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Guide for applicants

Dear friend!

We are happy you are interested in joining our 'Youth Can Do It' conference this November. Please read the following information carefully as it contains important information about eligibility, conditions for participation and the practical arrangements for the conference. By proceeding with your application, you acknowledge and accept the participation and reimbursement conditions outlined in this document.

What is this conference about?

The 2024 European Parliament elections showed a worrying trend. Youth participation declined and in several Member States many young voters turned to anti-democratic and extremist political forces. This is concerning and we want to counter this by renewing our reach-out to young people and involving them in the shaping of our ideas. In 2025, the Renew Europe Group hosted the first Youth Summit of this mandate: we welcomed 100 young people to Parliament for two days. With discussions on topics such as mental health, the Erasmus program or enlargement, alongside practical communication trainings, these days proved to be a rich learning experience for all. Also in 2026, we want to keep the dialogue with youth going: we are again inviting 100 youth participants to a conference where we will work together to develop ideas for change and a better future. The conference is designed by young people, for young people and will offer a space to listen, collaborate, and think up concrete solutions. Together, we will turn ideas into action and shape the future Europe deserves.

Eligibility

You can apply as member of one of the following youth organisations: European Liberal Youth ([LYMEC](#)), Young Democrats for Europe ([YDE](#)), les Jeunes en marche ([JEM](#)). We will also offer 10 open spots via our Renew social media channels (check in the month of July). Eligible are young people from EU Member states, and some select countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Georgia, Iceland, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Switzerland, the UK and Ukraine). Minimum age to participate is 18, recommended maximum age is 29.

Participant declaration

Please make sure you read and accept the following conditions. A few days before the event, you will receive from us a Declaration of honour (a simple form to confirm your travel plans and provide your bank details). Please **complete, print, sign, and hand this form to the organisers** on the first day, when signing the attendance sheet. This Declaration is needed to process your travel reimbursement (>> *see more important details below*).

Travel arrangements

If your participation is confirmed, you need to book your own travel tickets. Before making any arrangements, please **wait for being officially invited** by the Renew Europe Secretariat via email by mid-September. This invitation will include a written confirmation of the reimbursement amount granted for travel costs. If you attend the conference from outside of Brussels, we will help you cover your travel costs to and from Brussels using a flat rate calculation (the Erasmus+ EU distance calculator*), based on your place of departure (home, study, or workplace). Please note that other costs—such as taxis, extra luggage fees, ticket changes, additional hotel nights, local transportation or travel insurance—are not eligible for reimbursement and will need to be covered by the participant.

Reimbursement of travel costs

For reimbursement of travel costs to and from Brussels we will use your city of departure for the flat rate calculation (see below* for the rates that apply). Reimbursement will be made only after the conference and **after participants signed the attendance sheet and Declaration of honour on both days of the conference.**

If you travel by plane, we ask you to **give us your boarding pass from the incoming flight to Brussels** as proof of air travel (your ticket or return boarding pass is not required). We recommend keeping a copy of your boarding pass (for example, by taking a screenshot before boarding), as it may no longer be accessible after use. If you travel by car, train, bus or local public transport, you only need to hand in the Declaration of honour. The Declaration of Honour must be completed and submitted no later than the first day of the conference, when you sign the attendance sheet.

Please complete the bank details electronically whenever possible. If you complete it by hand, please write clearly and legibly. Illegible or incomplete bank details may delay reimbursement. If your bank account cannot receive Euro transfers, or if the account provided is not held in the participant's name, this must be clearly indicated in the form to avoid delays in processing the reimbursement. Reimbursements will be made via bank transfer and may take up to 30 days until after the conference.

If for unforeseen reasons you must **cancel your participation at the conference**, please inform the organisers right away via email (Diana Messa, Margaux Rio). As accommodation and catering arrangements are made in advance, timely notification is essential and allows us to offer this place to another participant.

* Flat rate calculation for travel to Brussels based on the Erasmus+ [EU distance calculator](#):

10–99 km	€28
100–499 km	€211
500–1999 km	€309
2000–2999 km	€395
3000–3999 km	€580
4000–7999 km	€1188
> 8000 km	€1735

Accommodation and meals

If you attend the conference from outside of Brussels, we will book and cover two nights in a hotel for you in Brussels (Wednesday 18/11 to Friday 20/11 with breakfast included). The room will be booked directly by the Renew Europe Secretariat, with two participants sharing a double room. You will also be invited to a welcome lunch on the first day of the conference, a joint dinner on Thursday evening as well as a lunch after the closing session on Friday.

When to arrive/to leave

Please plan to arrive in Brussels by Wednesday evening, 18 November, as we will start the programme early the next morning. Registration and security check to get inside the European Parliament will begin from 8h00 on Thursday 19/11. The conference will finish after lunch on Friday, 20/11 at around 14h00, and you can arrange your own trip home from then.

Should you have any questions about the conference or travel details don't hesitate to contact us at Renew Europe: **Margaux Rio** (margaux.rio@europarl.europa.eu, tel: +32(0)2 228 30421) with copy to **Diana Messa** (diana.messa@europarl.europa.eu) and **Noha Devillers** (noha.devillers@europarl.europa.eu).

This event is being organised by the Renew Europe Group in the European Parliament in cooperation with our partner youth organisations LYMEC, YDE and Les JEM.

