Welcome

Luis Alvarado Martinez, President & Anna Widegren, Secretary General

In 2017 we have been coping with the aftermath of the turbulent events that shook the world in 2016, and one undeniable fact has emerged: young people must be a part of the equation and cannot be ignored. What has been our message for years, is now what everyone is talking about: young people cannot be left behind. We are the driving force of society in every sector, from art and culture, to technology, to the future of work, sustainable development and politics, whether we are invited to the table or not.

The European Youth Forum works to ensure that the voice of young people is always heard and brought to the table, especially within key discussions. Our efforts to #YouthUp Europe continue, as does our relentless fight #ForYouthRights. We can be proud of what we achieved in 2017, the first year of this Board’s mandate. We put our Member Organisations at the core of everything we did.

This ranged from getting to know them better, improving how we communicate, and to include them in high-level discussions with European leaders, such as at the Social Summit in Gothenburg, the Africa-Europe Youth Summit in Abidjan, and the ECOSOC Youth Forum in New York among others. We have also been at the forefront of key debates, notably with shaping the Future of Europe and making our voice heard when the UN Human Rights Council adopted the resolution on youth and human rights. In addition, we lodged our first Collective Complaint under the European Social Charter taking legal action against Belgium on the issue of unpaid internships. We are also leading the conversation in Europe when it comes to young people’s role in the implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 agenda, to name a few!

In 2017, youth organisations proved once again what they are able to do in order to bring about real change and rise to the challenges of this generation. For instance, in Estonia, the voting age was lowered to 16 in local elections, thanks to the efforts of youth organisations! This is only one example of the strong impact we can achieve, be it at the local, national or European level. In 2017, Varna was the European Youth Capital - a title that is continuing to transform the role of cities and how they put the needs and rights of their youth at the core to thrive. We are thrilled to see the amazing work of the 2018 European Youth Capital of Cascais, and cannot wait for the work of the upcoming title winners Novi Sad in 2019 and Amiens in 2020.

We look forward to continue supporting stronger youth movement and working together!

These are all steps in the right direction, but our work doesn’t stop here! In November our Membership unanimously gave us the mandate to fight for a ten times bigger Erasmus+ programme which we are fighting for gaining support from Member States. We will continue working tirelessly on sustainable development, peace and security, and many more important fights lie ahead.

Thank you for being part of our adventure, shaping the world into what we strive for it to be.

We are ready to #YouthUp Europe.
We are ready for 2018.

Luis Alvarado Martinez
President

Anna Widegren
Secretary General
YO!Fest 2017 in Maastricht.
Global Interns Strike.

Future of Europe March in Rome. European Youth Forum plays active role in making youth at the heart of the Rome Declaration.
The European Youth Forum joins the European Movement International.

The European Youth Forum presents our vision for the Future of Europe.
Announcement of the partnership with UNHCR to launch the European Youth Initiative Fund.

The European Youth Forum lodges the first Collective Complaint under the European Social Charter, taking legal action against Belgium on the issue of unpaid internship.
Future of Europe & Youth Conference in Malta with the Presidency. Including a special ask from the European Youth Forum.
Council of Europe recommendation on Youth Work.
Conference on Quality employment for sustainable development with International Labour Organisation.

The United Nations Human Rights Council adopts a resolution on youth and human rights. The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres mentions “youth rights”.

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 Highlights

- July 2016
  - 10 National Youth Councils contribute to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development coordinated by the European Youth Forum.
  - The EU External Action Service announces it will pay its interns following the campaign from the European Youth Forum.

- September 2016
  - First vote at 16 local elections in Estonia. Vote at 16 Conference with The European Youth Forum and National Youth Council of Estonia in Tallinn. Here we also presented the vision for the Future of Europe to Estonia’s Prime Minister.
  - The European Youth Forum acts as a key partner for the European Regional Consultation in the framework of the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 feeding into the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security.
  - Launch of the ErasmusX10 campaign.

- October 2016
  - 4th Africa-Europe Youth Summit and Abidjan Declaration ahead of the 5th AU-EU Summit focused on youth.
  - European Commission presents a proposal for a European Framework on Quality and Effective Apprenticeships. The proposal includes elements of the Youth Forum’s European Quality Charter on Internships and Apprenticeships.

- November 2016
  - Amiens (France) announced as the 2020 European Youth Capital.
  - Social Summit in Gothenburg & Proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. The European Youth Forum is on the front row with high level decision makers.

