



AER Youth Regional Network

YRN at a glance

Created by the Assembly of European Regions (AER), the Youth Regional Network (YRN) is a platform of **regional-level youth parliaments, councils and organisations** from the wider Europe. Established in November 2008 by 90 participants from 25 countries and more than 50 regions, the platform provides a **truly unique forum** giving young people from diverse regions a collective voice on the European stage while introducing a European dimension to youth policy in those regions. YRN's objectives include: networking, influencing policy, exchanging best practice and experience as well as promoting sustainable governance.

How do we work?

Members of the Network gather twice a year: during Spring and Autumn sessions. The Network is chaired by the President and the Presidium. The Presidium is composed by the Heads of Committees and by the president, vice-presidents and the treasure.

Who are YRN members?

Membership is open to all young people aged **15-30 years old**, who are representatives of regional-level youth parliaments, councils and/or organizations from the wider Europe.

What is 'youth parliament, youth council and youth organisation'?

These are all forms of youth voice engaged in community decision-making on regional level. It also applies to all youth consultative bodies for more representative political bodies at regional levels of government.

What does 'wider Europe' apply to?

These are the regions of the member states of the Council of Europe as well as other European regions respecting the basic fundamental principles of the Council of Europe.

Why to get involved in YRN?

We are deeply convinced that the principle of **subsidiarity** should be applied to all decision-making processes, thus, all political decisions affecting youth should be taken as closely as possible to young citizens. By our initiatives and actions we want to make sure that young people's voice is heard by policy makers. That's why YRN aims at helping you to make your voice heard at regional level with a strong support of other youth organizations from all over Europe!

How to join YRN?

If you are...

- a member of youth parliament/council/organisation in your region,
 - between 15 and 30 years old,
 - keen on meeting people from all over Europe,
 - thinking of how to have your say on issues affecting youth in your region,
 - willing to make European politicians aware of youth problems faced by peers in your region
- ...just contact the AER Secretariat!

You will be asked to provide a Membership Form, filled in and signed.

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