



EU *Youth* Bridge Network Statute



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Executive Summary

EUYouthBridge is a transnational, voluntary European network of organisations committed to strengthening youth participation in European Union programmes. Established within the Erasmus+ **KA210-YOU CareerBoost** project, the Network is designed to function as a structured information and capacity-building ecosystem that promotes knowledge sharing on youth-relevant EU programmes.

The Network operates as a non-legal, non-profit collaborative framework. Membership is granted to organisations rather than individuals and is free of charge. Members commit annually to promoting the Network and contributing to structured knowledge-sharing activities related to EU programmes supporting youth, employability, inclusion, and opportunities for marginalised young people.

Governance during the founding phase is carried out by the CareerBoost project partners. Following project closure, leadership transitions to a member-based governance model consisting of a Chair and a small Steering Committee of up to three organisations. The governance model is consensus-driven, proportionate, and designed to ensure sustainability, inclusiveness, and geographical diversity across the European Union.

EUYouthBridge aims to foster structured peer learning, enhance access to EU opportunities, and create conditions for voluntary and trust-based collaboration among member organisations.

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Article 1 – Name and Nature of the Network

1. The network shall be known as **EUYouthBridge**.
2. **EUYouthBridge** is a voluntary, transnational, non-profit collaborative network of organisations engaged in youth, employability, social inclusion, and access to European Union programmes.
3. EUYouthBridge was established within the framework of the Erasmus+ *KA210-YOU CareerBoost* project and is intended to continue beyond the project duration.
4. **EUYouthBridge** does not constitute a legal entity and does not create legal, financial, or contractual obligations for its members.

Article 2 – Mission and Purpose

EUYouthBridge is a transnational information and capacity-building ecosystem that fosters structured knowledge sharing on youth-relevant European Union programmes, creating conditions for voluntary and trust-based collaboration among member organisations.

The Network seeks to:

1. Bridge information and awareness gaps regarding EU programmes relevant to youth.
2. Strengthen the capacity of youth-focused organisations to access and implement EU-funded initiatives.
3. Promote structured peer learning and exchange of experience.
4. Support inclusion, employability, and opportunities for marginalised young people.
5. Encourage sustainable transnational cooperation among organisations.

Article 3 – Network Activities

The **EUYouthBridge** network will support and promote:

1. Sharing of information on EU funding calls and opportunities relevant to youth.
2. Exchange of best practices, tools, templates, and implementation experiences.
3. Structured knowledge-sharing activities (e.g., webinars, experience exchanges, thematic discussions).
4. Informal peer mentoring and advisory support.
5. Maintenance of a digital forum and shared resource space.
6. Promotion of success stories and impactful youth-focused initiatives.
7. Encouragement of voluntary collaboration among members in relation to EU programme opportunities.

The Network promotes the use of agreed protocols, templates, and guidelines to ensure structured and meaningful knowledge sharing.

Article 4 – Membership and Representation

1. Membership to the **EUYouthBridge** network is granted to organisations and not individuals.
2. Eligible organisations include:
 - a) Youth-focused organisations working directly with young people;
 - b) Educational, community, or inclusion-focused organisations supporting youth employability and participation;
 - c) Supporting or expert organisations possessing experience in EU programmes and contributing knowledge and mentoring.
3. Each member organisation shall designate one primary representative and may appoint additional representatives as appropriate.
4. Representatives act on behalf of their organisation.
5. Member organisations are responsible for ensuring continuity of representation.

Membership is voluntary and free of charge.

Article 5 – Member Commitments and Active Status

5.1 Annual Commitment

Each member organisation commits annually to:

- (a) Actively promote the Network within its ecosystem, including, where feasible, the introduction or referral **of at least one potential youth-relevant organisation** to the Network; and
- (b) Contribute to at least one structured **knowledge-sharing activity** relating to European Union programmes relevant to youth, employability, inclusion, or opportunities for marginalised young people. Examples include:
 - Sharing an experience from participation in a youth-relevant EU programme;
 - Delivering or co-hosting a knowledge-sharing session;
 - Monitoring specific EU programmes (e.g., Creative Europe, Horizon Europe, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, or COSME) and informing the network of relevant funding calls for marginalised youth with contextual commentary;
 - Contributing a best-practice template, case example, or guidance note.

5.2 Active Member Status

An Active Member is a member organisation that fulfils the annual commitment described above. Only Active Member organisations may:

- Participate in leadership selection;
- Participate in decisions concerning Statute amendments;
- Serve on the Steering Committee.

Article 6 – Network’s Governance Structure

6.1 Founding Coordination Phase

During the implementation of the Erasmus+ CareerBoost project and until six (6) months following its official closure:

- Coordination of EUYouthBridge shall be carried out by the partner leading the Network Establishment activity.
- The *Steering Committee* shall consist of the CareerBoost partner organisations.

6.2 Post-Project Governance Phase

No later than six (6) months following the closure of the CareerBoost project:

1. A Chair shall be selected from among Active Member organisations.
2. The Chair must:
 - a) Be a youth-focused organisation; and
 - b) Demonstrate experience in participation in EU programmes relevant to youth.
3. The Chair shall serve a two (2) year term and may be renewed.
4. A Steering Committee shall be constituted, composed of:
 - The Chair; and
 - Up to two additional Active Member organisations.

The Steering Committee shall consist of a maximum of three (3) organisations in total.

5. Steering Committee members shall serve two (2) year renewable terms.

Article 7 – Steering Committee Role and Composition

1. The Steering Committee supports coordination, continuity, and activity of the Network.
2. Its functions include:
 - Facilitating knowledge-sharing activities;
 - Encouraging member engagement;
 - Supporting onboarding of new members;
 - Safeguarding adherence to the Network’s mission.
3. The Steering Committee operates by consensus.
4. Where consensus cannot be reached, decisions may be taken by simple majority of participating Active Member organisations in a duly convened online meeting.
5. The composition of the Steering Committee shall strive, where feasible, to reflect:
 - Geographical diversity across EU Member States;
 - Balanced representation of youth-focused and EU-experienced organisations;
 - Principles of gender balance and inclusion.

The *Steering Committee* does not restrict the voluntary collaboration autonomy of individual members.

Article 8 – Digital Platform and Conduct

1. EUYouthBridge operates primarily through a digital platform.
2. The platform facilitates information exchange, discussion, and structured knowledge sharing.
3. Members shall engage respectfully, professionally, and in accordance with the Network's values.
4. Members are encouraged to use agreed templates and protocols to enhance clarity and effectiveness.

Article 9 – Values and Sustainability

EUYouthBridge is guided by:

1. Inclusion and diversity;
2. Cooperation and mutual support;
3. Transparency and respect;
4. Non-discrimination and accessibility;
5. Empowerment of marginalised youth.

The Network aims to ensure long-term sustainability through active engagement, shared responsibility, and structured knowledge exchange.

Article 10 – Amendments and Final Provisions

1. Amendments to this Statute may be proposed by the Steering Committee or by a group of Active Member organisations.
2. Amendments shall be adopted by consensus of Active Member organisations participating in a duly convened meeting.
3. Where consensus cannot be achieved, amendments may be adopted by simple majority of participating Active Member organisations.
4. This Statute enters into force upon adoption by the founding partners.
5. Matters not covered shall be resolved in line with the Network's mission and values.