

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Easter Seminar 2026:

**'Get involved! Minority youth shapes democratic participation'**

**By Youth of European Nationalities (YEN)**

**in Morlaix, France**

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**(General Assembly on April 2026)**



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## What is the seminar about?

Are you part of an indigenous, ethnic, national, or linguistic minority and between 16 and 30 years old? Would you like to better understand your political opportunities, strengthen your skills, and work with young people from all over Europe on your role in a democratic future?

Then the 2026 Easter Seminar of the Youth of European Nationalities is just right for you.

For one week, you will meet young people from all over Europe who, just like you, represent their community, want to develop themselves further, and are curious to discover new perspectives. You will have the opportunity to engage with current political and cultural issues affecting minorities in Europe today. At the same time, you will grow into a strong network and forge friendships that transcend borders.

This year, together with Kenstroll Breizh, the youth organization of the Breton minority in France, you will experience their culture, history, and political realities up close.

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## What you take away from this experience!

"Advocacy is not merely about replicating existing systems or seeking proximity to power; it involves reflecting on, challenging, and deconstructing those systems."

In the Easter seminar 2026, you will learn how to play a more active role in politics and effectively represent your interests. You will...

- reflect on your own political activities and challenges – and learn from the experiences of others.
- gain a better understanding of minority rights, political structures, and democratic decision-making processes at the national and European level.
- get to know important actors and institutions in minority and youth politics – and learn how to engage in dialogue with them.
- develop your narrative storytelling and pitching skills to formulate your messages clearly and convincingly.
- connect your local reality with European developments: How can a small organization make a big impact?

Outside of the workshops, a varied cultural and political program awaits you. You will get to know the Breton minority, discover their history and culture, and interact with local young people. Whether it's an excursion, cultural program, or interactive sessions, you will immerse yourself in a lively community where learning and experiencing go hand in hand.

If you hold an active position in your youth organization or would like to take on such a role in the future and are interested in these topics, this seminar is just right for you!

- ➔ *The seminar is based on non-formal educational methods that differ greatly from school or university education. It is based on exchange between participants, shared experiences, and self-reflection.*
- ➔ *The seminar will be held in English. If you have concerns about your English skills, please contact us so that we can find a solution together.*

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## Arrival & Departure

Arrival: April 12 (If possible, before dinner at 7pm)

Departure: April 18 (after Breakfast) or if you attend the Annual General Meeting on April 19

**Accommodation and meals will be provided for all participants during the seminar.**

Further information about the venue and how to get to the accommodation in Morlaix (France) will be provided once the application process has been completed.

## Finances

### Participation fee

The participation fee for the Easter seminar is €70 for YEN members from Eastern Europe and €100 for members from Central and Western Europe.

### Travel Costs

Please do not book your tickets before speaking with us, as we will not be able to refund you otherwise! Once you have received confirmation of your participation (in the week of March 9), send us your desired travel connection and the associated costs by email. We will then give you the go-ahead, after which you can book. Travel expenses can be reimbursed up to a maximum of 250 euros per person. A signed "Expenses Claim" form is required for this. Reimbursement will only be considered if the original tickets are presented and sent to the YEN office and the participants submit all necessary travel receipts (invoices, boarding passes, train or bus tickets, etc.). Tickets will be reimbursed after the seminar for each person individually by bank transfer in euros. We will only reimburse your travel expenses if you stay for the entire duration of the seminar. Anyone who wishes to arrive earlier or depart later must bear the costs of accommodation themselves and also arrange their own accommodation. The seminar is funded by the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Homeland, which means that the Federal Travel Expenses Act applies. This means:

### Train

Reimbursement for rail travel is limited to second-class tickets, provided that a printed and validated ticket is presented (including online or mobile tickets).

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### Car

If the use of a private car is deemed necessary due to time constraints or other valid reasons (e.g., compelling economic reasons), a reimbursement rate of 20 cents per kilometer applies, up to a maximum total amount of 150 euros (i.e., you calculate  $0.2 \times \text{km}$ ). To request reimbursement, please attach a printout of the itinerary showing the distance traveled; an online route planner can be used for this purpose. Taxi fares will only be reimbursed in exceptional cases and with prior approval from management.

### Flights

For trips from abroad, air travel will be reimbursed, but only in the lowest class. Please submit the invoice/confirmation email and boarding passes with your name and the amount.

### Public

transportation

Costs for public transportation (e.g., bus, tram, and other regular transportation services) can be reimbursed (provided that use was necessary for participation in the program or for travel from the train station/airport to the event location) if the original receipts are submitted.

### Social fund

If you need assistance with travel expenses or participation fees, please contact the YEN office for further information and/or to apply for financial support - [events@yeni.org](mailto:events@yeni.org)

## About YEN

At YEN, we believe in human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people. We work with and support institutions that share these values. Our work is based on the ideas of respect, openness, and tolerance towards all minorities. We openly oppose racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, antigypsyism, anti-Semitism, and discrimination or forced assimilation of any kind against minorities. We are also fundamentally opposed to violence in any form. We take these values into account when selecting moderators and topics for workshops.

We welcome the fact that our participants and team at YEN events have different opinions and views on the topics we cover, and we value discussion and an open exchange of ideas. Therefore, we expect participants and team members to treat all people with respect and not spread hatred. Furthermore, we expect all

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participants and visitors to recognize that every human being is equally valuable and that the freedom of the individual ends where the freedom of another begins.

## **Application Process**

Please note that you must contact your organization before applying. Applications submitted without the knowledge of an organization will not be considered.

Participants will be informed after the registration deadline whether they have been selected or placed on the waiting list.

**All participants are required to attend the entire program.**

**The deadline for applications is March 8, 2026.**

[Apply via this link!](#)

Try to travel as cheaply and environmentally friendly as possible.

**Please do not book your trip until you have received official confirmation from the YEN office!**

You will receive further information as soon as your participation has been officially confirmed by the YEN office.

We look forward to receiving your application!

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