

Call for Projects

Africa-Europe Youth Academy

Are you a non-profit organisation operating in multiple Sub-Saharan African countries and passionate about empowering youth?

Apply to the **Africa-Europe Youth Academy (AEYA) Call for Projects**, supporting young people in creating 'Spaces for Youth' in 18 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Africa-Europe Youth Academy is funded by the European Union. It is one of the flagships of the **Youth Action Plan in European Union external action (YAP)** and part of the **Global Gateway Africa-Europe Investment Package** under the 'Youth Mobility for Africa Flagship'.

What is this Call for Projects about?

The Africa-Europe Youth Academy (AEYA) is launching a **call for projects** to select up to **three beneficiary organisations** to support the creation and strengthening of 'Spaces for Youth' in the following countries:

Benin, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zambia.

These spaces are youth-led and youth focused and designed to provide safe, inclusive and empowering environments where young women and men (18-30 years old) can develop leadership skills, access services, and actively engage in projects supporting their communities.

This call aims to directly support up to **50 recognised youth organisations** across these 18 Sub-Saharan African countries and build on existing local efforts and contexts.

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What will selected organisations do?

Selected beneficiaries will:

- **Source and select** the youth organisations (third-parties) in close collaboration with Expertise France;
- **Launch and manage** a two-phase sub-granting mechanism for youth-led and youth-focused organisations (third-parties);
- **Provide tailored training and mentorship activities** to strengthen the capacity of youth organisations;
- **Ensure inclusive outreach**, with a strong focus on women and vulnerable youth within their respective regions;
- **Facilitate meaningful collaboration** between youth organisations and European actors on the continent with the support of Expertise France.

Who can apply?

Non-profit civil society organisations (CSOs), NGOs or international organisations established in one of the 18 eligible countries or with a strong operational presence there.

Applicants may apply **individually or as part of a consortium**, and must demonstrate several capacities including:

- Proven experience managing multi-country projects;
- Capacity to provide technical, financial, and organisational support to youth organisations;
- Ability to comply with EU reporting, financial, and quality standards.

Regional lots

Applicants may apply for **one or more of the following regional lots**, and shall submit a **separate application for each lot**:

- **Lot 1 – West Africa**: Benin, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Senegal, Togo.
- **Lot 2 – Central Africa**: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Republic of the Congo, Rwanda.
- **Lot 3 – East and Southern Africa**: Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia.

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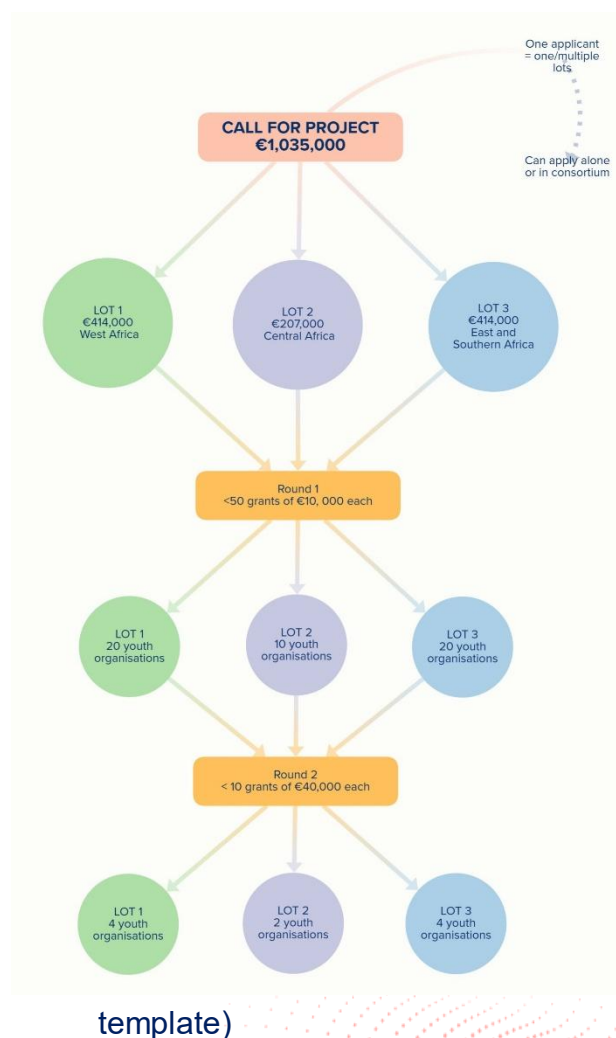
Budget

- **Total budget available:** €1,035,000
- **Grant size per beneficiary:** Between €207,000 and €414,000, depending on the regional lot(s) selected.
- These amounts include grants (fixed amount), management fees and activity-related expenses.

Breakdown by regional lot:

- **Lot 1:** €414,000 for 7 countries
- **Lot 2:** €207,000 for 4 countries
- **Lot 3:** €414,000 for 7 countries

Grant rounds and duration



- **Round 1:** The selected beneficiaries will support a total of 50 youth organisations with sub-grants of **€10,000** each to create or strengthen a “Space for Youth”:

- 20 youth organisations in Lot 1
- 10 youth organisations in Lot 2
- 20 youth organisations in Lot 3

- **Round 2:** Up to 10 youth organisations that received funding in the first round will be selected to receive an additional scale-up grants of **€40,000** each:

- 4 youth organisations for lot 1
- 2 youth organisations for lot 2
- 4 youth organisations for lot 3

In total, **€900,000 in sub-grants** will be distributed directly to youth-led and youth-focused organisations across the 18 countries.

How to apply?

Applicants must submit a full proposal in **English** and include several documents, among which:

- A **provisional budget** (using the provided Excel

- A **logical framework** (logframe template provided)
- All **required supporting documents** (e.g. legal registration, financial statements, proof of VAT non-recovery, etc.)

The full call for projects, including the application templates and guidance, is available at:

https://pops.expertisefrance.fr/sdm/ent2/gen/ficheCsl.action?PCSLID=CSL_2025_nXB62RfGJd&ongletActif=2

Only complete applications submitted before the deadline (30 September 2025 at 23:59 CEST) will be considered.

Indicative next steps

Launch of the Call	30 July 2025
1st Webinar (English)	27 August 2025 at 14:00 CEST
2 nd Webinar (French)	27 August 2025 at 16:00 CEST
3rd Webinar (English)	17 September 2025 at 14:00 CEST
4th Webinar (French)	17 September 2025 at 16:00 CEST
Deadline for submission of Full Applications	30 September 2025 at 23:59 CEST
Notification of Shortlisted Organisations:	31 October 2025
Grant Contracting (indicative)	3 November 2025
Project Start	5 January 2026

Want to know more?

To register for one of the webinar session, please contact:

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Zoom link to access the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/94785775054>

Additional queries should be submitted through the POPS platform only. Kindly note that individual email enquiries cannot be answered, in order to ensure equal treatment of all applicants.

Get ready to unlock the potential of Africa's youth!

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