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AEGEE Europe

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Brief History

AEGEE was founded in Paris in 1985 under the name EGEE (Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe). The name relates to the Aegean Sea where democracy was created 2,000 years ago. It is pronounced as if it were a French word "aégée". The English name is the European Students' Forum.

EGEE wanted to be a platform for young Europeans to discuss the future of Europe and to present their ideas to the officials of the EU institutions and national governments. At the time, EGEE only focused on the EU Member States. However, in 1991 AEGEE began to develop its network in the EFTA countries and in Central and Eastern Europe .

Since its creation, more than 100,000 young Europeans have become members of the AEGEE network, and AEGEE has managed many successful European projects: e.g.: Euromanagers (today run by EMDS), Peace Academy, Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue and the most famous: Summer Universities -which are successfully run for over 18 years and every year involve around 3000 young people.

Objectives

AEGEE is one of Europe's largest interdisciplinary student associations and it's main aim is to promote European Integration and development of tolerant civil society.

AEGEE works to foster democracy, human rights, tolerance, cross-boarder co-operation, mobility and European dimension in education.

AEGEE is a voluntary, non-profit organisation that operates without any link to a political party. It is represented in 240 university cities, in 42 countries across Europe and has about 15 000 members.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

AEGEE does not make use of national structures. Instead, AEGEE works in parallel on the local and European level. AEGEE provides opportunity for individual members from Local Level to get directly involved in European Level activities and projects.

European level:

- AGORA (General Assembly gathering 800-1000 participants)-biannual
- European Boards meeting - EBM (statutory) annual
- Comité Directeur
- European board of directors, working at the Head Office in Brussels
- Liaison Officers to work with international institutions and organisations
- Commissions (juridical, audit, members, network)
- Working groups (thematic: e.g. International Politics WG, supporting: e.g. Public Relations WG and others : e.g. Pool of Trainers- AEGEE Academy).

Local level:

local groups, in academic cities, so-called antennae, where people directly implement AEGEE aims in a way that serves best the needs of their local community.

Publications

- Key to Europe, (Yearbook)
- News Bulletin (internal, biannual)
- Summer University Booklet (annual offer of the summer courses)
- AEGEE-Gazette (quarterly external publication)
- One Europe Magazine (biannual youth commentary magazine)
- Address Book (biannual internal)

Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations

English name	Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations
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Brief History

The Alliance is an international non-governmental youth organisation (INGYO) representing national organisations with international voluntary service projects. The Alliance respects the autonomy and independence of its member organisations.

The Alliance was founded in 1982 and has grown rapidly since then. There are currently 28 members from 20 countries. Every year, Alliance's member organisations organise about 1,100 workcamps and exchange about 22,000 volunteers.

Opening hours

Mon-Thu. 9 a.m-4 p.m

Fri. 9 a.m - 3 p.m

Objectives

- Provide the voluntary organisations with opportunities to discuss and exchange experiences and information within Europe.
- Facilitate and improve co-operation between voluntary service organisations.
- Improve the quality of volunteer projects and provide a network whereby new organisations working in this field in different countries are encouraged and supported.
- Promote short-term voluntary work as a tool for international understanding and community development.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- General Assembly and General Conference (every autumn)
- Executive Committee and Working Groups (regular meetings throughout the year)
- Technical Meeting (every spring)
- Post-Camp event (every winter)

Main Activities

Alliance's member organisations organise international workcamps, mainly during the summer months. A workcamp involves 10-20 volunteers from different countries. Volunteers can engage in a wide variety of community development tasks, including environmental, construction, renovation, social, cultural and archeological work.

Publications

- Newsletters
- European guidebook
- Annual report

Mouvement ATD Quart Monde

**English
name**

International ATD Fourth World Movement

French name	Mouvement international ATD Quart Monde
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President	Paul Bouchet

Brief History

The International Movement Quart Monde Jeunesse unites young people who have directly experienced poverty and exclusion as well as others wanting to fight it. 15 years of campaigning with young people in council estates and run-down areas have shown clearly the will of these young people to establish their own identity. In France in 1968-69 a team from the Movement ATD Quart Monde working in the Greater Paris area set up a youth housing project with local young people, which reconciled rival gangs. Exchange projects were then set up, and visits to Europe and the United States were organised to study other areas of urban exclusion. The first meeting of the International Movement Quart Monde Jeunesse was held in May 1973.

300 young people representing six European countries (Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK) and the United States attended. Since then, with the support of the European Youth Foundation, an international meeting has been held every year. Experiences are shared and issues such as work, human rights, youth and training are discussed. Quart Monde Jeunesse is a non-governmental organisation which enjoys consultative status with the UN, UNESCO, UNICEF, the ILO and the Council of Europe.

