

Fourth European Academy on Youth Work Event – Connecting Dots and Moving Forward, Together.

5 -8 May 2026, Kranjska Gora, Slovenia

Call for Rapporteur

Application deadline: 6 February 2026

What is the European Academy on Youth Work (EAYW)?

The EAYW aims to promote the development of quality youth work, to support its capacity to react to current and future developments, and to contribute to creating a common ground on youth work and youth work policy. To this end, **it focuses on supporting innovation in youth work, as a response to the trends, challenges and uncertainties faced by young people in today's fast-changing societies.**

The EAYW offers a **platform for reflection, exchange and knowledge gathering on trends and developments** in and with relevance to the youth field in Europe, and on **innovative youth work responses** to these trends and developments. In this way, it contributes to a European youth work ecosystem that supports quality development and innovation in youth work.

Residential EAYW events are held biennially and bring together 150 – 200 participants. In between these events, the EAYW organises smaller-scale activities (online and residential), undertakes research projects and develops educational tools and resources on the topic of the Academy – innovation and future readiness in youth work.

The EAYW is a strategic cooperation of National Agencies of the Erasmus+ programme, youth field, and the European Solidarity Corps and SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres. It targets youth workers, professionals in areas with relevance for the youth field and representatives of youth policies and public services, National Agencies and other staff working in youth work structures, from NGOs, science and research. Geographically, the EAYW addresses stakeholders from the broader European context, including Europe's neighbouring countries south of the Mediterranean.

More information: www.eayw.net.

About the Fourth EAYW Event

The 4th EAYW event will take place over three days from 5th May, afternoon – 8th May, mid-day, 2026 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia.

This EAYW event will be closing the cycle of the Academy under the current generation of EU youth programmes. As such it will be a bridging event, representing an occasion for looking back and celebrating achievements as well as looking forward and identifying action for future steps youth work can take to move towards the future(s).

The **specific objectives** of the 4th EAYW are to:

- Celebrate the Academy's efforts and achievements.
- Build knowledge & capacity around the themes of future-oriented thinking, innovation and change.
- Support youth workers' collective resilience and sense of agency.

- Create space to reflect on how youth work can move forward in times of uncertainty.
- Strengthen the youth work community and inspire new ideas and initiatives for the future.

Programme

Key features will include:

- Plenary sessions, which will cover horizontal topics, revisit concepts like innovation, managing change, resilience and agency, and facilitate actions inspiring forward looking developments in youth work at different levels (as the European youth work community of practice and in the participants' contexts).
- Deep Dive sessions: six thematic groups that run in parallel across three 90-minute sessions. Each group explores one central theme shaping youth work today – from AI and social skills to democracy, rights, climate justice, and belonging in times of conflict. Shared spaces of curiosity to reflect together, challenge assumptions, meet new perspectives, and connect what we hear to our own realities and practices.
- Introduction of tools and practices (throughout plenary, Deep Dive and other designated spaces) that support future oriented conversations and help youth work move forward;
- Inspiring inputs from inside and outside youth work that can stimulate new perspectives and ideas for action;
- Spaces for community-building, networking and joint reflection about futures of youth work;
- Reflection and exchange on how ideas and reflections from the event can be taken further in the participants' home environment.

About the Report

We would like to document the outcomes of this event in a way that reaches people in the best way possible and create a “report” that might be interesting for the participants and the wider public to read. We aim for an engaging kind of documentation of key messages, highlights and outcomes of the event through communicative, partially topic-oriented articles, rather than a one-piece report. At the same time, it will be important to convey the potential complexity and depth of the topics covered.

This would include:

1. Multi-media article on main outcomes: “What happened at the 4th EAYW event and why is it relevant”

As a multi-media article, this could include a short intro video, text with some key messages especially from the main plenary sessions, quotes from participants, photos of the event, infographics, resources & follow-up invitations

In addition, 2 short articles (300 – 400 words) highlighting specific content from the plenary sessions, possibly accompanying video recordings.

2. Inspiration for the youth work community of practice: 6 thematic articles

Each article should have a length of 700-900 words and cover the Deep Dive sessions implemented at the Academy (3-session long thematic workshops on AI, mental health, participation, democracy, climate, war and conflict). Each article should focus on key takeaways, links to practical tools, practices, materials and resources, questions for future debate (if applicable).

