



Mediterranean Youth Academy – MYA
Fourth Edition



Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

➤ General:

1. What is the Mediterranean Youth Academy - MYA?

The fourth edition of MYA will build on the experiences gained from the previous three editions held in Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt, and Barcelona, Spain under the patronage of the Egyptian Prime Minister, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Egypt, the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Anna Lindh Foundation, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) International Organization for Migration (IOM), The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and many international and regional partners in line with the Academy's long-term strategy, which aims to organize the event in a different country each year.

Previous editions of the MYA have garnered significant recognition for its impact on empowering youth. It focused on climate action, gender equality, social inclusion, human rights, human fraternity, youth employment, and migration, and brought together participants to foster dialogue and skill-building in these critical areas. The 4th edition will continue to build on this legacy, providing a platform for young leaders to develop solutions, share experiences, and strengthen their role as agents of change in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

This edition of the Mediterranean Youth Academy – MYA seeks to qualify and prepare at least 70 - 80 young people from the Euro-Mediterranean countries through a four-day training program, aimed at promoting awareness and involving youth in the response to Euro-Mediterranean issues and challenges: specifically, climate change, gender inequality and youth unemployment.

The 4th edition of the MYA will be hosted by Centre International de Formation Européenne – Cife from the 13th to the 17th of November 2025 (Including travel days) in Nice, France, back-to-back with the occasion of the 10th anniversary of our Master's in Mediterranean Studies. This edition will specifically focus on three thematic clusters: namely, climate action & justice, gender equity & transformation, and youth employment & entrepreneurship.

During the workshops, the young participants will be stimulated to identify key policy recommendations linked to the 3 thematic clusters and to propose initiatives that are relevant for youth in the



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Euro-Mediterranean region. As a follow-up to participants, the MYF will also update a draft of the “Initiatives for the Mediterranean” guidebook that will provide insights on how youth-led initiatives can contribute to addressing issues widely felt in the Euro-Mediterranean region and discussed during the MYA.

The target audience of the 4th edition of the MYA is composed of ca. 70 - 80 young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region aged between 18 and 29 years old, selected through a call for applications. Particular attention will be given to the selection of vulnerable and marginalized groups, in terms of gender and geographical representation.

MYA aligns with the broader goals of empowering young people in the Euro-Mediterranean region by providing them with the tools and networks necessary to address challenges and drive sustainable development. Through the MYA, participants will benefit from workshops, interactive discussions, and capacity-building sessions designed to equip them with practical skills and foster cross-regional collaboration. The program’s focus on climate change, gender equity, youth employment and entrepreneurship reflects the urgent need to address these interconnected issues while promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.

As the MYA grows in scope and impact, it continues to establish itself as a vital platform for fostering youth leadership and engagement across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The fourth edition of the MYA aims to:

- Qualify and prepare at least 70 - 80 young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region through a four-day training program, aimed at promoting awareness and involving youth in the response to Mediterranean issues and challenges: specifically, climate action & justice, gender equity & transformation, youth employment, and entrepreneurship.
- Engage 70 - 80 young participants in proposing recommendations to policymakers on the key topics that will be discussed during the workshops, as well as in proposing relevant initiatives to possibly be implemented in the Mediterranean region.
- Contribute to the drafting of the “Initiatives for the Mediterranean” guidebook to be produced by MYF. The guidebook will provide insights on how youth-led initiatives can contribute to addressing issues widely felt in the Euro-Mediterranean region and discussed during the MYA.

2. How many participants will be selected at the 4th edition?

MYA will select up to 70-80 young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region aged between 18 and 29 years old.

3. What about the previous editions of the MYA?

The Mediterranean Youth Academy (MYA) has been successfully implemented three times in Egypt and Spain by the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development (MYF), with support of the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Deutsche Gesellschaft für



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In the first edition, held in August 2021, the participants generated 13 youth-led initiatives and 9 recommendations, with 7 initiatives successfully implemented. The second edition, held in September 2022, saw the participants develop 29 recommendations and 15 youth-led initiatives. MYA team managed to mobilize funding for 2 initiatives that were recently implemented. In the third edition, held in November 2023, the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) identified the MYA as impactful and best practice as youth-led initiatives in the region.

To find information about what came in the MYA first edition, kindly follow [this link](#).

