



Young Climate Professionals September 2024 - February 2025

Call for applications

YCP 2.0 Fostering green literacy & sustainability competencies



This programme is implemented in cooperation with our partners, <u>Znanje na</u> <u>djelu/Stiftung Wissen am Werk</u> and <u>Sofia Platform Foundation</u>. The project Young Climate Professionals is funded by the European Union.







CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Young Climate Professionals (YCP) 2.0

Are you between **18 and 25 years** old and passionate about making a **green impact** in your local community or country? Do you envision yourself taking a lead and **active role in climate mitigation** by developing your own project idea? Do you want to strengthen the requisite knowledge, skill set and networks to induce behavioural changes that will have a positive impact on our environment and climate? If yes, then apply to become part of our upcoming journey of YCP 2.0!

What is the YCP project all about?

YCP is a green literacy project organised by THE CIVICS Innovation Hub together with its partners Znanje na djelu/Wissen am Werk and Sofia Platform Foundation and is being co-funded by the European Union. The project is dedicated to fostering green literacy and sustainability competencies among young adults across Europe. Through a series of engaging activities, participants will delve into different topics all being part of the European Green Deal. From expert talks and group discussions to hands-on assignments on online collaboration platforms, YCP provides a comprehensive learning experience. Throughout the course of the different activities, participants are inspired and supported to develop their own green project idea. Next to experts' inputs with new fruit for thought participants will have the opportunity to co-host their own webinar and receive individual consultations from experienced individuals in the civil society sector. All these steps are meant to best prepare the individual YCPs for the YCP Campus during which the project ideas are presented with the chance of securing a mini grant to actualise one's project plan.

You can find more information here: <u>https://thecivics.eu/projects/ycp/</u>.



Programme structure

- Activity I (online): Kick-off, Get Together & Onboarding -28.09.2024 (tbc)
 - RESILIENCE & ADAPTATION | "Community Resilience and Adaptation: Building Climate-Resilient Societies"
- Activity II (online): Talk & Discussion I 19.10.2024 (tbc)
 - FOOD SYSTEMS | From Farm to Fork: a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system
- Side Event (webinar): NECE Campus November 2024 (tbc)
 Green Literacy & Youth Engagement
- Activity III (online): Talk & Discussion II 18.01.2025 (tbc)
 - BIODIVERSITY | Preserving & restoring ecosystems and biodiversity
- Activity IV (on-site): YCP Campus, Zagreb 13.-16.02.2025 (tbc)
 - GREEN CITIES | Transforming Urban Environments for Sustainability

Why participate?

By joining YCP, you will enhance your sustainability competencies and become an agent of change in your community. You will have the opportunity to tackle climate issues and support the green transition in your surroundings in an inclusive manner. Next to making new connections with like-minded youth from wider Europe and learning from grassroot initiatives you also get to join the 2.5-day YCP Campus in Zagreb, Croatia having all your costs covered. Moreover, the most outstanding project ideas will receive **mini grants** to support their implementation. By completing all activities you, as YCP cohort 24/25, will also become part of a growing network of Young Climate Professionals in Europe, driving joint green projects to achieve Europe's carbon neutrality goals by 2050.



Who can participate?

- Young adults (age 18-25)
- Open call for applicants of <u>Wider Europe</u>
 - Preferential treatment of applicants from Eastern/Southeastern Europe, the Baltics and the Mediterranean region

How to apply?

- Fill in the online application form providing us with:
 - Your motivation to become part of the YCP cohort 24/25
 - A first draft of your project proposal
- Click on the following LINK: <u>https://gstoo.de/ycp_24-25</u> to assess the application portal
- Deadline for application is: 21.07.2024, 11:59 pm (CET)

Eligibility criteria

- Good English proficiency
- Strong motivation to have an impact on the sphere of green literacy in your community
- Innovation & novelty of your project proposal
- Between the ages of 18 and 25 years
- Citizen of a European country or the adjacent neighbourhood
- Mandatory attendance of all activities (on- and offline)

Don't miss the opportunity to become part of this endeavour and to gain new insights on the hands-on application of the European Green Deal, strengthen your project management skills and have the chance to win a mini-grant helping your project proposal come to life.

Should you have further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us at: <u>ycp@thecivics.eu</u>.

We look forward to you joining us in shaping a sustainable future for all!







