

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
Easter Seminar “Speak up!”
of the Youth of European Nationalities (YEN) and MIÉRT
in Sepsiszentgyörgy/ Sfântu Gheorghe Rumania
12th–18th/19th of April 2019

The Youth of European Nationalities (YEN) is looking for participants for the Easter Seminar “Speak up!”. The event will take place in Sepsiszentgyörgy/ Sfântu Gheorghe, Rumania and will be hosted by „Magyar Ifjusagi Értekezlet (MIÉRT)” the youth organization of Hungarians in Rumania It will be supported by the European Youth Foundation.

The General Assembly will take place on the 18th of April, after the seminar. Please arrange with your own organisation who will take over the mandates/votes for your organisation!

Departure day for participants who don't attend the GA is the 18th April, for the delegates the 19th April.

About the Seminar:

The Easter Seminar is the main event in YEN's year and the seminar with the most participants. About 60 participants from different national, ethnic or linguistic minorities from more than 15 European countries will come together in the week before Easter to learn together and from each other.

Under the motto “MYnority – My Say” in 2019 we want to focus on youth participation as fundamental subject for young people, who want to engage themselves more. In the light of European Parliament Elections as well as many other national, regional and local elections around Europe, our main aim is to provide young people who belong to the minorities with knowledge on their rights, means of taking advantage of participation opportunities and tools for being active in diverse aspects of their communities.

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In the run-up to the elections for the European Parliament in Mai 2019 we want to learn important skills for youth participation. Together we want to:

- learn how we can make our voice heard in the public sphere;
- train ourselves on how to present ideas in a discussion and have a fruitful exchange of opinions;
- talk about and experience dialogue with decision-makers;
- find out how we can access reliable information (for example on the internet).

Acquiring these skills will be part of all workshops offered during the seminar, however each workshop will focus on a different subject. Together with the application all participants can select their favourite subject (with a preference, 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice) out of four choices.

These subjects are:

- a) Inclusive education. Minority language and history in schools. Social inclusion of minorities in the education system.
- b) Minorities and the media. The role of traditional and digital media with regards to social inclusion of minorities.
- c) Transparency and accessibility of political decision makers.
- d) Protection of national and ethnic minorities and its legal basis. Official recognition and implementation of international conventions.

The three subjects with the most votes will be offered as workshops. In all three offered workshops you will also work on the skills for youth participation mentioned above. We will try that every participant can get a place in the workshop of their first choice, however we cannot guarantee it.

Additional activities

- **Exchange market:** Please bring info material about your minority organization and promotion material, as this is the main goal of the exchange market. Please also bring specialties (food & drinks) from your region/minority.
- **Excursion:** The aim of the excursion is to get to know the region, its history and learn more about the hosting minority, the Hungarians in Romania. The excursion will be organized by the hosting organisation and will be a great opportunity to learn more about the history, culture and the community of Hungarians in Romania.

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Profile of the participants

- Young members of minorities involved in their minority youth organisation, aged 16-30;
- The ability to work in English (however, if you don't feel confident, we will find the way to communicate, just let us know!) we also plan to have one workshop in German;
- We can accept three members per full member organisation and two per associated member organisation. There will also be a waiting list and the free places will be given to those who are on the list after the deadline;
- Applicants who participated in the Minority Messenger project as well as "Newbies" are invited.

Travel reimbursement

Travel expenses will be reimbursed only when original tickets will be presented and sent to the office and participants provide all needed justificatory documents of travel and expenses (invoices, boarding passes, train or bus tickets...). **Taxi costs cannot be reimbursed!** More details will follow, when participants are selected.

Participation fee

The participation fee is 100 € for Western European participants and 70 € for Eastern European participants. It covers food and accommodation for the entire seminar, as well as excursions and required materials during the event.

If you have to cancel your participation 2 weeks prior to the event and there will be no replacement, we will have to ask you for the participation fee.

Social fund

If you need support to pay either your travel costs or participation fee, contact the office to ask for more information and/or apply for financial support (events@yeni.org).

Accommodation

Accommodation is only covered during the duration of the seminar (check-in on 12th April in the afternoon, check-out 19th April in the morning if you also stay for the General Assembly). If you arrive before or stay longer you will have to cover it yourself!

We will reimburse your travel costs only if you stay **no longer than two days** before or after the seminar.

The seminar will take place at the "Education Center Arcuş", close to Sepsiszentgyörgy/Sfântu Gheorghe <https://travelminit.ro/en/accommodation/education-center-arcus>

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Application:

If you are interested to participate, please fill in the application form online on our homepage:

[APPLICATION FORM](#)

Deadline for the application is the 24th of March 2019.

Please note that **all applicants must be proposed by an organisation**. Applications sent by individuals **will not** be considered, unless they are supporting members. After the deadline, applicants will be informed whether they are selected or placed on a waiting list.

All participants are required to take part in at least four full days of the seminar.

Make sure that you choose the cheapest and eco-friendly way of travelling to the venue.

Please book your tickets after you get the official confirmation from the YEN office!

Additional information will be sent to you after your participation is confirmed by the office. If you have any question about the seminar, please contact us at the below mentioned email addresses.

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We are looking forward to meeting you!

MIÉRT and YEN orga-team

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