

EU Youth Wiki Tool

Background

The European Commission Directorate-General for Education and Culture is the executive branch of the European Union responsible for policy on education, culture, youth, languages, and sport. The Commission's work to support the Youth agenda aims to provide more and equal opportunities for young people in education and the job market. This includes: encouraging non-formal learning, participation, voluntary activities, youth work, mobility and sharing of information.

The Commission has announced that it will be leading a project with EU Member States to provide a comprehensive and coherent web-based framework on national youth policies from across the EU. The project to create a 'Youth Wiki Tool' is a joint activity between the Commission and Erasmus+, the European Union's programme for education, training, youth and sport.

The project is inspired by Eurydice which was established by the Commission to share information on the different education systems in Europe. The Eurydice website can be accessed via the following link:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/mwikis/eurydice/index.php/Main_Page

The Youth Wiki Tool is expected to be of interest to policy makers, researchers and those working with young people. It will provide a dynamic source of youth related information and knowledge from across EU Members States.

The project will be developed through a staged delivery which will be completed in 2018. The first phase of the development of the tool will include data from each Member State on topics such as the political, social and economic background of each country, and information on its youth policies. The Commission is considering the data required for the further phases of the project. It is likely to focus on the legal frameworks, research and good practice initiatives for each Member State.

National Correspondent

The Commission has asked the UK Government to appoint a national correspondent which would be responsible for compiling objective and reliable information relating to youth policies in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The national correspondent would work with policy officials from across the UK to ensure accurate reflection of their policies relating to young people. The correspondent would also work with the Education and Youth Policy Analysis Unit which is based in Brussels. Some travel will be required.

Funding for the project

The Commission has committed to provide grant funding to the UK of up to **€45,000** to complete the first stage of the project, which must be completed by **April 2016**. The budgets for the second phase of this work are being finalised and will be confirmed by the Commission in due course.

Process for appointing a national correspondent

There are 3 stages in the process for appointing a national correspondent:

First stage: Organisations interested in carrying out this work are asked to submit the attached expressions of interest form. Organisations will need to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of UK youth policies, as well as experience of researching and analysing complex information and presenting this in a coherent way for an international audience.

The completed expressions of interest form should be sent to youthpolicybriefingandcorrespondence@cabinetoffice.gov.uk. By **5pm on 22 September 2015. Please include your organisation's name in the subject heading of the email.**

Second stage: Organisations who are successful at the initial sift will be asked to undertake a short telephone interview with UK Policy officials.

Final stage: Once appointed, the successful organisation will then apply directly to the European Commission to receive the grant funding which has been allocated for the first phase of the project. The application will need to be submitted to the Commission by **13 October 2015.**

Further applications will need to be submitted to the Commission to receive funding for each of the different phases of the project, which is expected to conclude in 2018.

Further information

If you have any questions about the project, please email:
youthpolicybriefingandcorrespondence@cabinetoffice.gov.uk