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# What is EYY?

- **15 September 2021: SOTEU address**

- To honour and support the next generation
- To encourage all young people
- To promote opportunities for them
- To draw inspiration from them

...in cooperation with EU institutions, member states, regional and local authorities, stakeholders and young people

- **Commission wide** - DG EAC in lead: [www.youth.europa.eu](http://www.youth.europa.eu)

# Youth Manifesto

- 5 Priorities
  1. Improving young people's **skills** & increase access to **training opportunities**
  2. Boosting **employment** for young people in Europe
  3. **Simplification** of rules and a better **communication** via digital tools
  4. Addressing **Climate Change** issues for a better future
  5. Boosting **citizens' engagement** in policy making and implementation
- 12 practical Recommendations aimed at:
  - ❖ Boosting exchanges between EU Officials and young people;
  - ❖ Boosting learning opportunities and clarify information on the EU & the funding available for young people;
  - ❖ **Enabling young people to take action within Interreg Programmes and Projects.**

# What have we done so far

- Interreg 30 years - Youth as main topic – Interreg Volunteer Youth (check out [www.interregyouth.com](http://www.interregyouth.com) – AEER chief )
- Monthly core group meeting: take part and join our [LinkedIn group](#)
- Systematic involvement of young people in our events and communication activities
- Toolkit ‘Tick the boxes, coop with Youth’ displayed amongst MRS & Interreg programmes
- the #InterregMOOC ...first in February and now again is out !  
[https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/newsroom/news/2022/02/18-02-2022-new-massive-open-online-course-on-interreg](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/news/2022/02/18-02-2022-new-massive-open-online-course-on-interreg)
- the planting trees initiative with DG ENV : we are exploring synergies.

# Youth4Cooperation - part of the EYY

promoting cooperation actions for young and with young people  
along the

- Pilote group involving Interact/ TESIM/ AEBR + DG REGIO
- Visual identity - delivered by Interact
- Youth portal linked to Interreg.eu website on initiatives
- Actions with and towards young people  
(*roadshow, road trip, events, 4 political dialogues*)
- Social media coverage
- Village of opportunities for young people



# Strategic Youth Activities in the 4 MRS



## Baltic Sea Region Strategy

- [Baltic Sea Youth Platform](#), the initiative created under Erasmus+
- [Youth Declaration 2020](#), prepared by the participants of the Baltic Sea Youth Camps 2020

## Danube Region Strategy

- [Guidance Paper for Youth Participation](#)
- [Danube Youth Participation](#) (2019 – 2021 project)
- Danube Youth Council and Danube Youth Organisation Network (*under creation*)

# Strategic Youth Activities in the 4 MRS



## Alpine Region Strategy

- [youth.shaping.EUSALP](#) initiative
- [EUSALP Youth Camp](#)
- [“Pitch Your Project”](#) contest
- [EUSALP Youth Council](#)

## Adriatic & Ionian Region Strategy

- [The voice of Students: Summer school on Macroregional strategies in Ljubljana](#)
- [More activities related to sport, culture, youth4Balkans, etc...](#)

# Major Events EYY 2022



- EU Macro Regional Strategies Week : *7-11 March 2022*
- Adriatic and Ionian Strategy Annual Forum : *Tirana May 2022*
- Green Week : *30 May – 5 June 2022*
- EU REGIONS WEEK : *10 – 14 October 2022*
- Interreg Annual Event + #Youth4Coop Village: *October 2022*
- Danube Region Strategy Annual Forum : *October 2022*
- Baltic Sea Region Strategy Annual Forum : *Lithuania TBC*
- Alpine Strategy Annual Forum : *Italy November 2022*



# Beyond the EU Year of Youth



- We encourage Interreg programmes to engage youth, not only as target groups for projects but actively in the programme!
- Highlight possibilities for young people in the new programmes  
→ e.g. scope for smaller actors (which youth organisations often are) to apply for funding (SPF, obligatory small scale projects, ISO1, simplification for small scale projects)

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## RECOMMENDATIONS BY YOUTH

9. *Encouraging each Interreg programme to plan more calls **more easily accessible by young people with simple rules and a dedicated budget.***

10. *Inviting young people in meetings and enable them to **actively participate in the monitoring committees***

# Beyond the EU Year of Youth



- Good practice: To engage an IVY in the programme to work on how the youth aspect can be incorporated in the programme – during 2022 and beyond
- Good practice: To involve a youth representative in the Monitoring Committee or in the Steering Committee
- Good practice: To consult youth organisations in the public consultation of the programme
- Dedicated calls & campaigns targeting youth
- Mapping of all funding opportunities for young people in Interreg 2021-2027 programmes

# REGIO Interreg units - Youth Mapping Exercise

- **What?**

- Get an overview over *youth-related provisions and actions* for the 21-27 period

- **Where?**

- In all Interreg VI programmes

- **How?**

- Screening Investment priorities and provisions in programmes for possible youth involvement
- Collect youth-related projects that are implemented under the programmes



# Any questions ?



# Thank you!



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