

Call for Inspiring Practices

The Government of Malta, with the support of the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership, is excited to host the **4th European Youth Work Convention (EYWC)** in Valletta, Malta, from **27 to 30 May 2025**. This event will take place under the Maltese Chairpersonship of the Council of Europe.

A steering group, including representatives from the European Commission, the Council of Europe, National Agencies for Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, and youth work practitioners, has been set up to guide the event's program and logistics.

The Convention team is now seeking **inspiring practices** to share at the conference.

About the Convention

The theme of the 4th EYWC is:

Youthwork 

A Roadmap Towards a European Strategy for Youth Work Policy Implementation, Recognition, and Quality Practice.

This convention will build on previous efforts and aim to **accelerate** the development of quality youth work practices across Europe. It will strengthen recognition and support for these practices at European, national, and local levels. Malta's role will be pivotal in bridging past conventions and shaping future actions, with a strong emphasis on implementing the European Youth Work Agenda (EYWA).

Key Outcomes

The Convention aims to produce:

- A comprehensive **roadmap** to guide actions, processes, and initiatives for youth work policy development, implementation, recognition, and quality.
- Practical recommendations that will contribute to the next EU Youth Strategy and inform youth work strategies at all levels.

These results will also be presented at the **Conference for Ministers Responsible for Youth**, taking place in Malta on **8–9 October 2025**.

Themes for Inspiring Practices

We are looking for examples of practices, projects, or initiatives that align with one of the following themes:

1. Youth Work Core:

This theme focuses on the principles, values, and foundational aspects of youth work. Examples of workshops might include:

- **Quality and Standards:** How to deliver excellent youth work practices.
- **Youth Work Ethics:** Navigating challenges and maintaining ethical standards.
- **Youth Work Supervision:** Supporting youth workers in their professional development.
- **Youth Work Recognition:** Strategies to ensure youth work is valued and supported.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation Tools:** Methods for tracking and improving the impact of youth work.

2. Youth Work Environment:

This theme looks at the structures, programmes, and individuals involved in youth work. Potential workshop topics:

- **Innovative Youth Engagement Strategies:** Creative ways to connect with young people.
- **Training and Professional Development:** Helping youth workers grow and thrive.
- **Youth-Led Projects:** Examples of young people leading meaningful change.
- **Promoting Volunteerism:** Ways to attract and sustain dedicated volunteers.

3. Youth Work Systems:

This theme addresses the broader framework that enables youth work to thrive. Workshops could include:

- **Advocating for Youth Work Policy:** Techniques for shaping national and European policies.
- **Building Strong Youth Work Systems:** Lessons from countries with effective frameworks.
- **Youth Work in Times of Crisis:** Supporting young people through challenges like pandemics or conflicts.
- **Funding Youth Work:** Practical advice on accessing EU or EYF resources to strengthen initiatives.

How to Apply

We welcome submissions from individuals, organisations, institutions, and youth work networks. Your practice should:

- Align with one of the three themes listed above.
- Demonstrate innovation, potential for scalability, and positive impact.

Press the following [link](#) to apply.

Next Steps

Applications must be submitted by **15 January 2025**, and selected applicants will be notified by **17 February 2025**. Successful contributors will receive logistical support to attend the event.

Together, let's drive forward innovative and impactful youth work practices across Europe!

The EYWC Team