in EU affairs both horizontally (each Committee representing a core area, i.e. Social Affairs and Human Rights Committee) and transversally (taking into special account equal opportunities, sustainable development, integration, new countries and coherence at each Committee) in order to achieve an in-depth analysis of the impact of EU policies in the different societies, particularly in young people as an active part of the society. Thus, this project builds an active European citizenship through the interaction, endeavours and expertise of young experts in European affairs.



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3. ROLES TO PLAY

3.1 Distribution of roles:

Local Participants (Spain)	QUANTITY	International Participants (26 EU countries)	QUANTITY
1 vice-president of the European Parliament	1	1 president of the European Parliament	1
1 president of Committees	1	5 presidents of Committees	5
1 secretary of Committees	1	5 secretaries of Committees	5
6 interpreters	6	52 deputies	52
2 deputees	2	6 rapporteurs	6
TOTAL	11	TOTAL	69

Total Participants	80
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3.2 Functions of each role:

- President and Vice-president of the European Parliament: During the workshop, the Presidents of the Parliament will verify that the work in the Commissions is performed and the reports are achieved on time. In case of any division of opinion concerning a concrete topic, the Presidents of the Parliament will act as a last instance. Both presidents will chair the plenary session and draft a short report on how the workshop was developed.

- President of the Committee: The President of the Committee chairs the Committee meetings, in tight collaboration with the Secretary. Both shall draft the position paper for the Committee to discuss it in the meetings and be the basis for the final report. The President of the Committee has a quality vote in case of division, but shall it be strong, the President of the Parliament shall be called in. The President of the Committee shall explain and make use of the rules of proceedings.

- Secretary of the Committee: The Secretary of the Committee collaborates with the President in drafting the position paper and during the meetings. The Secretary must write up the acts of the meetings and verify that the communication among deputies is fluent. The Secretary must be consulted by the President of the Committee before taking final decisions.

- Interpreter: The translators-interpreters shall support the linguistic diversity of the workshop and foster communication among delegates. They are also supposed to revise the accuracy of the final documents.

- Deputy: The deputies will work at the Committee chosen so as to arrive to give an European young advice on the concrete topic. They must actively participate at the debates and discussions and contribute to the final report. The best speaker at each Committee will be in charge of presenting the conclusions in the plenary session.

- Rapporteur: The rapporteurs will present the views of the European construction from a double focus: first, as young European Affairs' experts and secondly representing the views of the different layers of enlargement. They are in charge of the opening session.

4. THE COMMITTEES:

The workshop is divided into six committees, trying to cover all the aspects of the European construction: External Relations & Development; Economic Affairs & Employment; Social Affairs & Human Rights; Environment; Culture, Education & Youth and Equal Opportunities.

Each Committee will be composed by a maximum of 12 people. There may not be two people of the same nationality, but some exceptions can be made. The Committees' members will receive in advance the position paper on the concrete topic so as to make grounds for further discussion. They will have to reach an agreement by exchanging their own opinions and views. As a final step, they will choose among the members the best speaker to present the conclusions at the plenary session.

5. AGENDA AND PROCEEDINGS

YANG WORKSHOP	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
MORNING	(10:00 to 14:00) Presentation of EU perspectives.	(10:00 to 13:00) Debate at the Committees	(10:00 to 13:00) Debate at the Committees	(10:00 to 14:00) Plenary Session at the Galician Parliament
AFTERNOON	(16:00 to 18:00) The Way of Saint James and the European Integration	(16:00 to 18:00) Presentation and discussion on EU programmes	(16:00 to 18:00) Documentary projection on the new members of the EU // Cultural Fair	

6. PREVIOUS WORK

Participants should draft a short cv where all their performances in Active European Citizenship can be seen. Even if it is not compulsory, preference shall be given to those applicants that present their application together with an association involved in Active European Citizenship, so as to facilitate participation and the performance of the dissemination activities on the workshop results. So, they may make previous contact with an association/organisation that can help the applicant on his/her participation.

They should also do some previous research on European policies so as to better choose the Committee they want to be integrated in. Once the final selection will be made, this research shall be reviewed and extended.

7. APPLICATION AND SELECTION

7.1 Application:

All persons wishing to participate in the conference are requested to register in advance. In addition, they must send a completed Participation Form, which should be filled in as follows:

1. Applicant data: All the relevant data on the applicant. The data, on paper or electronically, will always be used respecting the privacy of individual persons.
2. Applicant Organisation: The data concerning the organisation that would collaborate with the applicant in its participation. The applicant can apply individually, but preference is to be given to those who apply in collaboration with an Active European Citizenship body.
3. & 4. Choice of Committee: The applicant should select, in order of preference, the three committees where he or she would like to participate. The selection must be justified in point 4.
5. Language skills: The applicant should state his/her language skills. Please note that even if the organisation will try to provide as much translation as possible, the applicant shall be fluent either in English, French or Spanish.
6. Dissemination: Participation is subject to the performance of a dissemination activity concerning the results of the workshop in the country of origin once back. The applicant should mention the concrete action s/he intends to do.

In addition, the applicant should attach a cv (maximum 2 pages) explaining his/her background in European Active Citizenship. The declaration of acceptance of the rules of the workshop must arrive in due time, scanned or original. Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration.

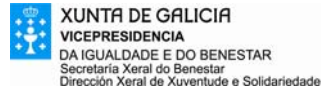
7.2 Selection:

The candidatures will be examined by the partner organisations, assessing the achievements of the participant in Active European Citizenship. The aim is to invite young experts to participate in European active citizenship that can bring into the light the points of view of young people all around Europe on European construction.

The selection criteria are as follows:

- Young people among 18-35 years old
- Fluent in Galician, Spanish, English or French.
- Background in European Active Citizenship
- Strong motivation for the Committee topic
- Equal Opportunities





8. EXPENDITURES AND ACCOMODATION

No registration fee is charged to participants. The accommodation is offered to the participants that shall need it, and it is foreseen to offer a travel grant for participants. The grants awarded will be in the form of lump sums that usually cover only part of the cost of travelling, and the payment will depend upon completion of all the activities included in the workshop. More information on this point will be soon available in the websites of the partner organisations and the project.

9. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages of the conference will be Galician, Spanish, English and French. Although interpretation services are expected, it is strongly recommended to be able to communicate in one of these.

10. USEFUL LINKS AND E MAILS:

Policies of the EU:

http://www.europa.eu/pol/index_en.htm

Citizenship Programme:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm

EACEA:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu>

Fundacion Galicia Europa:

[http:// www.fundaciongaliciaeuropa.eu](http://www.fundaciongaliciaeuropa.eu)

Pontus Iuventa:

<http://www.iuventa.hu>

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