These articles will be written by different writers (to be defined) and should be coordinated by the rapporteur to align objectives, style and content.

3. Seeds of action: following up on actions from participants

The idea is to map 3 examples of follow up actions from participants after the end of the event and create interviews with them in a written form. If more comfortable, they could be video interviews, so the transcript could be used in the interview on the website, and the video for promotion.

4. Additional harvesting on the event, which could be used for a photo article

Set up 1–2 “story corners” throughout the event where participants record 30–60 second videos and write short cards. Possible questions: “What was the strongest idea you got today?” / “What is your general reflection on the event so far?” The questions could be changed periodically.

5. Daily blogs from the Academy (not to be covered by the rapporteur, here added for information)

Production of a series of articles (daily blogs), with reflections from one of the participants. This format was successfully used in past EAYW event editions and brought the view of participants in focus and helped in sharing what were the learning moments for the participants.

Role and Tasks of the Rapporteur

The rapporteur will be mainly responsible for the documentation indicated under points 1, 2 and 3 above.

The rapporteur will:

- Write the main multi-media article about the 4th EAYW event and support the EAYW communication expert in defining the content of the videos or other items (e.g. questions for interviews, suggesting participants/experts for interviews).
- Write the articles covering plenary sessions
- Write the "Seeds of action" interviews and to identify the participants who could be interviewed after the EAYW event.
- Coordinate the writing of six articles about the Deep Dives in view of aligning content and style.
- Support the EAYW communication expert in “recruiting”/encouraging participants to contribute to the “story corners”.

S/he will work in close cooperation with the EAYW communication expert and the EAYW coordinator and should also support the communication expert in the implementation of the other points mentioned above (e. g. support identifying and “recruiting” participants for the “story corner”).

The ideas for the documentation above can be further discussed and developed, suggestions from the rapporteur are welcome.

Rapporteur Profile

The **rapporteur** is expected to have:

- relevant knowledge of European youth work, trends and developments and the role of different stakeholders of the European youth work community;
- the ability to grasp and “report” complex discussions and concepts;
- experience in writing documents in a more journalistic style, catching and compiling key points from the event and specific sessions in a way that is attracting the reader and lends itself to being published online (website, social media); excellent writing skills in English language;
- Competences in producing multi-media documentation, knowledge of other types of communication, such as short videos or audios (e.g. interviews with participants), which could be included into the final reporting materials, is an asset.

- Knowledge of concepts and approaches related to innovation and future literacy (e.g. from former EAYW activities, or other contexts) are an asset.

Links to examples of former work should be provided in the application form.

Preparation Process

The **preparation process** will include several online meetings to ensure a clear definition of the documentation and the tasks of the rapporteur, follow up and coherence with the EAYW team and programme planning.

The first introductory online meeting with the facilitation team of the EAYW event is planned for 13 February from 10:00 – 11:00 CET. Dates for other meetings with the EAYW coordinator and communication expert will be agreed according to availability.

4th EAYW event: arrival and departure

The rapporteur is expected to arrive on the 4 May for a residential preparation meeting on 5 May prior to the start of the event and to take part in the full EAYW event. Departures are foreseen on 8 May after 14:00.

Contract and Fees

Full board & lodging at the venue of the 4th EAYW event will be covered, and travel costs will be reimbursed by the organisers.

The selected rapporteur will each receive a fee of **4.550 EUR** upon completion of all tasks.

The contract will be made with legal persons (i.e. organisations or freelancers registered as legal entities). Fees and travel costs are paid based on an invoice from the rapporteur / contracted organisation.

Application & Selection Procedure

Apply no later than: **5 February 2026**

How to apply:

All applicants must fill in the online application form available at <http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/2205>

The application requires a registration in the MySALTO system. If applicants do not have a MySALTO profile yet, the page will direct them to the registration.

Applications should highlight the experience of the candidate in relation to the theme of the EAYW and the reporting tasks. Applicants will be selected based on their competences and suitability for the required tasks, with reference to the criteria indicated under the rapporteur profile.

All applicants will be informed about the selection by: 10 February 2026

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