



Call for Applications

european youth capital 2019

DEADLINE: 28 February 2016 (23:59 CET)

www.europeanyouthcapital.org

Applications to: eyc2019applications@youthforum.org

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The 'European Youth Capital' (EYC) title is awarded by the European Youth Forum to a European municipality for a period of one year, during which it is given the chance to showcase its **youth-related cultural, social, political and economic life and development**. The EYC initiative encourages municipalities to both continue and expand the **implementation of new ideas and innovative projects** with regard to the active participation of young people in society. It seeks to present **role models** for the future development of youth policies in other European municipalities.

The EYC initiative aims at **strengthening the relationship between the European and local levels**, fostering youth participation by applying common European objectives regarding youth policy. The title aims to demonstrate the complementary nature of European, national and local citizenships, especially regarding youth.

Together with institutional partners and other relevant stakeholders, the EYC initiative aims to empower young people at all levels, in order to encourage them to be more proactive actors in shaping and developing their communities. In this sense, applicant municipalities are invited to present a **multi-faceted programme** highlighting their approach to youth participation and the empowerment of young people. The chosen municipality will also be empowered through contact, development and promotion from the European Youth Forum and partner European Institutions.

The first European Youth Capital was Rotterdam (the Netherlands) in 2009 followed by Torino (Italy) in 2010, Antwerp (Belgium) in 2011, Braga (Portugal) in 2012, Maribor (Slovenia) in 2013, Thessaloniki (Greece) in 2014, and Cluj-Napoca (Romania) in 2015. The 2016 European Youth Capital is Ganja (Azerbaijan), which will be followed by Varna (Bulgaria) in 2017 and Cascais (Portugal) in 2018.

Since 2014, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is an official endorsing partner of the European Youth Capital title.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The EYC 2019 call opened on December 18th 2015.

1st APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUBMISSION OF CONCEPT NOTES

DEADLINE: Candidates are asked to complete a 'concept note' form for their proposed EYC year and pay the fee of €300 before the first application deadline on 28th February 2016 (23:59 CET). Applications received after this date will not be considered. The 2019 concept note is listed [here](#), and at: <http://www.europeanyouthcapital.org/become-an-eyc/>

FEE: All applications must include the fee of €300, to be transferred before the first application deadline to the European Youth Forum bank account provided at the end of this call.

APPLICATION: The completed concept note form and annexes should be sent by e-mail to eyc2019applications@youthforum.org in PDF and Word formats, filled out entirely in English, with the document title: "Concept Note EYC 2019_City Name". Original, hard-copy documents may be requested later in the selection process if necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Five short-listed candidates - applicants best fulfilling the aims of the EYC initiative and selected through an online consultation of a high-level, independent jury - will be published on the European Youth Forum's website on 29th April 2016. The shortlisted candidates will then receive a more detailed application form for the second round of the competition.

2nd APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUBMISSION OF DETAILED APPLICATION FORMS

DEADLINE: The five shortlisted candidate cities are invited to complete the detailed application form and pay the fee of €700 before the second application deadline on 26th June 2016 (23:59 CET). Applications received after this date will not be considered.

FEE: All second-round applications must include the fee of €700, to be transferred before the application deadline to the European Youth Forum bank account provided at the end of this call.

APPLICATION: The completed, detailed application form and annexes should be sent by e-mail to eyc2019applications@youthforum.org in PDF and Word formats, filled out entirely in English, with the document title "Application EYC 2019_City Name". Original, hard-copy documents may be requested later in the selection process if necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENT: All five shortlisted candidates will then receive detailed feedback for improvement of their applications. These recommendations will be developed by the independent, high-level jury and a youth focus group, and will be sent by 19th August 2016.

