EYWA and the 4ᵗʰ EYWC topics

How are the 8 thematic priority areas of the European Youth Work Agenda (EYWA) and the proposed measures of the Final Declaration of the 3ʳᵈ European Youth Work Convention (EYWC) linked with the 3 vertical themes of the 4ᵗʰ EYWC?

YOUTH WORK CORE

A common vision for youth work and its future. It will focus on definitions and descriptions of youth work, values and ethics, recognition and visibility, quality and standards, and monitoring and evaluation.

Promotion and recognition

Develop measures to validate learning in youth work, in formal education

Policy frameworks

Apply research based and rights-based approaches in policy making and implementation

A common direction for the youth work community of practice

Map the community of practice and establish working relationships

Provide information and capacity building on the European dimension

Establish a monitoring, evaluation, and learning board to follow progress

Implement a European Youth Work Convention every five years

Quality development

Broaden implementation of existing quality frameworks, systems, and support structures

Establish a youth work research agenda

Establish occupational standards for the education and training of youth workers

Beyond the youth work community of practice

Communicate the value of youth work

Innovation and emerging challenges

Support actions providing safety and mental health for young people

Improve smart youth work by investing in infrastructure and competence development

Make youth work greener

Advocate for youth work as one of the primary civic society development strategies

Support young people's engagement in a democratic society

YOUTH WORK ENVIRONMENTS

Supporting young people by addressing their needs and aspirations, ensuring their access, inclusion, participation, and empowerment. This includes advocacy in youth work; the role of employed and volunteer youth workers and youth leaders and their education, training, and recognition as well as youth work methodologies, tools, approaches, and new technologies.

Promotion and recognition

Organise peer learning activities

Organise events, such as campaigns or yearly thematic days

Policy frameworks

Support the involvement of young people and youth workers in policymaking and implementation

A common direction for the youth work community of practice

Develop and promote a European digital platform on youth work

Develop and expand the youth work offer

Realise the local youth work offer

Use quality standards

Strengthen the local youth work community of practice

Quality development

Strengthen and establish networks and structures for co-operation and co-creation

Establish information and processes for dialogue

A strategic framework for youth work development

Anchor ownership of the Bonn Process/implementation of the EYWA throughout the whole youth work community of practice

Establish a robust communications and networking strategy

Innovation and emerging challenges

Create innovation hubs for progressive and pioneering youth work

YOUTH WORK SYSTEMS

Policy and strategy at European, national, regional, and local levels, covering the voluntary youth sector and youth work associations, networks, centres, and service providers. It also includes cooperation between state/public and voluntary sectors at different levels, state/public and EU/EYF funding and resources for youth work, and youth work´s interaction with other policy fields.

Promotion and recognition
- Develop a communications plan that connects all levels
- Establish a European network of youth workers associations
- Build on European initiatives, including Strategic National Agencies Cooperation projects (SNACs)

Policy frameworks
- Incorporate youth work as integral part of youth policies at all levels
- Strengthen cooperation between the European Commission and the Council of Europe on youth work
- Promote youth laws, youth work laws, and strategies for youth work
- Establish systematic checks of youth work policies by setting a common European quality standard

A common direction for the youth work community of practice
- Secure structural funding for collaborative structures and networks

Develop and expand the youth work offer
- Create a European charter for governance
- Invest in accessible and sustainable funding
- Mobilise European funding programmes

A strategic framework for youth work development
- Align the commitment of the European institutions with public statements
- Establish a joint action task force at the European level
- Establish national working groups
- Provide framing conditions for supporting local youth work provision

Innovation and emerging challenges
- Create resilient youth work structures

Beyond the youth work community of practice
- Engage with other sectors strategically
- Define specific other sectors based on shared objectives and build up co-operation
- Create and maintain multi-disciplinary structures, networks, and bodies on youth

Context

This overview of the link between the themes of the EYWA and the 4th EYWC was developed for the publication "The State of Play of National Processes within the European Youth Work Agenda Implementation. Survey Report 2025", written by Frederike Hofmann-van de Poll on behalf of the SNAC "Growing Youth Work". It is based on the 3 vertical themes of the 4th EYWC as outlined in the Concept Note of the 4th EYWC as well as the Final Declaration of the 3rd EYWC, serving as a guiding document on the EYWA, and its summary in the Declaration Factsheet. It was designed by Domagoj Moric.

We are "Growing Youth Work" - Cooperation project of National Agencies!

The strategic cooperation project of the network of National Agencies wants to develop and strengthen youth work across Europe. 16 National Agencies of Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps and SALTO Youth Resource Centres are working together to grow youth work across Europe. The "SNAC Growing Youth Work" project aims to elevate the importance of youth work, emphasizing its critical role in the lives of young people and democratic societies. We are contributing to putting the European Youth Work Agenda into action by offering support, encouraging coordinated and strategic efforts and creating opportunities for youth work professionals. Thus, we develop a network to strengthen youth work across Europe together.

Find out more about EYWA and the 4th EYWC by scanning the QR codes!

Survey report 2025

Final declaration of the 3rd EYWC

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