



The European Youth Forum

A support structure of the Youth in
Action Programme

Let's Meet our Neighbours and the World

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What is The YFJ?



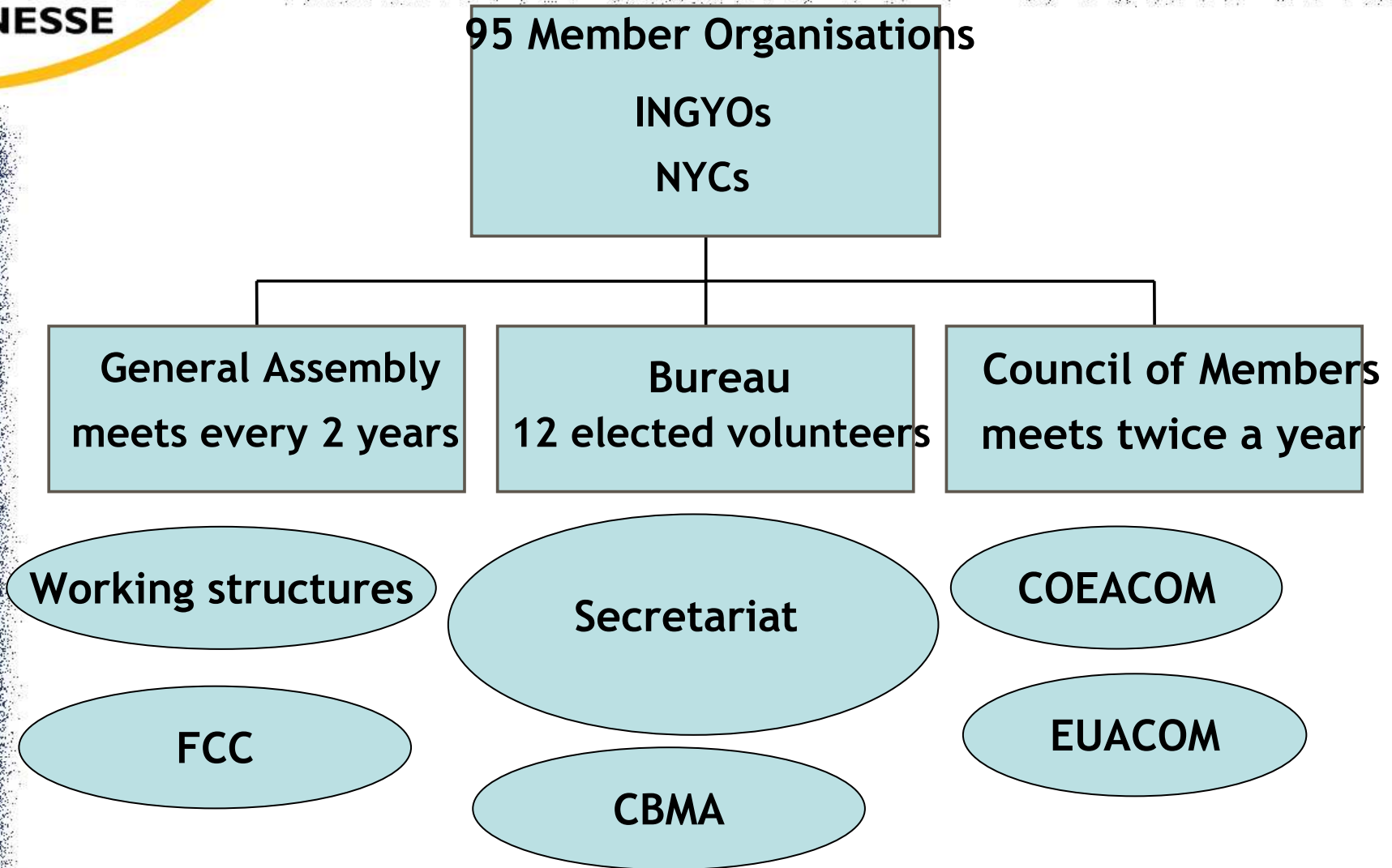
- It is made up of 95 National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations, which are federations of youth organisations in themselves.
- It brings together tens of millions of young people from all over Europe, organised in order to represent their common interests.



Our mission

- To empower young people to participate actively in the shaping of Europe and the societies in which they live.
- To improve the living conditions of young people as European citizens in today's world.

Our structure



Cooperation with Institutions



The YFJ promotes the concept of youth policy as an integrated and cross-sectoral element of overall policy development affecting young people and youth organisations, and therefore cooperates with several European and international institutions, namely the **European Union**, the **Council of Europe** and the **United Nations system**.

Support structure for the Youth in Action Programme



In the framework of the Youth in Action Programme, the YFJ:

- Is member of the *consultative group on the YiA Programme* (in charge of the drafting process of the Programme Guide, currently reviewing it...)

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- Cooperates with the *Executive Agency*, at European level, in the context of the selection panel for projects developed at European level, and in drafting/reviewing the application forms. This cooperation includes as well a joint effort in organising an Information day once a year focusing on the action 4.1, “*support for bodies active at the European level in the field of youth*”.

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- Attends the *Youth in Action Programme Committee*
- Is member of the *Steering Committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Platform*
- Is member of the *Advisory Group of the Youthpass* and of the different *sub-groups* for Actions 1.1, 2 and 4.3

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- Cooperates with *SALTO Resource Centres* on the Training and Cooperation Plan, in the framework of regional processes and strategies (e.g. SALTO Euro-Med, SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus, SALTO SEE) as well as on more focused actions and processes (Youthpass, Inclusion - quality of trainers/TOY database, cultural diversity and youth participation)

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The involvement of YFJ includes an on-going cooperation with its *Member Organisations* as for example, through *consultation processes*, contributing with their expertise and knowledge of the youth field.

The YFJ is also member of the Steering Committee working on the *evaluation of the YOUTH Programme*.

Special focus on Non-Formal Education



In the framework of Non-Formal Education processes and following the adoption in May 2006 by the Council of the « *resolution on the recognition of the value of non-formal and informal learning within the European youth field* », the YFJ is also member of the *expert group working on the development of a Europass-youth specific.*

A concern...



Gathering ENGYOs working with the YiA Programme and permanently dealing with youth mobility issues, the YFJ pays particular attention to the *obstacles to mobility*.

It calls for a stronger position and support from the National Authorities, National Agencies and the European Commission in addressing this problem, especially in the framework of the YiA Programme and in projects involving partners countries and other regions of the World.



*Thank you
for your attention!*

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