

THE EYF AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

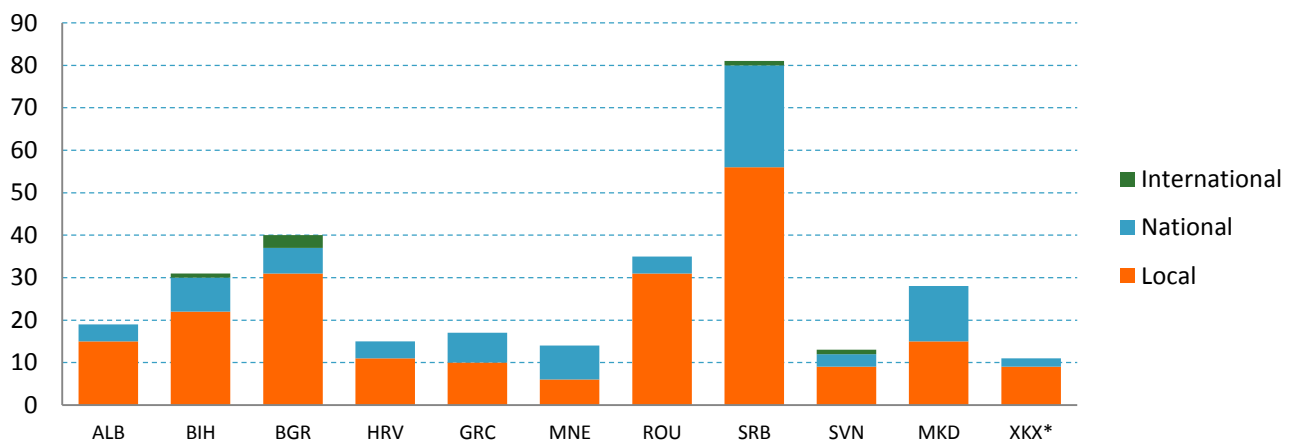
The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide **financial and educational support** for European youth activities. It is a division in the Youth Department of the Council of Europe's Directorate of Democratic Participation, Directorate General of Democracy.

The EYF has an annual budget of approximately **3.5 million euros**, which is mainly made up of obligatory contributions from each Council of Europe member state. It supports youth-led projects run by local, national, regional and international youth NGOs in line with the priorities of the Council of Europe's youth sector.

The EYF can support projects at local, national or European level. Most of the EYF's budget is devoted to supporting European-level youth activities, but a specific grant category (pilot activity) was created in 2000 to provide a prompt response to the Kosovo* crisis and support youth NGOs intervening at local level.

Since then, and as can be seen from the statistics in this document, youth organisations in South East Europe continue to apply to the European Youth Foundation for support for their projects to foster inclusive and peaceful societies in the region.

Youth NGOs registered with the EYF as of October 2018



Over the five-year period 2014-2018, out of the 394 one-off international activities and local pilot activities supported by the EYF, 175 took place in South-East Europe, i.e. 44%.

