
Call for researchers

9th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue

Call for two researchers in the context of the 9th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue during the Trio Presidency of France, Czech Republic and Sweden.

In the framework of the French EU Presidency in order to support the first phase of the EU Youth Dialogue Process (January till June 2022) and the EU Youth Conference which takes place from 24 to 26 January 2022 in Strasbourg, the French Ministry for Education, Youth and Sports is looking for **two researchers** :

- One with an expertise on youth and good knowledge of the EU Youth Dialogue ;
- One with an expertise on “inclusion” and “sustainable development”.

- Please note. This specific call focuses on the French Presidency. However, when applying you are expected to commit yourself for a period of about 18 months (the 9th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue covers the period from January 2022 to June 2023).

Background Information

About the EU Youth Dialogue

The EU Youth Dialogue is a continuous process that brings together young people and policymakers across the European Union to jointly discuss, formulate and put forward proposals for the development of youth policy at national and European level.

About the 9th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue

The EU Youth Dialogue is organised in 18-month work cycles. The 9th cycle runs from January 2022 to June 2023 over the course of the French, Czech and Swedish EU Trio Presidency. The topic of the 9th cycle is based on two youth goals of the EU Youth Strategy: Youth Goal #10 “A green and sustainable Europe” and Youth Goal #3 “Inclusive societies” under the title “Engaging together for a sustainable and inclusive Europe”. National authorities of the trio presidency will chair the Steering group of the EU Youth Dialogue during the cycle, alongside the National Youth Councils of the trio.

EU Youth Conferences are a key element of the EU Youth Dialogue. They are organised by each Presidency country and bring together up to three hundred young people and political

decision-makers at national and European levels. These conferences are the moment when ideas and demands regarding the topic of the EU Youth Dialogue are gathered at European level, good practices and advice are exchanged, results of consultations are collected and concrete political demands are formulated. The contents of the three EU Youth Conferences of one cycle build on each other.

Nature of the task

Due to the structure of EU Youth Dialogue as a constantly evolving process of youth participation, the role of the researchers is more focussed on utilising applied youth research to support the participatory process.

The following tasks are to be shared by the two researchers involved in the process and cover only **the period January - June 2022**:

1. To support the European Steering Group (ESG) in ensuring that the **overall methodological approach for the 9th cycle of EU Youth Dialogue** is evidence-based and quality compatible all through its different phases and in respect to all stakeholders involved. This involves participating in ESG meetings when needed (one half-day online meeting per month (only for the selected agenda items), one 1-day or 2-day physical meeting in Paris or Brussels might be possible) ;
2. **To develop a consultation toolkit** with guiding questions, methods and approaches (including a questionnaire for reporting results) for a quantitative and qualitative consultation process based on good practices and experiences from previous cycles. The presentation of the consultation toolkit is foreseen to be made available by January 2022 and its finalization in February 2022.
3. **To participate at the webinar to present the toolkit/methodological framework for consultations** (in a 2-hour online meeting), targeted at the members of the NWGs and the INGYOs in February 2022.
4. **To participate in-person in the EU Youth Conference** of the French presidency from 24th- 26th January in Strasbourg to support the process of consultations within the conference by working together with the Conference facilitators, and reporting(/harvesting) team in taking an analytical record of the working process, content and inputs arising from the conference.

NOTE: The process will be continued in the framework of the presidencies of Czech Republic and Sweden and it is likely that the researchers will be further involved after 30th June 2022 and be involved until the end of the Cycle in June 2023.

Competences required

- Knowledge and understanding of the EU Youth Policy and/or previous research experience in the themes of inclusion and sustainable development ;
- Experience with consultation of young people at national and international level, in youth participation processes as well as in applied (youth) research and/or participatory research processes ;
- Experience in writing and editing educational materials/toolkits in a youth friendly manner, ideally on related themes such as youth participation, information and consultation of young people ;
- Competence in designing large consultations addressed to young people and making use of a vast array of tools and approaches (online and offline) ;
- Experience in working with a diverse array of stakeholders involved in youth field ;
- Excellent writing skills in English ;
- Previous involvement with the EU Youth Dialogue (former EU Structured Dialogue) will be considered an advantage.

Application

Please focus your letter of application on the following aspects:

1. Please explain what is your experience in relation with:
 - The European cooperation in the field of youth and Structured Dialogue/EU Youth Dialogue; and/or inclusion and sustainable development.
 - Competence in designing large consultations addressed to young people and making use of a vast array of tools and approaches (online and offline);
 - Research experience in youth participation processes and in applied (youth) research;

- Experience in writing and editing educational materials/toolkits in a youth friendly manner, ideally on related themes such as youth participation, information and consultation of young people;
 - Experience in working with a diverse array of stakeholders involved in the youth field.
2. Please explain in a short concept of maximum two pages your approach towards supporting the 9th cycle of EU Youth Dialogue.
 3. Join, in annex, your CV as well as the expected number of working days and price per day.

Applications need to be sent by November 30th, 2021, to the following addresses: French Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports at pfue.jeunesse@education.gouv.fr and the French Youth Council (CNAJEP): cnajep@cnajep.asso.fr

NOTE: In general, it is possible to form a bidding consortium. Should you be interested in providing the service in cooperation with a second person, please submit a joint tender.