



## Call for Delegates

**3rd European Youth Work Convention  
7-10 December 2020, digital event**

### What is the European Youth Work Convention?

At the end of 2020, five years after the last European Youth Work Convention (EYWC) and during the German EU Council Presidency and the German Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (CoE), the 3rd European Youth Work Convention will take place. It will be hosted by the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ). It follows on from two previous conventions in Belgium, in 2010 in Ghent and in 2015 in Brussels. Since then European Youth Work Conventions have been a major event for the youth work community of practice in Europe.

About 1,000 representatives of the youth work community of practice from 50 countries all over Europe will come together for more than three days in the 3rd EYWC. This includes youth work stakeholders at local (including municipal), regional, national, and European level. It involves youth workers and youth work organisations, trainers and their pools and representations, ministries and civil servants responsible for youth and youth policy, researchers and educators of youth workers, European institutions and National Agencies for the European youth programmes, and young people and youth representations.

The general objectives of the expert congresses as a central platform for discussing the latest developments in youth work practice and youth policy have been to acquire new insights and transfer knowledge, enhance the visibility of youth work and its value, and promote joint action within the youth work community of practice. After the 1st EYWC had addressed the diversity of opportunities, actions and experiences in youth work in Europe and their appreciation, the 2nd EYWC identified a common ground of all youth work in Europe. The final declaration called for a European Youth Work Agenda (EYWA). The upcoming 3rd EYWC from 7 to 10 December 2020 is a unique opportunity for establishing this European Youth Work Agenda as a strategic European framework for further developing and strengthening youth work practice and policies and shaping youth work development across Europe.



## How to get involved

### Call for participants

We are looking for youth work stakeholders from local (including municipal), regional, national, and European level, such as:

- youth workers and representatives of youth work organisations (both public and independent youth work),
- trainers,
- ministries and civil servants responsible for youth and youth policy,
- youth work researchers and educators of youth workers.

If one of the above mentioned read like your profile and you are motivated to

- learn more about the European Youth Work Agenda,
  - contribute to the further development of youth work by planning and implementing measures and activities following the Convention within the so-called Bonn Process,
  - develop recommendations on priorities for the Bonn Process,
  - promote ideas for activities within the Bonn Process,
  - support the launch of national processes and measures,
  - enable and exploit synergies between all stakeholders involved,
  - create commitment and ownership,
  - get engaged in networking and community building within your national delegation and with other European participants,
  - strengthen the youth work community of practice,
  - and pool all forces to make youth work grow across Europe,
- then the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Youth Work Convention is the right place for you!

Prior to the event, participants are expected to prepare for the Convention with materials provided in good time and by joining possible national preparation activities, such as (online) meetings and opportunities for exchange, and feed in their perspectives as national delegation. During the event, participants will be provided with guidance and inspiration for implementing the European Youth Work Agenda and spread a feeling of ownership for a vivid implementation process beyond the Convention. After the event, participants are expected to act as multipliers in their national and working contexts and support national processes and measures.

### How to apply

To submit your application, please send [the attached 'Delegates Application Form'](#) to [lucia.otiepkova@minedu.sk](mailto:lucia.otiepkova@minedu.sk) no later than **17. 9. 2020**.

The selection will be finalised by the end of September 2020.

### Any questions?

Do not hesitate to contact [lucia.otiepkova@minedu.sk](mailto:lucia.otiepkova@minedu.sk) for more information about the nomination in your country or [registration-eywc2020@jfemail.de](mailto:registration-eywc2020@jfemail.de) to get in touch with the Convention team. More information is waiting for you at [www.eywc2020.eu](http://www.eywc2020.eu).

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