

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

- EVS @ YEPP -

About YEPP:

Founded in 1997, YEPP is a youth organisation bringing together more than 60 centre-right youth political organisations from more than 36 countries, representing 1.5 million young Europeans. Our main objectives are to maintain a good network of like-minded organisations; provide ground for training, discussion & cooperation; prepare the younger generation to lead tomorrow's Europe; stimulate further integration in Europe, to uphold our policies and ideas in the European political debate. YEPP's basic values rotate around: human dignity, European values, democracy, peace and security, social responsibility, youth participation. The topics we address in our work are, among others: security and defence policy, foreign affairs, migration, radicalisation, populism, employment and employability, entrepreneurship, youth political participation, economic and social policies, education, European values and identity.

About this EVS:

Participation on the European level is one of the basic values of YEPP. We think that it is the citizens of the European Union who by their support give it its legitimation. The European Union requires the active participation of European citizens in general and young people in particular. Europe is not, and cannot be, the affair of governments alone.

This EVS will bring the volunteer a great chance for personal and professional development. As a volunteer, you will get the unique opportunity to learn first-hand how the European Union works and get the chance to make a positive contribution to foster participation of young people in political life at the national and European level. We work at the heart of the European democracy and you will get plenty of chances to learn a great deal from discussions with EU policy-makers and with young people from all over Europe. We believe that this will bring a valuable experience for you.

At the same time, we hope that you will bring a number benefits to our work. We hope that you will make our office and our work richer and more diverse. We will encourage you to contribute to the work of YEPP and your ideas and background and will be channelled into a personal project.

Your tasks:

You will have the chance to be involved in different tasks throughout your service, depending on the projects that are taking place at any time. We want to leave room for you to be involved in

tasks that fit your competences and expectations. For this reason, we give an overview of the four main areas in which you will have the opportunity to support the work of the organisation. Most of the work will be held in our office but some activities will also take place in the European Parliament, the European Commission or on location in another EU country. You will not be solely responsible for any of these tasks. You will carry out your tasks from Monday to Friday, not exceeding 35 hours of work per week. Saturday and Sunday will be free, in addition to two free days per month. In case you will be needed to work on a Saturday or Sunday, you will be able to compensate these days at a later time.

Your tasks can be the following:

First, you will **be helping with organising YEPP conferences around Europe**. You will support the office with booking accommodation, restaurants, finding partners and sponsors, taking care of registration, preparing documents, drafting event programmes, finding and contacting speakers, helping with the financial aspects, taking minutes, helping with social media etc. Through these tasks you will become familiar with project management and enhance problem-solving competences.

Secondly, you will help with improving **communication between YEPP and its 60 Member Organisations**. Those often contact YEPP for support, help or advice. You will, in cooperation with the executive officer, respond to questions and provide support where needed. You will also take part in the dissemination of YEPP activities to the Member Organisations and beyond. This might include drafting newsletters and press releases, writing articles and creating social media content. Through these tasks, you will learn how a European organisation strives to communicate its message to its membership and the community at large.

Thirdly, you will be **assisting with the running of the organisation, with an eye on project financing and fundraising**. If needed, you will get basic training in this field. You will learn how to raise funds for events and activities and how to plan fundraising campaigns. In particular, you will be preparing and assisting with the delivery of a Study Session that we are organising in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe in November in Strasbourg.

Fourthly, you will **support the YEPP office in its daily tasks**. Please note that this will include **some administrative tasks**, such as enhancing and maintaining the YEPP database, drafting correspondence, assisting with bookkeeping and other tasks.

Last but not least, we will make sure that you have sufficient time to develop and **implement a personal project with the support of YEPP**. You will be free to choose this project but obviously, it should be in line with the values and the current work of YEPP. This project will help you develop self-directed learning skills.

There will be time for you to take part in an **online language course, as part of your working schedule**. The working language of YEPP is English, but many different European languages are often spoken in the office. In case you have an advanced level of English, you can choose to take a course in another language, preferably French or Dutch.

Duration:

Our successful EVS volunteer will join us for 11 months, starting with the **4th of September 2017**. The programme will end on the **3th of August 2018**.

Costs:

The EVS placement is **free**. The European Commission will provide a budget for a return flight, shared accommodation, food, local public transport as well as pocket money. This should cover the basic needs. Depending on your lifestyle, it is likely that you will still need to use some of your own funds.

Application procedure:

Only volunteers aged 17-30 are eligible to apply under the EVS programme. If you wish to apply for volunteering with YEPP, please fill out the application form, along with your CV and sample of your written work (could be an essay, an article or a blog post) to yepp@epp.eu. The deadline for submissions is on the **14th of July 2017**. We will only accept applicants that adhere to the values of YEPP ([see here](#)), have submitted a complete application and have registered with an accredited sending organisation, per EVS rules (to start, here's a [link to the national youth agencies](#) that will help you identify a sending organisation in your country).

All applications will be assessed thoroughly. A shortlist of 3 candidates will be drawn up. All three will be contacted by phone or Skype before a final decision will be made.

Questions:

For any further questions, you can contact YEPP Executive Officer, Monika Kalkusova, at yepp@epp.eu.

GOOD LUCK!