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# European Youth Forum (YFJ)

## WHO ARE WE?

The **largest platform of youth organisations in Europe**: National Youth Councils (NYCs) & International Youth Non-governmental Organisations (INGYOs). → **More than 100 Members all over Europe.**

## WHAT DO WE DO?

**Advocating for the rights and interests of young people**: employment and social rights is a key area of work → The Youth Guarantee is a primary example of our advocacy work.



# EU FUNDS & THE YOUTH GUARANTEE

- **Youth Guarantee:**
  - “ensure that all young people receive a good quality offer of employment, training or education within 4 months of becoming unemployed or leaving education”
- Supported by:
  - **Youth Employment Initiative**
  - **ESF**

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- **Youth Employment Initiative:**
  - Introduced 2012
  - Targeted to regions, available to 20 Member States
  - 9bn EUR
- **ESF+**
  - 2021-2027
  - 88bn EUR
  - 10 Member States to allocate 12.5% towards youth employment

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- YEI supported more than 1 in 4 offers in Spain, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania
- YEI supported more than half of all offers in Italy
- In many member states some measures are 100% funded by EU funds

# PARTNERSHIPS

- Youth organisations involvement in YEI & ESF limited
- Eligibility rules and reporting requirements make it difficult for local organisations to access the funds
- But ESF+ & Reinforced Youth Guarantee highlight need to work in partnerships - especially to reach the most vulnerable young people

# Keep in touch

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