



CALL FOR A PROJECT ASSISTANT

Who we are?

The **Youth of European Nationalities (YEN)** is a dynamic network of European minority youth organisations, bringing together and representing their voices in a multicultural and multilingual Europe. YEN is a youth led organisation which fosters the cooperation among these youth organisations from more than 20 countries and strengthens the minority identity of youth. We empower young people from minorities by organising international seminars for them. Through non-formal education we share knowledge and skills to articulate their voices.

We are looking for you to support us in the project: **“Rise Up – Safeguarding endangered languages”**. The project is run by a consortium of universities and organisation/companies from the field of game development, media, research and innovation and YEN as a civil society and stakeholder representative. The project is funded through an Erasmus+ HORIZON Grant.

About “Rise Up – Safeguarding endangered languages”:

Throughout history people have been moving, settling down at places where other groups might already have had their homes, sometimes invading other countries, regions, etc. Languages have always played an important role in living side by side. Speakers might be suppressed or take up a new language. But as much as a language says a lot about individual identity, it also carries a large reference to the culture and history of the group in which it is spoken and the cultural background. It is tightly interwoven with emotions and traditions, which are worth keeping up, as they stand for personal roots.

This project proposal sets out to interconnect all relevant knowledge actors including citizens, civil society and end users. It will collect and analyse background information, at identifying good practices and developing new methods with the help and support of the people being concerned and interested in the topic. Thus, we intend the empowerment of these endangered language communities, fostering their self-confidence and overcoming past trauma. In the understanding of this consortium these endangered language communities include learners, new speakers, people who have not had the chance to learn their heritage languages, supporters, and other interested parties as well as actual speakers

This project wants to explore:

- Context, reasons and policies for endangered languages within Europe;
- Collecting and creating a set of tools (including digital tools) to support local communities;
- Interconnecting relevant groups of stakeholders;
- Involving and attracting especially young people and other stakeholders, e.g. by using digital tools.

Position type: Part-Time position of 30h/week (limited position until February 2026)

Location: Berlin

Work start: ideally 1st March 2023



What you would do?

- Organising and managing YENs participation in the “Rise-Up” Project;
- Ensuring proper flow of communication between YENs members and the project;
- Planning and implementing activities that allow for feedback from YENs members to the policy recommendations, guidelines and strategies, digital tools and other outcomes of the project;
- Participating in Rise-Up and represent YEN and its members in cooperation with YEN volunteers;
- Reconciling expense claims and collecting costs and expenses for the project and support with the reporting to the European institutions;
- Supporting the organisation and implementation of YENs international trainings and seminars;
- Cooperating with the member and partner organisations;
- Supporting of the voluntary work of board members, their activities and other bodies of YEN.

Your profile:

- Very good command of English and good command of German;
- Experience in youth work and/or work with volunteers;
- Basic experience in project management, preferably internationally;
- Basic experience with non-formal education;
- Interest and motivation to work in the field of minority politics and issues, specifically in the field of endangered languages;
- Willing to work flexibly, occasionally at weekends;
- Willing to travel.

In addition, desirable are:

- Experience in grant applications and reporting of international projects;
- Good understanding of the different social media channels;
- Knowledge about endangered languages in Europe;
- Command of other European languages is an advantage;
- Minority background and/or knowledge about minority issues.

What we offer:

- Inspiring and interesting work environment at international level;
- Flexible working hours;
- Network in the field of youth work and minority rights and work in an international youth organisation active in many European countries;
- Network in the field of academia with a focus on endangered languages in Europe;
- Meaningful and creative job with own responsibilities;
- Work travels to many interesting parts of Europe;
- Work in a small and dedicated young team.



Application deadline: **18th of January 2023**.

The job interviews will take place in Berlin in the week from the 23rd until the 27th of January.

This position is a great entry level job.

As a non-profit minority youth organisation, we offer an exciting and meaningful task with many creative opportunities, in a professional environment.

Become a part of YEN-Family and send your application in German or English (one PDF file with your curriculum vitae, motivation letter and possible starting date) to secretary.general@yeni.org.

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