

Become a Leader with the New Leaders Lab

Funded by the European Union, the Africa-Europe Youth Academy (AEYA) launches its first New Leaders Lab cohort.

We are happy to announce that, as of 15 June 2025, applications to the New Leaders Lab are open to young people aged 18 to 30 residing in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, and Zambia.

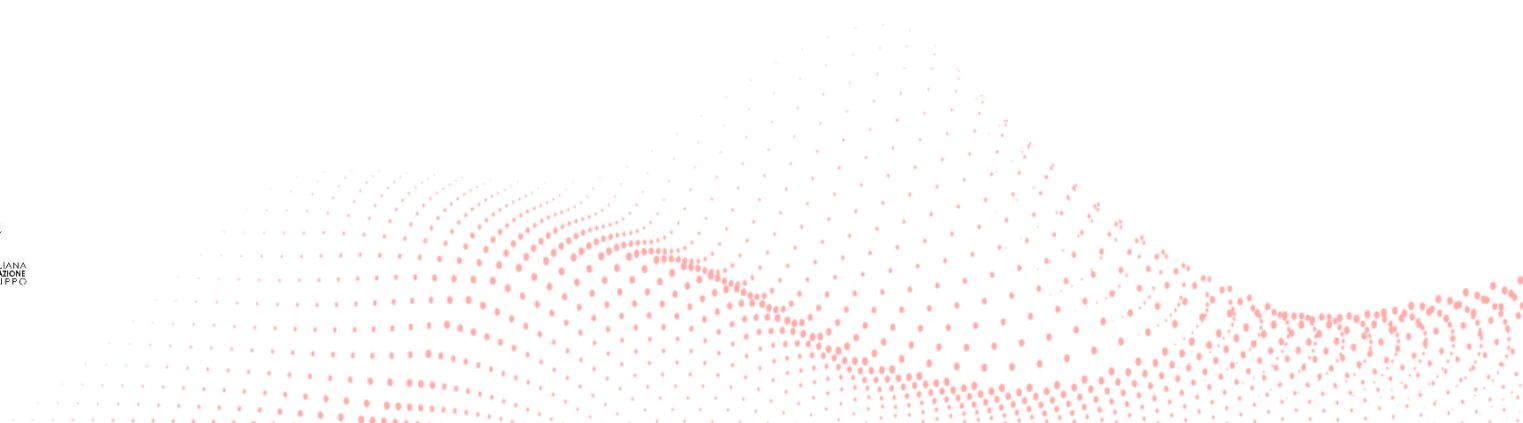
The New Leaders Lab is a unique and free opportunity designed for you!

- **What is the New Leaders Lab?**

The New Leaders Lab (NLL) is a leadership programme with an entrepreneurial, civic, and community focus. It combines thematic learning modules, practical workshops, personalized support, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities. It is expected to last between 3 to 4 months.

- **Who is the New Leaders Lab for?**

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The New Leaders Lab (NLL) is open to all young people aged between 18 to 30 years old, men and women, from all walks of life and educational backgrounds, with a concrete project idea.

No diploma or particular field of activity is required. What matters most is your motivation, your leadership potential, and your desire to contribute to the development of your community matter.

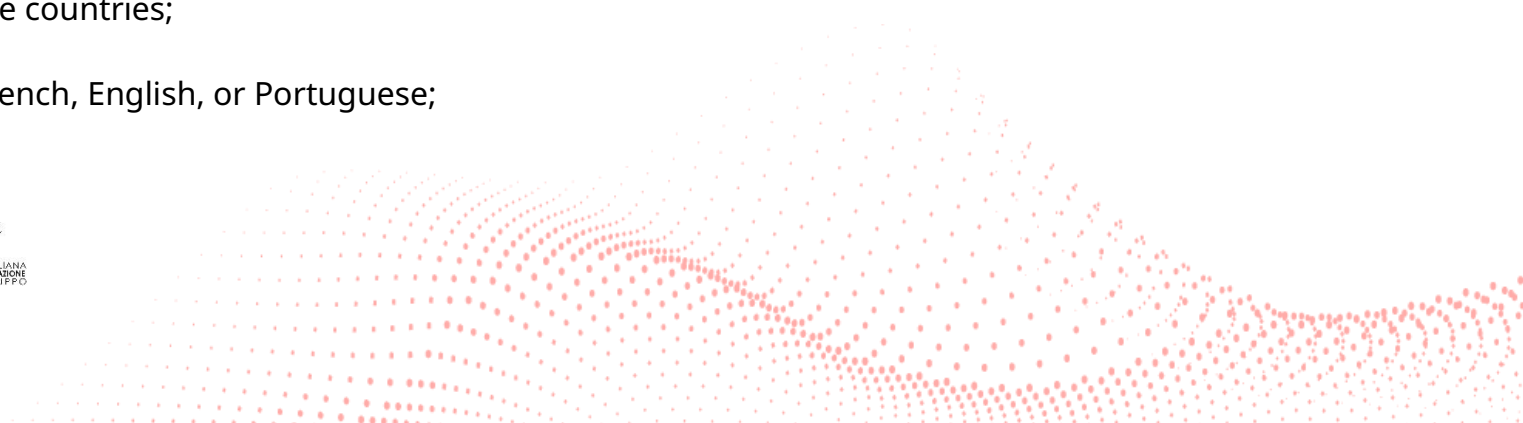
Whether you are a student, a young professional, a formal or informal entrepreneur, or currently seeking employment, the New Leaders Lab is for you.

The programme strongly encourages applications from women and young people from diverse backgrounds, including persons with disabilities, those living in different environments, individuals with unique life experiences, and those who may require specific support during the training programme. All levels of education are welcome (primary, secondary, university, etc.).

- **What are the eligibility criteria?**

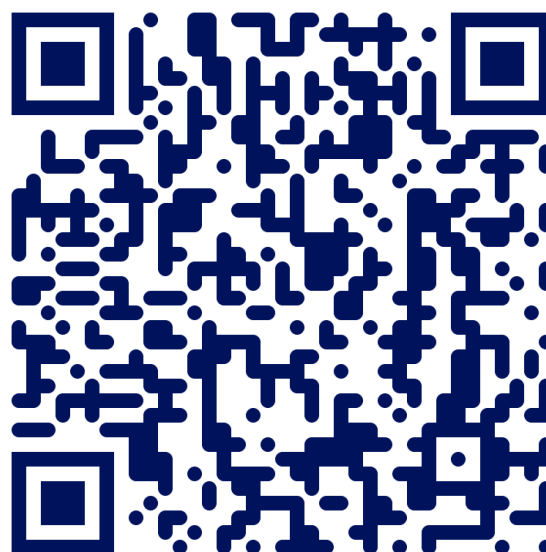
You can apply to the New Leaders Lab if:

- You are between 18 and 30;
- You reside in one of the 19 eligible countries;
- You have a basic knowledge of French, English, or Portuguese;



- You are involved in community, civic, associative, or entrepreneurial initiatives, or would like to become more engaged in your community;
 - You have a project or business idea that you would like to implement;
 - Your idea relates to themes such as climate change, rural development, urban development, social inclusion and gender equality, entrepreneurship, or related topics.
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- How do I apply?

Scan the QR code or [click on the link](#):



The application process is entirely online and can also be completed using a smartphone within approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Make sure to answer each question carefully and submit your application by July 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm (GMT).

Note: Please note that no changes can be made after submission.

Ready to join Cohort 1?

[Submit my application](#)

Or scan the QR code available on this page – Form available in FR / EN / PT

