

National Call for Volunteers

8th Cycle - 2nd EU Youth Conference

Summary

Who? Portuguese National Youth Council

What? Call for 17 volunteers; 14 for the Reporting Team and 3 for the Support Team.

When? 12th to 15th March 2021

Where? Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal

DEADLINE: 24 February 2021

1. Background information

About the EU Youth Dialogue

The EU Youth Dialogue (EU-YD) is the European participatory process which, through cycles of 18 months over a priority topic, supports the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy and ensures the involvement of young people in the decision making process in the field of youth in Europe through an articulated dialogue between young people and decision-makers.

About the 8th Cycle

The 8th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue, which runs from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2021, under the Presidency Trio of Germany - Portugal - Slovenia, under the theme “Europe for YOUTH - YOUTH for Europe: Space for Democracy and Participation”, will focus on European Youth Goal 9 “Space and Participation for all” and seeks to look for concrete actions and measures on how to implement at local, national and European level the targets enclosed in this goal. For this to happen, two stages were established in the process of the 8th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue – the Dialogue Phase (I) and the Implementation Phase (II). In the first phase of the Dialogue young people all over Europe were consulted on the measures and actions they believe should be implemented in order to attain the targets of Youth Goal 9. In the implementation phase, which kicks-off with Portuguese EU Youth Conference, young people and decision-makers are invited to put into action ideas and measures contributing to attaining Youth Goal 9 targets at local, national and European level.

About the Portuguese EU Youth Conference

In this context, the 2nd EU Youth Conference of the 8th Cycle in Portugal marks the transition between the Dialogue and the Implementation phase. Delegates will be asked to prioritise and further elaborate on actions and measures that will serve as a toolbox to the implementation phase that will follow up to the Slovenian EU Youth conference expected to happen in autumn 2021. The results of the qualitative consultations led by the National and European Working Groups will feed the Portuguese EU Youth Conference.

The Portuguese National Youth Council (CNJ), as an organising partner of the Conference, is looking for **17 young volunteers, 14 of them for the Reporting Team** and the remaining **3 for the Support Team** of the EU Youth Conference that will take place from 12th to 15th March 2021 in Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal.

Due to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Portuguese EU Youth Conference will be online due to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic, but volunteers are expected to be in-person in Vila Nova de Gaia. However, if further restrictions are imposed, the volunteering may happen in a digital format. Keep that in mind!

Objectives of the conference:

The main goal of the Portuguese EU Youth Conference will be to provide a roadmap for decision-makers, youth organisations and young people to work at local, national and European level during the implementation phase of the 8th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue.

Profile of the volunteers to the Reporting Team

- Good command of written and spoken English;
- Ability to integrate and summarise ideas;
- Ability to remain neutral and accurately report on the outcomes of the sessions;
- Have good organizational and time management skills;
- Knowledge or interest in EU youth-related policies and on the topic of the 8th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue which focuses on EU Youth Goal n. 9: Space and Participation for all is an asset;
- Be between 18 and 30 years old and living in Portugal.

Roles and tasks:

- Summarize and integrate the inputs from the sessions of the conference in the session report, following instructions by the lead rapporteur;
- Attend preparatory and consolidation meetings of the conference;
- Support the facilitation team in the working groups;

Profile and role of the volunteers of the Support Team

- Have volunteering or paid-work experience in organizing or supporting similar events, at the national or international level or, experience in communication, social media management or mediation;
- Have good organizational and time management skills and ability to work in an international team;
- Good conflict management and teamwork skills as well as ability to work in international teams;
- Knowledge or interest in EU youth-related policies and on the topic of the 8th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue which focuses on EU Youth Goal n. 9: Space and Participation for all is an asset;
- Good command of spoken and written Portuguese and English;
- Have your own laptop and headphones;
- Be between 18 and 30 years old and living in Portugal

Roles and tasks:

- Support the organising team of the conference;
- Assisting with communications tasks: presence in social media, updates of online platform and support to participants before and during the conference;
- Other tasks – depending on talents or needs that might emerge

How to apply

Upon assessing your experience and competences and the required profile, you are kindly requested to submit your application.

Apply to be a volunteer <https://cnj.typeform.com/to/IRzTTPUg>

NB: The selected candidates are expected to participate in the preparatory meetings (date to be announced) and to be in-person in Vila Nova de Gaia - Portugal during the days of the Conference

NB: Due to the uncertainties in virtue of the COVID-19 pandemic further information will be provided to successful candidates as for the requirements to access the venue and the measures that will be put into place to ensure everyone's safety.

Practical Information

All the volunteers will receive a *per diem* allowance. The organisation of the conference will cover all expenses with travel from/to the place of residence and with accommodation and food during the conference.

A certificate will be issued to every volunteer recognizing their participation and the competencies developed during the activity.