To find information about what came in the MYA second edition, kindly follow [this link](#).

To find information about what came in the MYA third edition, kindly follow [this link](#).

4. What are my responsibilities regarding MYA participation?

Please note that while the organizers are actively working to mobilize funding to support the participation of a limited number of delegates from the Southern Mediterranean region, all successful applicants from **the Euro-Mediterranean countries**, as outlined in these guidelines, will be expected to cover the full /partial costs of their participation, including but not limited to:

- Travel: round flight tickets, local transportation, airport transfer in Nice, and travel insurance (if applicable)
- Visa fees and any associated administrative expenses
- Accommodation
- Meals and per diem

5. How can I find MYF on social media?

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Twitter](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Website](#)

[TikTok](#)

6. What will be the language of MYA?

The event will be entirely held in English. Participants must have an upper intermediate level of English (B2) within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).



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7. What is the dress code?

Business Casual for the workshops will be held from 13 to 17 of November. A formal dress code is recommended for the panels to be held on the opening \ closing ceremony.

8. What is the time commitment required to complete the academy?

The applicant is required to be 100% committed to attending the full program. Successful applicants will be required to sign a letter of commitment to full attendance of the initiative.

9. What are the benefits of participation?

- A chance to share your social impact.
- High-level dialogue sessions, panel discussions, thematic workshops, and networking opportunities.
- Focused group discussions.
- Meet stakeholders from across the region.
- Group activities.
- A participation certificate.

10. What happens once I finish the MYA?

All the participants in the 4th MYA edition will get access to:

- Get the chance of being selected among the 3-5 youth-led initiatives\policy papers that will get support to be implemented after the MYA.
- Get membership of the Mediterranean Youth Foundation.
- Participate in any other events that MYA will organize.
- Get the chance to participate in MYA 5th edition as part of the team.

➤ Application process:

1. How can I apply to the third edition of the MYA?

To apply to this call, it is mandatory to fill out the [application form](#) in English. The online form includes the following:

1. **Application Form:** to be completed with personal and professional information about the applicant, in addition to the motivation to join MYA and any further relevant information.
2. **Mandatory attachment:**
 - Your updated CV.



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3. Optional attachments:

Articles/essays/thesis related drafted by the applicant and related to one or more MYA Thematic Clusters

- Any attendance or completion certificate related to education/training related to one or more MYA Thematic Clusters.
- If you are requesting financial support, please upload any document(s) that can support your request (e.g., proof of income, student status, unemployment certificate, or any relevant document).
- CEFR English certificate with at least a B2 level

2. Am I eligible to apply to the MYA?

To be eligible for this call for application, applicants must:

- Be between 18 and 29 years old by the time of the application submission.
- Be nationals of one of the [UfM Member States](#).
- By the time of the application submission, have a valid travel document.
- Have the availability to follow the MYA for the full days (13-17 November 2025).
- Have an upper Intermediate level of English.
- Have previous knowledge or experience in one or more of the three MYA Thematic Clusters.

3. Do you have any exemption for those above the age limit but still want to apply?

No, there aren't any exemptions for those above the age limit. We do not accept applications of people below 18 or above 29 years old at the time of the application submission.

4. When is the deadline to submit the application?

You can apply until the 20th of August 2025 at 23:59 (CEST Time).

5. After the submission of the application, is there any other selection step?

Pre-selected applicants will be invited to undergo an online interview aimed at verifying its motivation to join the MYA and the level of English.

6. Is it possible to update my application after it has been submitted?

No, it's not possible.

7. Can I attend workshops related to more than one MYA Thematic Cluster?

After the final selection, participants will be divided into three groups, each group will only attend workshops related the one of the three MYA Thematic Clusters. When dividing participants into three groups, the preferences indicated in the applications forms will be taken into account. However, organisers cannot guarantee that each and every participant will be allocated to the thematic clusters indicated as the favored one.

8. When will the results be announced?

Successful applicants will be notified no later than 2 months prior to the MYA, meaning around August and September 2025. Please note that only successful applicants will be contacted.



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9. Does the program include a preparation course?

Yes, it does. Successful applicants will be required to attend an online preparation course of the duration of 5 hours ca. The online preparation course will be held between August and September.

If you have any further questions that have not been answered above, please contact mya@myfmed.org and a member of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.