- December 2016
  - Young woman of Europe award together with the European Movement International.
  - A Youth Forum delegation attends the COP23 (UN Climate Change Conference).
  - Investment in youth in the EU 2018 Budget.

- December 2017
  - European Council conclusions calling for a substantial increase funding of Erasmus+ programme.
Our numbers

**10** Working structures within the European Youth Forum
- Expert Group on Youth Policy
- Expert Group on the Future of Work
- Expert Group on Membership, Diversity & Inclusion
- Expert Group on Youth Rights
- Expert Group on Education
- Expert Group on Climate Change
- Expert Group on Erasmus+ and Funding for youth organisations
- Migration & Human Rights Network
- Sustainable Development Network
- European Apprentices Networks (with European Commission)

**9** Policy documents & publications
- Resolution on the restrictive measures taken on the freedom of expression, assembly and association towards LGBTQI persons and organisations in Turkey.
- Urgent Motion on the arbitrary detention of gay and bisexual people in Chechnya.
- Policy Paper on the Erasmus+ successor programme.
- Resolution on key issues concerning European youth, especially marginalised youth.
- Motion in support of the European Citizens’ Initiative: Minority SafePack – one million signatures for diversity in Europe.
- Position for a better European Solidarity Corps (adopted by the Board).
- The Youth Vision for the Future of Europe (adopted by the Board).
- Study on the “Social Value of Youth Organisations”.
- Publication on “The Validation of Non-Formal Education in the Youth Sector: Key Success factors and Recommendations”.

**4** Incredible numbers from the membership survey 2017. The European Youth Forum reaches:
- **104** Member organisations
- **5632** Youth organisations in Europe
- **38M** Young people directly
- **150M** Young people indirectly
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Our impact

**YOUTH RIGHTS**

With UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, stating his support to advance youth rights in the world, our work has gained momentum!

Our main achievement was the lodging of our first ever Collective Complaint under the European Social Charter against Belgium on the issue of unpaid internships. We are now following-up on this key piece of work to lead to an essential change in legislation for so many young people in Europe!

We also worked thoroughly with our Member Organisations - National Youth Councils of Romania (CTR) & Germany (DNK) to fill in submissions for the upcoming Universal Periodic Review of these countries, and with the National Youth Councils of Lithuania (LiJOT), Moldova (CNTM) and Finland (Allianssi) to put forward youth-specific recommendations towards the UN Human Rights Council.

We have also been supporting the implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation on young people’s access to rights, but there is still a lot to be done!

**STRONG YOUTH ORGANISATIONS**

In 2017, youth organisations were at the heart of many political processes.

Youth organisations were central in the dialogue between Europe and Africa, adopting the Abidjan Declaration ahead of the 5th AU-EU leaders summit which focused on investing in youth.

Youth organisations and the European Youth Forum were key partners in organising the European Regional Consultation on the UN Security Council resolution on Youth, Peace and Security.

Through our tireless efforts, we became an essential stakeholder when it comes to the European Solidarity Corps, making sure that this initiative is helpful for young people and youth organisations and that they are now part of the process, which was unfortunately not the case at its inception. The adoption by the Council of Europe of the recommendation on youth work was also a major success!

When it comes to funding, we secured investment in youth in the EU 2018 budget and we will continue working to bring the voice of youth into the negotiations of the next Multiannual Financial Framework!
Our impact

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

With sustainable development being a renewed and strengthened area of work, we developed our expertise and have laid down the basis for our future advocacy.

This led to the recognition of our role as the voice of young people by being appointed by the European Commission as a key stakeholder in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Europe.

At the High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development, we called on global leaders to make more effort to implement the 2030 Agenda. National Youth Councils from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, the Netherlands and Slovenia presented their recommendations in the framework of the Voluntary National Reviews.

We lead a delegation of Member Organisations at the COP23 in Bonn, the UN Climate Change Conference, bringing the voice of youth for climate action!

We kept working with SDG Watch, the civil society platform monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Europe.

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC INCLUSION

2017 was marked by the proclamation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, defining the founding principles for a more Social Europe. The European Youth Forum worked intensely to ensure a strong youth focus in the final text. We also led a delegation of Member Organisations at the Social Summit in Gothenburg, where our President directly addressed all European leaders calling on them to ensure social and economic inclusion of all young people in Europe.

Our work for fair and paid internships continued, with a Global Interns Strike all over the world and by pushing the European External Action Service to change its internal policy for internships!

