AU-EU Youth Action Lab

Tips & next step to apply to a Cooperation Grant

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What is the AU-EU Youth Action Lab?

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AU-EU YOUTH ACTION LAB

Grants from 5,000 to 50,000 EUR to empower youth & strengthen their involvement in active, meaningful & innovative ways

Innovation

Youth designing, testing, scaling, or improving innovations tackling global challenges.
30.000-50.000EUR

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Entrepreuneurship

Youth creating employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.
30.000-50.000 EUR

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Representation

Marginalised youth raising and amplifying their voices at various levels.
5000-20.000 EUR

RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT

Cooperation

African and European youth collaborating on joint advocacy initiatives.
50.000 EUR

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What are Cooperation Grants?

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

Who can apply?

- **Formal youth-led** (18-35) organisations.

- Be located in one of the **EU member states** or one of the **12 African focus countries, namely** Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia (Somaliland region), Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

- **Consortium of minimum 2 organisations**, with at least one having prior experience working on a project with at least one other partner.

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How to navigate the narrative application template?

Ready to apply? Here's what you need to know!

🚀 **Get the registration link** from the <u>AU-EU Youth Action Lab Cooperation Grants webpage</u>.

👥 **One application per organisation**—make it count! ⚠️

📝 **Check all the steps** on <u>the website</u> and in <u>this video</u> before you start.

🌍 **Submit your application online** through the portal—it keeps things fair and transparent!

🔍 **Now, let's have a look at the Cooperation Grants narrative application template!**

Key points to pay attention to

➢ Make sure you meet both the **hard & soft eligibility criteria.**

➢ Clearly demonstrate how your **project aligns with the focus areas** of the grant.

➢ Pay attention to **compulsory fields & character count limit**.

➢ **Upload all** required **documents**.

➢ Make sure everything is **properly filled in and uploaded** before submitting your application.

⚠️You won't be able to edit your application once it is submitted!
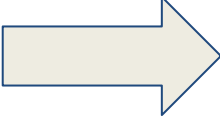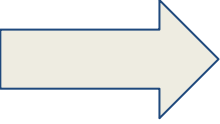
Ask yourself the following

✓ **Relevance** – Is my proposal relevant to the objective and aligned with the focus areas of the grant?

✓ **Clarity & structure** – Are the answers easy to understand and to the point for people outside your consortium?

✓ **Completeness** – Does the application include all necessary information?

✓ **Realism & feasibility** – Is the activity plan reasonable, feasible and actionable?

✓ **Improvements** – Are there any areas where more details or adjustments would strengthen the application?

How to navigate the budget template?

Key points to pay attention to

➤ Use the **official budget template**, to be found in the [funding manual](#).

➤ No strict caps on salaries & overheads - but be **reasonable and justify** your costs!

  ○ Consider the **extra work of the lead partner**.

➤ Some **budget costs categories** are **optional.**

➤ Budget at least **5%** for **capacity building.**

➤ **Budget** for **link & learn event**

  ○ High average - select most expensive option & worst case scenario you will have more budget for other activities.

➤ **All expenses** must be **directly linked** to the **project activities** - make sure your budget clearly connects with your work plan and application responses.

Important points to keep in mind

✓ Remember to **justify all your costs** - every expense should be explained.

✓ **Use clear budget lines** (e.g. instead of "Training costs", write "trainer fees for 3 day workshop on digital skills").

✓ **Only include eligible expenses** - review the guidelines to see what can and cannot be funded.

✓ Make sure to meet **budget limit** (neither go below nor exceed it).

✓ Give yourself time to check your budget and calculations.

Add **short but strong justifications** in the remarks column!

Make sure the budget is **easy to understand** & has a **consistent language** across the entire application.

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1. Make sure to have a **consortium & write your joint project proposal**.

2. **Register** to the ON Grip platform.

3. **Submit** your joint project proposal **before 16 March, midnight CET**.

4. The **status** of your proposal will be **updated on the ON Grip portal**.

5. We will contact the selected grantees at the **end of April or beginning of May**, **please do not send emails until then**.

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 <u>FAQ</u>.

Thank you!

We look forward to hearing from you