



OCTA Youth Days: information session on the OCT Youth Network

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Engaging with youth: **one of the top priorities** of the European Commission



- To pro-actively seek the **support and partnership with youth to foster sustainable development**
- To acknowledge and enhance **key contributions of youth in pursuing positive social and sustainable changes worldwide**
- The OCT Youth Network is launched by the European Commission's **Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA)**
- **DG INTPA** is responsible for formulating the EU's international partnership and development policy.

2022 is the European Year of Youth !!





Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, French Polynesia, French Southern and Antarctic Territories, Greenland, New Caledonia, Saba, Saint Barthélemy, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and Wallis and Futuna.

A network of 25 young people aged 20-28

A thrilling opportunity to embark on a one-year learning path

Discovering the EU-OCT partnership and the functioning of the European Institutions

Networking with like-minded peers from other OCTs.



What is the OCT Youth Network?



The OCT Youth Network aims to increase the ties between young people living in the OCTs and the EU and enhance the knowledge and involvement of young people in the EU-OCT partnership.

Connect young people from the 13 OCTs amongst each other and with the EU institutions and decision makers

Deepen the understanding about the EU in the OCTs

Project an OCT youth perspective to inform the EU-OCT partnership in a spirit of co-creation

Create links with other youth initiatives at regional and country level, including the EU and Member States

Objectives of the OCT Youth Network



Why to join?

... to learn, prepare, engage, participate and co-lead activities with OCT peers and other actors ...

- A great **learning opportunity** to discover the EU-OCT partnership and to engage with EU political leaders and other key actors of the EU
- A chance **to meet and network** with a wide range of like-minded youth and with key EU actors, **broadening your personal and professional networks and horizons**
- An opportunity **to shape the network** by contributing to the activities and co-selecting priorities and topics to be addressed





OCT-YN activity highlights

**A week-long
Study Visit to
Brussels** to
explore the
functioning of the
European
Institutions

**Four online
webinars** to
deepen
knowledge and
competences

**Several facilitated
dialogue sessions
with top EU
political leaders**

**A visit to EU
Delegation** or
office located in
own OCT to
discover EU
programmes and
projects





OCT-YN format highlights

Mainly virtual meetings, allowing everyone to join and participate besides other engagement (studies, work, etc.)

All costs covered to join the activities and financial compensation for contributions and inputs

Co-creation: common decisions on priorities and topics of meetings and webinars

Opportunity to expand own knowledge and network with a wide range of actors





Key Activities 2022

(first half of the mandate)



July 2022

Start of the mandate and welcoming and introduction meeting (2 hours)

August 2022

Set-up of a collaborative work and communication platform and agreement on topics of key activities

September 2022

Webinar on the EU and EU-OCT Partnership (2 hours) combined with preparation meeting for the Study Visit

October 2022

Study Visit to EU Institutions in Brussels (5 days) incl. meeting with DG INTPA Commissioner

November 2022

Webinar 2 – Topic to be defined together (2 hours)

December 2022

Digital exchange with a similar youth network or structure (2 hours)



Key Activities 2023

(second half of the mandate)



January 2023

Communication activities to share your experience as a OCT Youth Network member

February 2023

Webinar 3 – Topic to be defined together (2 hours)

March 2023

Online meeting with DG INTPA to exchange on the EU-OCT Partnership (2 hours)

April 2023

Webinar 4 – Topic to be defined together (2 hours)

May 2023

Digital Exchange with a similar youth network or structure (2 hours)

June 2023

Supporting the selection of new members of the OCT YN and on-boarding and concluding the mandate



Other key activities

(timeline to be defined)

Participation and/or engagement at the EU-OCT Forum including the presentation of a Youth Declaration

Visiting OCT-based EU Delegation/ Offices and exploring their local activities and projects





Overall expected engagement

Approximately 11
learning days for
competence
development

About 4 to 6 working
days for
contributions and
inputs to EU key
actors

In total max. 17 days
of engagement for a
one-year mandate,
spread equally over
the year

Financial
compensation
foreseen for days of
contributions and
inputs to EU key
actors, following DG
INTPA practices





Eligibility and selection

All candidates must fulfill the **two eligibility criteria:**

- **Age:** between the age of 20-28 (On July 1, 2022)
- **Language:** good command of English

Candidates will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Their **link to one or several OCTs** by **nationality, residence or professional/ educational/ civil society engagement**
- **Motivation** to join the OCT Youth Network and willingness to contribute to and gain from the experience of being a member of the network
- **Experience** and current engagements in local community in the respective OCT(s), such as volunteering, activism or active participation.

+ Selection timeline



- Online applications launched via EU Survey on **May 11**.
- Deadline: **June 3, 2022**, 12:00 Brussels time
- Receipt of applications will be confirmed by email.
- Two-stage selection process :
 - ✓ First stage: all candidates will be informed of the outcome of Stage 1 (shortlist) of the application by **June 10, 2022**.
 - ✓ Second stage: shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview between **June 15 and June 29, 2022**.
- Final results: all shortlisted candidates will be informed of the final results **between July 4, 2022 and July 8, 2022**.



Application Form – Section 1



General Personal Information

- Name
- Surname
- Email
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Citizenship
- Current place of residence
- **Educational Background**
(diplomas, fields of studies, validated degrees or degrees in process, etc.)
- **Professional Experience** if any
(employer, position, role, years of experience, etc.)



Application Form – Section 2



OCT Affiliation

Which Overseas Countries and Territories do you wish to represent within the OCT-YN? (at least one choice)

- Aruba
- Bonaire
- Curaçao
- French Polynesia
- French Southern and Antarctic Territories
- Greenland
- New Caledonia
- Saba
- Saint Barthélemy
- Sint Eustatius
- Sint Maarten
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon
- Wallis and Futuna

What is your link to this/ these OCT(s)?

- Nationality,
- Residence,
- Educational,
- Employment,
- Civil society engagement,
- Other (e.g. government service)

Please explain (1000 characters)



Application Form – Section 2

Motivation and engagement

Motivation and contribution

- What is your motivation to join the OCT-YN? What would you like to contribute and to gain from the experience of being a member of the network? (2000 characters)

Current engagement(s)

- Are you engaged in your local community? If so, what are your experiences and current engagements, such as volunteering, activism, active participation, entrepreneurship, etc. (2000 characters)





Other application process details

Documentation and proof of information provided in the application form might be requested.

Copy of identity document(s) might be requested (eligibility criteria).

DG INTPA reserves the right to draw up a reserve list of candidates.

[Link to the application form](#)

Contact during the application process:
OCT-YN@ice-org.eu





Support for communication

#OCTYouthNetwork



Using the communication package:

- List of channels and hashtags
- All promotional materials and visual identity, including banners in various formats
- Ready-made social media captions and stories (in English and French)

Sharing directly posts from EU International Partnerships on social media:

- From Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/EUPartnerships>
- From Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/eupartnerships/>
- From Twitter:
https://twitter.com/EU_Partnerships



Questions?

Thank you for your attention!