We launched Transparency at Work, allowing young people to rate their professional experience, together with Interns GoPro and partnered with the UNHRC to launch the European Youth Initiative Fund, which will support the integration of young refugees in host communities through actions of youth organisations.
The debate on the Future of Europe has put a strong emphasis on the need to engage more with young people. The European Youth Forum did not remain silent and managed to get that message through. Leaders and decision-makers cannot shape our future without us anymore.

Starting with a successful Yo!Fest in February, gathering 1500 participants, we have engaged in several discussions and processes concentrating on the future of our continent. Working with several partners, this is paving the way for 2018 and the 2019 European elections.

Youth participation continued gaining traction with the first vote at 16 local elections in Estonia and its 10th anniversary in Austria.

Celebrating Varna as the 2017 European Youth Capital, we launched the 2018 European Youth Capital in Cascais and awarded the 2020 title to Amiens!

All along the year, we have highly influenced the next EU Youth Strategy, expecting to see the results this year!
Our members

Full Members
National Youth Councils

Alliansi (Finnish Youth Cooperation – Alliansi) BYC (British Youth Council) RADA (The Belarusian National Youth Council RADA) CGJL (CGJL) CJE (Spanish Youth Council - CJE) CNAJEP (CNAJEP) CNJ (Conselho Nacional de Juventude) CNJC (Conseil National de la Jeunetut de Catalunya) CNTM (National Youth Council of Moldova (CNTM)) CRDM (Česká rada dětí a mládeže (Czech Council of Children and Youth - CRDM)) CONSEIL DE LA JEUNESSE (Conseil de la Jeunesse de la communauté française de Beligique) SAJV/CSAJ (SAJV-CSAJ (Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Jugendverbände)) CTR (Romanian Youth Council (CTR)) CYC (Cyprus Youth Council (Additional)) DNK (German National Committee for International Youth Work (DNK)) DUF (DUF - Dansk Ungdoms Fællesråd - The Danish Youth Council) ENL (Estonian National Youth Council) ESYN (HELLENIC NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL) FNG (Forum Nazionale Giovan) DNYC (Dutch National Youth Council) KNZ (KNZ Malta) KOMS (Krotna organizacija mladih Srbije (National Youth Council of Serbia)) LJOT (Lithuanian Youth Council) LJP (The National Youth Council of Latvia/ Latvijas Jaunatnes padome) LNU (Landsrådet for Norges barne- og ungdomsorganisasjon) LSU (LSU - Swedish National Council of Youth Organisations) LUF (LUF (Landssamband ungmannsfelaga / The Icelandic Youth Council) MMH (Croatian Youth Network/Mreža mladih Hrvatske) MSS (National Youth Council of Slovenia) NAYORA (The National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan) NCYOG (National Council of Youth Organizations of Georgia (NCYOG)) NYCA (National Youth Council of Armenia) NYCI (National Youth Council of Ireland) NYCR (National Youth Council of Russia) NYF (National Youth Forum - Bulgaria) ÖJV (ÖJV - Österreichische Kinder und Jugendvertretung / Austrian National Youth Council) PROM (Polish Council of Youth Organizations (PROM)) RMS (Slovak Youth Council (RMS)) VJR (VJR-Flemish Youth Council- Vlaamse Jeugdraad)
International Youth Organisations

ACTIVE (ACTIVE - Sobriety, Friendship and Peace) AEGEE Europe (AEGEE / European Students' Forum) ALLIANCE (Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations) ATD-Quart Monde (International Movement ATD Fourth World) DEMYC (DEMYC) EBCO/BECO (European Bureau for conscientious objection) ECOSY (YES) (YES Young European Socialists) ECYC (European Confederation of Youth Clubs) EDS (European Democrat Students) EEE-YFU (European Educational Exchanges - Youth For Understanding (EEE-YFU)) EFIL (European Federation for Intercultural Learning) ESU (The European Students' Union) ESN (Erasmus Student Network) ETUC Youth (European Trade Union Confederation) EUJS/UEEJ (European Union of Jewish Students) EYCE (Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe) FIMCAP (International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Movements) FYEG (Federation of Young European Greens) IFLRY (International Federation of Liberal Youth - IFLRY) IFM/SEI (International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International (IFM-SEI)) IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students' Associations) IGLYO (IGLYO) IUSY (International Union of Socialist Youth) IYNF (International Young Naturefriends) JECI-MIEC [Jeunesse Étudiante Catholique Internationale - Mouvement Internationale des Étudiants Catholiques] European Coordination) JEF (JEF Europe - Young European Federalists) LYMEC (European Liberal Youth LYMEC) MIJARC-Europe (MJARC Europe (International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth)) OBESSU (Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions) Rural Youth Europe (Rural Youth Europe) SCI (The Association of Service Civil International) TEJO (Tutmonda Esperantista Junulara Organizo (TEJO)) WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) WOSM (World Organization of the Scout Movement, European Scout Region) YEE (Youth and Environment Europe (YEE)) YEN (Youth of European Nationalities) YEPP (Youth of the European peoples party) YEU (Youth for Exchange and Understanding) YMCA (YMCA Europe - European Alliance of YMCAs) YWCA (European YWCA)

