

OFFICIAL CONTEST TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EU Youth Contest: Youth Shaping Communities

Organized by YouthProAktiv

1. Introduction and Legal Scope

These Terms and Conditions explain how to take part in the EU Youth Contest: Youth Shaping Communities, organized by YouthProAktiv.

The Contest aims to recognize and support youth-led volunteer initiatives that demonstrate concrete, sustainable social impact within their respective communities in countries affiliated with YouthProAktiv's international coalition.

These provisions are binding for all applicants and shall be interpreted in accordance with international standards for project-based competitions managed by civil society organizations.

2. Eligibility of Participants

We welcome applications from young individuals who meet the following eligibility criteria.

- The Contest is open to young people from 18 to 30 years old living in the EU and neighbouring countries, reflecting our commitment to a diverse and vibrant community.
- Projects must be non-profit in nature, rooted in volunteering, and be demonstrably initiated, managed, and led by young individuals.

The following categories of individuals are excluded from participation:

- People who work regularly with YouthProAktiv, such as staff, board members, or long-term collaborators.
- Immediate family members of the above-mentioned persons.

Any application that fails to meet the eligibility criteria shall be rejected without further consideration.

3. Nature and Scope of Projects

Eligible projects must fulfill the following criteria:

- Demonstrate a clear and direct social impact within a local community.
- Be in alignment with the principles of inclusion, non-discrimination, and civic engagement.
- Be either in implementation at the time of submission or scheduled to commence within six (6) months following the close of the application period.
- Have a clear structure, defined objectives, realistic timelines, and identified target groups.

Projects must be non-profit, non-partisan, inclusive, and focused on creating measurable social impact. Proposals that promote a specific political agenda or seek to generate private profit will not be eligible.

4. Financial Awards and Disbursement

The Contest foresees the allocation of the following financial awards:

- First Prize: €500
- Second Prize: €300
- Third Prize: €100

These amounts shall be disbursed solely for the purpose of supporting the further development or implementation of the awarded projects. Funds must be used in accordance with the purpose declared in the original application.

YouthProAktiv reserves the unconditional right to withhold any or all awards in the event that the Jury determines that submitted projects do not meet the requisite standards of quality, relevance, or feasibility.

5. Submission Procedure and Timeline

1. Download the Application Form:

- Interested applicants must download the official application form available on the YouthProAktiv website.

2. Complete the Application Form:

- Fill out all sections of the form with accurate and detailed information.
- Ensure that all required supporting documents and materials are attached.

3. Submit the Application:

- Once completed, send the application form along with all attachments via email to: **zayneb@youthproaktiv.org**.
- Include in the email subject line: “EU Youth Contest Application – [Project Name].”

Important Dates:

- **Call for Applications Opens:** May 5, 2025.
- **Application Deadline:** May 31, 2025, 23:59 CET.
- **Announcement of Winners:** June 18, 2025, via YouthProAktiv's official communication channels.

Additional Notes:

- Applications submitted after the deadline or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

6. Evaluation Process and Scoring Framework

All eligible applications will be reviewed by a Jury composed of one YouthProAktiv Board member, the Head of Advocacy, and the Project Coordinator.

Applications will be assessed based on the following **evaluation criteria**, up to a total of **100 points**:

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
1. Relevance and Coherence with Contest Objectives	20 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alignment with the Contest's aims. - Identification and justification of social needs. - Logical link between objectives and activities. 	
2. Impact and Expected Results	20 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anticipated concrete benefits to the target community. - Realistic, measurable outcomes. - Clear mechanisms for tracking impact. 	
3. Youth Leadership and Active Participation	15 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project is led and coordinated by youth. - Youth participation is central and demonstrable. - Empowerment and leadership development are integral. 	
4. Innovation and Originality	15 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of novel approaches or creative methodologies. - Introduction of new solutions or ideas. - Added value in the local context. 	
5. Feasibility and Operational Capacity	15 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Realistic planning and scheduling. - Clearly defined roles and responsibilities. - Appropriate use of resources and budget. 	
6. Sustainability and Long-Term Perspective	10 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential for continued impact beyond project duration. - Replicability or scalability of the initiative. 	
7. Presentation Quality and Clarity	5 points

- Application is complete, clearly articulated, and well-structured.
- Supporting materials are relevant and informative.

Important Notice: A minimum threshold of 60 points is required for consideration. In addition, applicants must obtain at least 50% of the available points in both Criteria 1 and 2 to qualify for an award.

The decisions of the Jury are final. YouthProAktiv shall not be obliged to provide individual feedback.

7. Obligations of Selected Applicants

Applicants who are selected for an award shall:

- Utilize the awarded funds exclusively for the project as described in the submitted application.
- Submit brief follow-up documentation upon request, including proof of use of funds.
- Participate in YouthProAktiv's dissemination and visibility activities, including interviews, media content, and social media promotion.

8. Intellectual Property and Public Use

Applicants retain full ownership over all materials submitted. However, by submitting an application, all participants grant YouthProAktiv a royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use submitted materials (text, visuals, media) for non-commercial promotional and reporting purposes related to the Contest. **This usage will apply only to the three selected applicants and will focus solely on topics related to health.**

YouthProAktiv undertakes not to alter the content's original meaning and to attribute credit appropriately when used publicly.

9. Data Protection

All personal data collected during the application process will be processed in accordance with the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679**.

Data will be processed solely for the purposes of application assessment, communication of results, and post-award reporting. Data subjects may at any time request access to, rectification, or erasure of their data by contacting YouthProAktiv in writing.

10. Acceptance of Terms and Final Provisions

By submitting an application, participants fully and unconditionally accept the terms and conditions outlined in this document.

YouthProAktiv reserves the right to interpret, amend, suspend, or cancel any part of this Contest or these Terms, provided that such modifications are duly communicated via official channels.