OCTA Youth Days: information session on the OCTA Youth Network

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OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES YOUTH NETWORK

Project implemented by a consortium led by ICE EEIG
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!!
What is the OCT Youth Network?


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.

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

Other application process details

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

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

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

Link to the application form

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

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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/eu_partnerships/
- From Twitter: https://twitter.com/EU_Partnerships
Questions?

Thank you for your attention!