

AU-EU Youth Action Lab

What are Cooperation Grants?

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What's the AU-EU Youth Lab programme?

Aim to empower youth & strengthen their involvement in active, meaningful & innovative ways



Youth Voices Lab (YVL)

- Grants from 1,000 to 10,000 EUR



Youth Action Lab (YAL)

- Grants from 5,000 to 50,000 EUR



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Powershifting grants: 3 reasons

1. “Nothing about youth without youth” – Youth Advisory Board

2. Capacity development: stability, resilience, financial security & organisational capacity

3. Simplified application & reporting mechanisms

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Innovation

Youth designing, testing, scaling, or improving innovations tackling global challenges.

30.000–50.000EUR



Representation

Marginalised youth raising and amplifying their voices at various levels.

5.000–20.000 EUR

RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

Entrepreneurship

Youth creating employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

30.000–50.000 EUR



Cooperation

African and European youth collaborating on joint advocacy initiatives.

50.000 EUR



Cooperation Grants

Specific objective

To support cooperation initiatives that advocate for young people's rights and priorities at cross-continental and continental levels.

What we offer

1. Young people advocate for their rights through financial support
2. Training and resources
3. Intercultural dialogue and cross-continental collaboration

Modalities of the grant

- 2 cycles of 12 months
- 18 grants of 50.000 EUR
- Cycle 1:
 - 8 grants
 - May 2025 – April 2026
- Cycle 2:
 - 10 grants
 - Time to be confirmed

Focus

- **Policy & Advocacy**

- Initiatives should actively engage in efforts to influence **public policies, government and community decisions, and societal attitudes** to promote positive changes for youth, especially **marginalised groups**, at **local, national, or international level**.
- Aligned with one or more United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- **Cross-continental collaboration**

- Cross-continental challenges.
- Beneficial for the project & organisations.

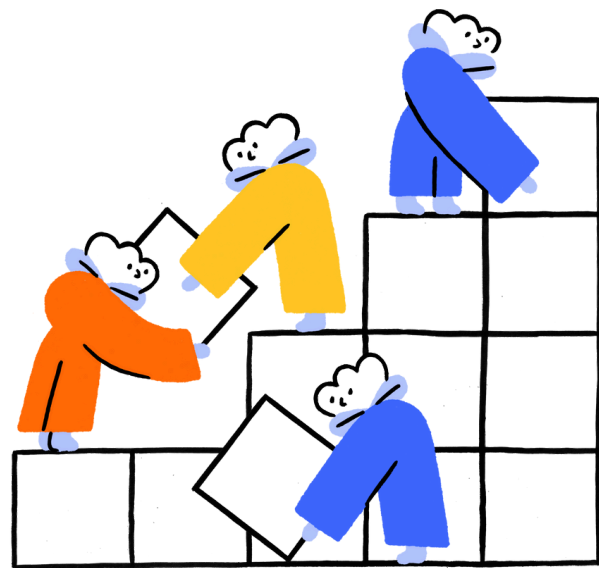
- **Marginalised groups**

- Initiatives benefitting marginalised groups.
- Prioritising initiatives *led by* marginalised groups.

- **Sustainability**

- Continuity after the grant period.

Who can apply?

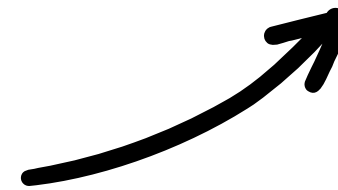


Eligibility criteria

- **Formal organisation:** legally registered, bank account and clear governance structure.
- **Youth-led:** young people (18–35 years old) are the decision-makers.
- **Be located in one of the European Union member states** or be located in one of the following **12 African countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia (Somaliland region), Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**
- Create a consortium of **minimum 2 organisations**, with at least one of the cooperating organisations having prior experience working on a project with at least one other partner.