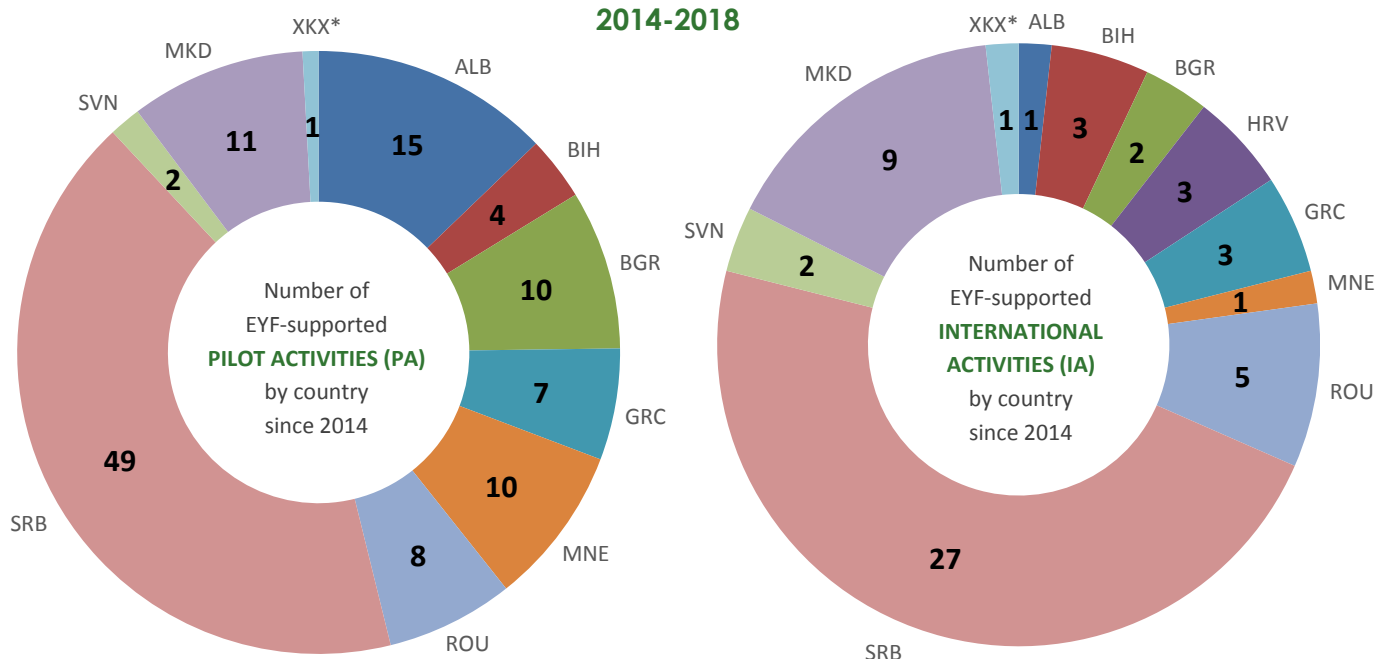
Youth participation and youth work have a central role in the Council of Europe's youth sector priorities 2018-19 and the EYF has supported several projects in 2018 on young people's active citizenship and civil involvement, in particular at local and regional levels.

These are some examples of the work done in this region with the support of the EYF:

- Mobilising NGO activists in certain parts of Serbia to promote the participation of youth in the decision-making processes on youth-related matters at the local level.
- Awareness-raising and capacity-building of young people with fewer opportunities in local communities in the suburbs of Tirana.
- Developing the skills of youth leaders, youth workers and educators from seven countries of South-East Europe to support the creation of youth-friendly communities.

→ More information can be found at <http://eyf.coe.int>.

Activities 2014-2018



Total of EYF-supported NGOs and activities divided by year between 2014 and 2018

Country	NGOs	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		Total Act.
		IA	PA	IA	PA	IA	PA	IA	PA	IA	PA	
ALB	19		1		1		6		3	1	4	16
BIH	30		1	1	1	1		1			2	7
BGR	37	2	1		2		2		3		2	12
HRV	15	1		1						1		3
GRC	17	2			2	1	3		2			10
MNE	14		5		2	1	1		2			11
ROU	35	2	2	3	1		2		1		2	13
SRB	80	8	10	5	9	6	12	6	8	2	10	76
SVN	12	1	1					1	1			4
MKD	28	4	5	1	3	2	1		1	2	1	20
XKX*	11	1	1									2
Total	298	21	27	11	21	11	27	8	21	6	21	174

PA: Pilot Activity; IA: International Activity

ALB: Albania; BIH: Bosnia and Herzegovina; BGR: Bulgaria; HRV: Croatia; GRC: Greece; MNE: Montenegro; ROU: Romania; SRB: Serbia; SVN: Slovenia; MKD: "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"; XKX*: Kosovo*

NGOs: Non-Governmental Youth Organisations

*All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nation's Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.