Candidate Members
National Youth Councils
NYCM-FYROM
RDJ (Rat der Deutschsprachigen Jugend)

International Youth Organisations
Y-E-N (Youth Express Network / Réseau Express Jeunes (Y-E-N / R-E-J))
EUDY (European Union of the Deaf Youth)
FLARE (Freedom, Legality and Rights in Europe)

Observer Members
National Youth Councils
NIT (National Youth Council of Hungary)
NYCU (National Youth Council of Ukraine)

International Youth Organisations
BEST (Board of European Students of Technology) CEJA (Conseil Éuropéenne des Jeunes Agriculteurs) CESI-Youth (CESI Youth) CISV (CISV International)
DBYN (Don Bosco Youth - Net ivzw) EFAy (European Free Alliance Youth (EFAY))
ENGSO Youth (European Non Gouvernemental Sport Organisation Youth)
EYP (European Youth Press - Network of Young Media Makers, e.V.) PICEMEA (PICEMEA)
ICYCW/CJCOC (International Coordination of Young Christian Workers Movement) IDEA NL (International Debate Education Association)
IFHOHYP (IFHOHYP) JEUNE (Young Entrepreneurs Organization of the European Union - JEUNE) JMI (Jeunesse Musicales Internationales) Pax Christi (Pax Christi International) RCY (RCY) YDE (Young Democrats for Europe)
The Award (The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award Foundation)
Our resources

Expenditure

- Policy and Advocacy: €1,300,869 (42%)
- Operational Costs: €1,017,617 (33%)
- Governance: €472,858 (15%)
- Yo!Fest 2018: €130,683 (4%)
- Yo!Fest 2017: €91,844 (3%)
- Other: €74,711 (2%)
- Youth Initiative Fund / Google fellow: €16,445 (1%)

Total Expenditure: €3,105,027
Our people

Board

Luis Alvarado Martínez
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Vice President

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Board Member

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Board Member
Secretary General Office

Allan Päll
Secretary General
(End May)

Anna Widengren
Secretary General
(Start June)

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Executive Advisor

Ivana Davidovska
Membership & Capacity Building Officer
(Start March)

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Sandra Moreau
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Luc Rummens
Team Coordinator
(End June)

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Translator/Events Assistant

Estefania Asorey
ICT & Statutory meetings Coordinator
(Since July)

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Human Resources Coordinator

Sarah-Jane Schlögel
Office Manager & Accountant Assistant

Laila Baraz
Accountant

Communications & Events

Nanna Moe
Communications & Events Director
(New position since start November)

Sarah Farndale
Communications Coordinator
(End August)

Alexandre Beddock
Communications Officer
(End September)

Hannah Grieve
Communications Officer

Inês Abbas
Communications Intern/Communications Officer
(Start May-November)

Joanna Veerema
Office Manager & Accountant Assistant
(End March)

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Communications Intern
(End May)

Josh Cope
Yo!Fest 2018 Team Leader
(Start August)

Antonija Parat
Yo!Fest 2018 Programme & Partners Officer
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Bibbi Abbruzzini
Yo!Fest 2018 Communications Officer
(Start August)

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Yo!Fest 2018 Production & Logistics Officer
(Start September)

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Yo!Fest 2017 Project Officer
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Policy & Advocacy
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Policy & Advocacy
Team Leader
(Since September)

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Policy & Advocacy
Coordinator

Una Clarke
Policy Officer, Youth Policy
EU Institutions Officer
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Jan Wilker
EU Institutions Coordinator
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(End October)

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Policy Officer, Structured Dialogue
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Jonnie Penn
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Danica Vihinen (Chair)
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Tanya Lyubimova (IFLRY)
Matej Manevski (NYCM FYROM)
Milosh Ristovski (YEU)

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Elisabeth Hanzl (OJV)
Ida Kreutzman (OBESSU)
Javier Milan Lopez (Y-E-N)
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