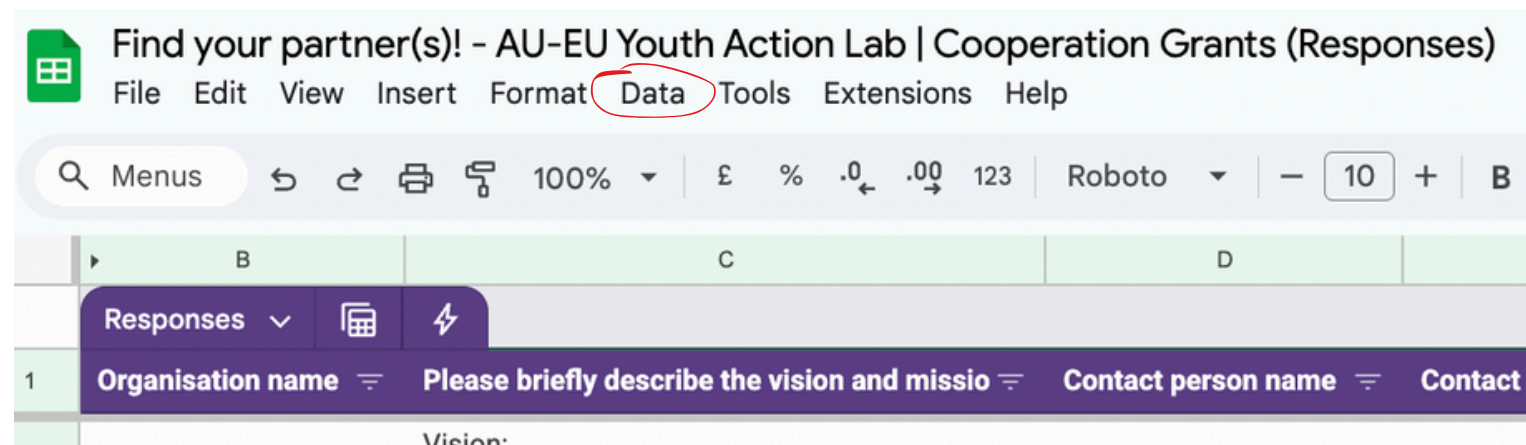
How to find partner organisations?

1. Minimum consortium requirement: 2 to 5 organisations, with at least 1 AU and 1 EU
2. One lead applicant and collaborator(s)
3. A matchmaking form & database are here to help you!