3rd APPLICATION DEADLINE: SUBMISSION OF FINAL APPLICATION FORMS

DEADLINE: The five shortlisted candidate cities are then invited to improve their applications from the second round of the competition, according to the recommendations made by the high-level jury and youth focus group. This final application should be sent by e-mail to eyc2019applications@youthforum.org in PDF and Word formats, filled out entirely in English, with the document title "Final Application EYC 2019_City Name". Original, hard-copy documents may be requested later in the selection process if necessary.

The deadline for this final application is 9th October 2016 (23:59 CET). In case a candidate city does not send an improved application within the given deadline, the application from the second application phase will be considered.

FEE: The 3rd application round does not include a fee.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The independent, high-level jury, will meet in November 2016 to debate the final applications and select the European Youth Capital 2019. The winner will be announced at the European Youth Forum's General Assembly in November 2016.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

Assessment of applications and the final selection of the EYC 2019 is carried out by an independent, high-level jury comprised of institutional and civil society youth policy experts and practitioners, representatives from the private sector, the media, and from local and regional authorities. This jury is selected and convened by the European Youth Forum.

Additionally, a Youth Focus Group, composed of youth representatives with experience in running an EYC programme, will provide feedback, along with the jury, for the improvement of the applications of the five shortlisted candidates.

Applicants are invited to be creative and push the boundaries of what an EYC can be – assessment is carried out on the basis on the EYC initiative’s key goals of youth participation and empowerment, common European youth policies, and the link between the local and European levels. For an overview of European youth policies, applicants are invited to refer to the European Youth Forum’s Policy Tool Kit, available via the EYC website: <http://www.europeanyouthcapital.org/policy-toolkit/>

Should you have any questions relating to the application and selection procedure, please contact Conor O’Neill (Policy Officer, Participation) at the European Youth Forum’s Secretariat: conor.oneill@youthforum.org. More information is also available on the European Youth Capital website: <http://www.europeanyouthcapital.org/become-an-eyc/>

Please note that in order to ensure a transparent and fair process the Youth Forum neither (a) reviews applications before the application deadline nor (b) attends meetings with candidates or potential candidates.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. How does a municipality become a European Youth Capital?

The title ‘European Youth Capital’ (EYC) is awarded when a European municipality distinguishes itself in a unique, positive manner and sets an ambitious programme for empowering youth with a European focus. The title is bestowed by an independent, high-level jury selected and convened by the European Youth Forum. A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the European Youth Capital 2019 and the European Youth Forum, detailing the terms of use of the “European Youth Capital” title, visibility, reporting and other joint actions.

2. Who can apply?

The application is open to local authorities, comprising local authorities, municipalities or groupings of municipalities (in a metropolitan area). Local authorities from Member States of the Council of Europe are eligible to submit applications. If you are unsure about your eligibility to apply, please contact Conor O’Neill before submitting your application (conor.oneill@youthforum.org).

3. Why should a municipality apply to become the next European Youth Capital?

There are a number of benefits for municipalities that consider applying for selection as European Youth Capital.

- *Recognition*: the EYC initiative offers a municipality the chance to showcase its youth-related cultural, social, political and economic life and development. As a result, heightened public recognition is fostered by media and press coverage and participation in high-profile international events.
- *European dimension*: the EYC initiative is distinctly European in focus, and develops strong links between the municipality, European institutions, and the Network of past (and future) European Youth Capitals.
- *Tourism*: the EYC initiative is international in outlook, encouraging increased tourism and a huge influx of young people from across Europe for international and European meetings and events.
- *Local and regional development*: the EYC initiative serves as a framework and impetus for new projects and ideas, stimulating more active social development throughout the municipality and its neighbouring areas.
- *Support*: The Youth Capital title is endorsed and supported by many public funding bodies and European institutions.

ANNEX I – EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM BANK DETAILS

Name of Bank	ING bank Marnix Business Branch
Address of bank	1, rue du Trône 1000 BRUXELLES BELGIUM
SWIFT or BIC code	BBRUBEBB
Account number	310-1321259-11
IBAN	BE30 3101 3212 5911