

Impact Study of the European Academy on Youth Work

Call for an expert

Background, rationale and overall objectives

The European Academy on Youth Work is a strategic cooperation of 14 National Agencies of the Erasmus+ programme, youth field, and the European Solidarity Corps and SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres. It was created to support innovation and future orientation in youth work. Through structured learning experiences, collective reflection, and dialogue across practice, policy, and research, the Academy has functioned as a living environment for exploring how youth work understands and approaches change and innovation, and what role it plays in shaping the futures of its field.

Since 2019, the EAYW has organised a series of activities, most notably biennial residential EAYW events with 150-200 participants – the 4th EAYW event took place in May 2026 – and several series of webinars. The activities have targeted professionals in youth work from Europe and its neighbouring regions, and have typically offered inspirational inputs for reflection, sharing of innovative practices mainly from the youth work field, spaces for critical discussion and reflection, networking and community building, and inspiration for follow up actions to be taken by the participants.

Furthermore, the EAYW carried out two participatory studies on innovation and futures thinking in youth work in Europe and developed several educational tools for youth workers and educators to work on the topics of innovation and future orientation in youth work with young people, project teams and colleagues.

Since its start, the EAYW has strongly invested in the dissemination of the knowledge, outcomes, tools and resources created in the context of its activities, true to its credo that “what happens in the EAYW, does not stay in the EAYW”, with the help of a dedicated website, FB and Instagram pages and specific activities.

More information: www.eayw.net

All EAYW activities are well documented and were consistently evaluated by participants, organisers and contributors as well as the EAYW Steering Group and Advisory Board, leading to continuous adaptation of focus and approaches over the years. However, there is a need for assessing the wider impact that the EAYW has created, to find out how participants used the newly gained learning, contacts, tools and resources at different levels and to explore what contribution the EAYW has made to the further development of the youth work field.

The outcomes and recommendations from this study should serve to assess the impact of this strategic cooperation and to suggest needs and directions for further supporting innovation and future orientation in youth work in Europe.

In the framework of this call, MOVIT is looking for one expert to carry out the impact study. It is also possible to apply as a team and to share the tasks.

Focus and approach

The **aim** of the study is to find out if and in what way the learning outcomes and follow up actions of EAYW participants and the wider youth work public confirm the relevance of the topics addressed by the EAYW – innovation and future orientation – and the usefulness of the created activities and resources for the further development of individual stakeholders and the youth work field in Europe as a whole.

The overall question to be explored is what contribution the EAYW has made to the development of the youth work field up to now, how the EAYW has contributed to better anchoring innovation and future orientation in youth work across Europe.

Concretely, the study should:

- Examine how the participants of EAYW activities have used the newly gained learning, contacts, tools and resources at different levels. What did they use, what activities or actions did they carry out inspired by the EAYW, with whom and with what effect?
- Explore if and how stakeholders in youth work who did not directly participate in EAYW activities benefited from the created resources and tools. Did the EAYW manage to reach out more widely, and with what effect?
- Assess if and how the EAYW Advisory Board (composed of different stakeholders from youth work practice, policy, education and research) supported the connection of the EAYW to grassroots youth work in Europe.
- Based on the outcomes of the above questions, suggest needs and directions for further supporting innovation and future orientation in youth work in Europe (potentially within the frame of a continued strategic partnership and beyond this frame).

Accordingly, main **stakeholders** of this study will be former participants in EAYW activities, possibly also members of the EAYW Advisory Board and other contributors (such as Steering Group, trainers, experts etc.) to the EAYW's activities. Secondary stakeholders could include other stakeholders that belong to the general target group of the EAYW (to be more concretely identified, to see how they are aware of and might have used EAYW resources).

The study should take a mixed **approach**, combining limited desk research as a basis for further study (i.e. consultation of already available data from former EAYW evaluations and assessments), survey/s to collect general feedback from former participants and other identified stakeholders, as well as methods to gain deeper insight and examples of good practice from a limited number of stakeholders, such as interviews and focus groups.

Required expert profile

The selected expert should have:

- Sound knowledge of the European youth work context - main policies, frameworks and activities -, to be able to understand the context of the work of the EAYW,
- Overall knowledge and understanding of the topics addressed by the EAYW (innovation and future orientation in youth work), its resources and activities,
- Prior experience in carrying out studies measuring project outcomes or impact,

- Experience in designing, implementing and analysing the outcomes of focus groups and interviews with key stakeholders,
- Ability to collect, analyse and present complex information in an organised and understandable manner,
- Excellent ability to write in English.

Timeframe, tasks, fees and contracting arrangement

The study should start to be implemented in September and October and be fully carried out in 2026, the final report should be submitted by 31 January 2027 at the latest.

The first online meeting with the EAYW coordinator should take place during the week of 7-11 September, to clarify the tasks and timeline of the study. The exact date and time will be agreed with the selected expert, as well as further online working meetings during the process.

The estimated **tasks** include:

- Consultation of available materials of the EAYW from existing evaluations and data
- 2 surveys – one to former EAYW participants and one to other stakeholders
- 4-5 focus groups with approx. 30 participants in total, involving different kinds of stakeholders
- 3 interviews (oral or written) with stakeholders to document relevant case studies as examples of created impact
- Analysis of the above-listed measures and report of outcomes and recommendations

The approach and detailed tasks will be further agreed and confirmed with the selected expert.

Fees: 4.200 EUR (based on an estimated 12 days of work)

The selected expert/s are contracted by MOVIT. Contracts are made with legal entities (i.e. organisations or freelancers registered as legal entities). Fees are paid based on an invoice from the expert.

Application & selection procedure

Apply no later than: **30th August 2026**

How to apply: **All applicants must fill in the online application form available here:**

[Apply as expert for EAYW Impact Study – Fill in form](#)

Applications should highlight the motivation, knowledge and experience of the candidates in relation to the required tasks. Applicants will be selected based on their estimated competencies and suitability for the required tasks, with reference to the criteria indicated under the profile described above.

You will be informed about the selection by: **4th September 2026**

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