



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Autumn Seminar "Gather up!" of the Youth of European Nationalities (YEN) and Russlanddeutschen (JDR)

07th–13th of October 2019

The Youth of European Nationalities (YEN) is looking for participants for the Autumn Seminar "Gather up!" The event will presumably take place in Sochi, Russian Federation and will be hosted by Jugendring der Russlanddeutschen (JDR; German Minority in Russia) the youth organization of Germans in Russia. It will be supported by the European Youth Foundation. Furthermore, the application for the funding will be submitted by the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community.

About the Seminar:

Note: The content of the seminar presented below correspond with the YEN's workplan 2019 and it does not necessarily need to be implemented in that exact form. The programm and further information follow soon.

The Autumn Seminar closes the year 2019 and is the last event of our workplan "MYnority – MYSay". During this year we have focused on youth participation as a fundamental subject for young people, who actively want to shape the societies, they live in.

After the European Parliament Elections, we want to focus on other forms of youth participation, different than participating in the electoral processes. We want to discover, in what way young people can participate in society and politics throughout the year. During the seminar we take a look at different ways of how young people can achieve their goals through coming together and acting in a youth organisation or youth group on a local, national and international level.

The Autumn Seminar will be divided into two parts, a training in which participant learn about different possibilities of participation in and through youth organisations or youth groups and a laboratory in which we will reflect together on the experiences that YEN as an international youth organisation has in this field.

The project is supported by:



In the **first part** participants will work on the small case projects and will gain insights into project management. They will learn how to organise themselves and lead participatory projects on different levels. The participants will have the opportunity to choose between three different project forms to explore in detail:

1. a project on the local level,
2. a project on the international level,
3. a digital project.

In the **second part**, YEN's experiences in the field of youth participation will be reflected in order to analyse and learn how an international youth organisation can apply different means of participation. Critically looking at YEN's experience allows to gain insight into real life examples, explore good practices of youth participation and thereby gain ideas for the future. The seminar also wants to encourage participants to formulate their wishes and ideas for future work of youth minority organisations (on all levels) and reflect on how to strengthen their self-representation and self-advocacy through such organisations.

Example of YEN's activities in the field of youth participation are:

- Running the European Citizens' Initiative MSPI;
- Participation in decision-making bodies such as Advisory Council on Youth (Council of Europe),
- Advocacy work through other structures such as European Youth Forum or Federation of National Minorities,
- Advocacy work based on content e.g. White Paper,
- Running public campaigns such as #DiversityConnects.

Additional activities

- **Cultural evening:** Please bring info material about your minority organization and promotion material, as this is the main goal of the evening. If you want to, 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 Germans in Russia. 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 Germans in Russia.

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 two members per 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.

Visa

Should the seminar take place in Russia, most participants will need to apply for a Visa to enter the Russian Federation. After the registration phase is completed, we will contact you with further information on the Visa-process.

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...). More details will follow, when participants are selected. Please don't book any tickets yet!

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).

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 23rd of June 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 directly 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!
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