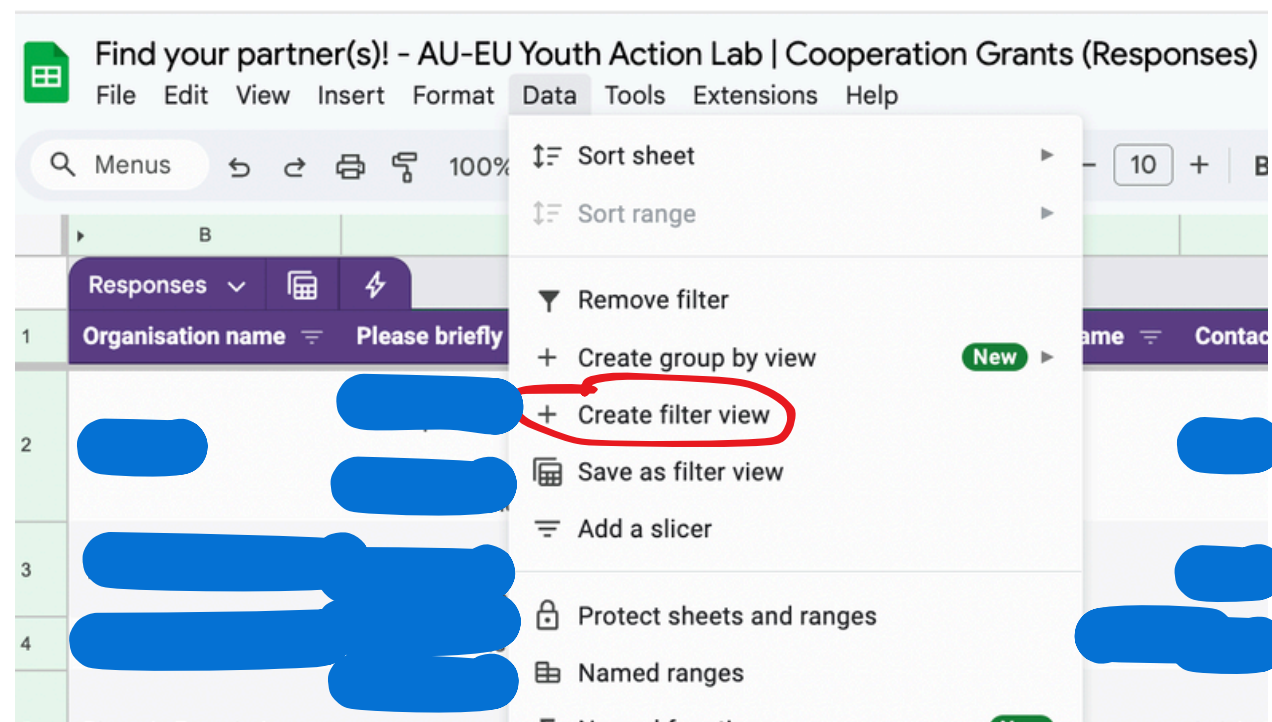


Navigating the database

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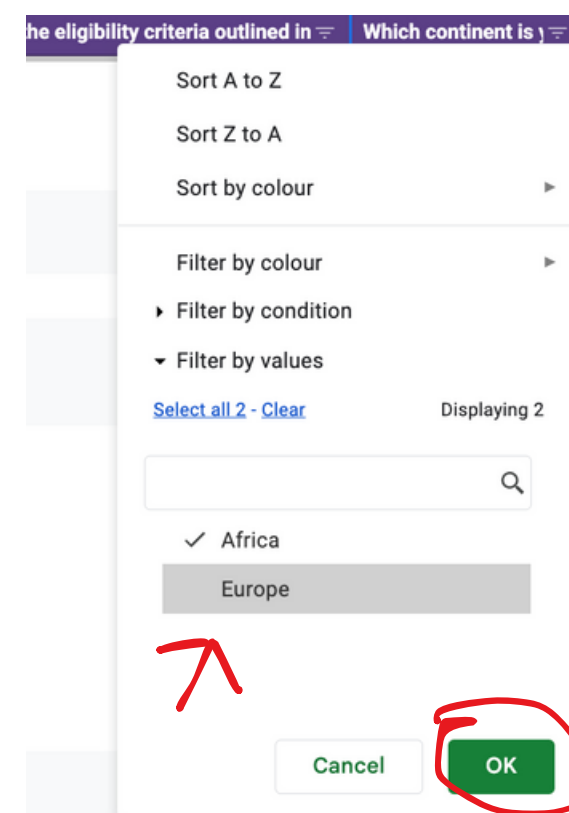
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the eligibility criteria outlined in	Which continent is	Which country is your org
Europe	Estonia	
Europe	Belgium	
Africa	Uganda	

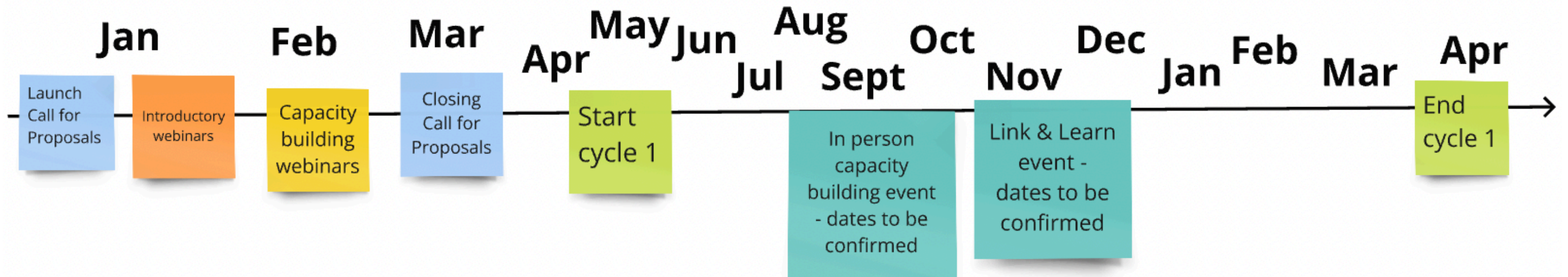
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What are the next steps?

1. Go through the website, FAQ, and funding manual carefully.
2. Register to the Power to Voices platform and follow the AU-EU Youth Lab Community.
3. Find at least one partner organisation.
4. Decide on a project topic together.
5. Register to the ON Grip platform & have a look at the questions.
6. Work on your project proposal so that you come to the next webinar with specific questions.

Cooperation Grants timeline



Q&A

You can find all answers to the questions asked during the webinars and in the form in the AU-EU Youth Action Lab FAQ.



Thank you!

See you at the next webinar!