Objectives

- Give young people the possibility to participate in cultural, spiritual, socio-economic, educational events.
- Allow young people to fight poverty and exclusion.
- Allow young people to contribute to the European question and challenges.
- Develop study sessions amongst young people and children in underprivileged areas.

Working Languages

French and English, some Spanish, Dutch and German

Structure

- ATD Quart Monde Jeunesse (international branch of the movement)
- International ATD Quart Monde Jeunesse Commission (discusses legal issues once a year)
- National branches (represented in the International Commission)
- Bureau (elected by Commission once every three years)

Main Activities

- Organisation of international workshops at the international centre of the ATD Quart Monde Movement, for young people 18 and over, and young people between 15 and 25
- Organisation of the international youth meeting
- Seminars and workshops

Publications

- Journal Jeunesse Quart Monde - monthly, published in English and French
- Challenge Jeunes- Video made in 1995, a personal account by five underprivileged young people
- 'La tolérance vécue en milieu défavorisé' - Study published by the Council of Europe as part of the campaign against racism, xenophobia, anti-semitism and intolerance
- 'A nous de jouer'- board game created by young people aimed at discovering training and vocational life, human rights and workers' rights
- 'Aucun jeune sans avenir - ou comment ouvrir les portes de la qualification professionnelle et de l'emploi à tous les jeunes?' Report of seminars held in France

DEMYC

English name	Democrat Youth Community of Europe
French name	Union des jeunes démocrates européens
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Secretary General	Lasse Krull

Brief History

DEMYC was founded in 1964 as an independent organisation, representing the independent youth organisations of the various Christian-Democrat, conservative and like-minded parties in Europe and Israel.

It is organisationally and politically integrated into the European Democrat Union (EDU) as its permanent observer. Similar forms of integration are found with DEMYC's national member organisations, where the degree of independence may vary slightly from country to country.

Objectives

DEMYC's main aim is to further contacts and strengthen co-operation between its member organisations from different European countries and thereby to contribute to a united Europe. DEMYC co-ordinates the international activities of its member organisations and represents them in its work with European and international youth structures. These are the European Youth Centre and European Youth Foundation, the European Youth Forum and the United Nations Youth Unit. Furthermore, DEMYC is associated with the European Democrat Union and International Young Democrat Union and therefore promotes the goal of European integration and co-operation.

Working Languages

English, German and French (at meetings), English and French (for publications).

Structure

- Congress (highest decision-making body) convenes every second year and elects a Bureau
- Bureau (consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary General and three to five Vice-Chairmen)
- 2 financial auditors
- Executive Committee (four to six times a year)

Main Activities

- Seminars, study sessions and conferences in different parts of Europe.
- Study visits
- Statutory meetings (Executives, Congress, Chairmen's conferences)

Publications

- The European Democrat (3-4 times a year)
- Special issues of the European Democrat on the specific events and topics (1-2 times a year)
- DEMYC Infobook, Leaflet
- Reports on the seminars and study visits
- Policy papers

EBCO/BEOC

English name	European Bureau for Conscientious Objection
French name	Bureau Européen pour l'Objection de Conscience
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Brief History

EBCO was founded in the late seventies as an umbrella structure for national associations of conscientious objectors, with the aim of promoting collective campaigns and lobbying the European institutions for the recognition of the right to Conscientious Objection to military service. Today, its main concern is the promotion of this right in Eastern European countries, as well as the promotion of a culture of peace through the peace work experience of conscientious objectors.

Objectives

- Promote the right to conscientious objection in the preparation of a war as a fundamental human right, both on a national and international level.
- Promote an alternate service to the military service as a specific contribution to the construction of peace and understanding among people.
- For conscientious objectors coming from countries that do not recognise or that

insufficiently recognise their rights, develop the right of asylum in countries having signed the European Convention of Human rights.

- Promote the right to conscientious objection through the Commission of Human Rights in the context of the United Nations.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- General Assembly (at least once a year)
- Administration board
- Executive Committee (administrators)

Main Activities

- Campaigns
- Seminars
- Study sessions
- Research Promotion

Publications

Newsletter 'The right to refuse to kill', 4 issues a year

ECOSY

English name	Young European Socialists
French name	Jeunes Socialistes Européens
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President	Giacomo FILIBECK
Secretary General	Ania SKRZYPEK

Brief History

The European Community Organisation of Socialist Youth gathers Socialists youth movements of the European Union, Central and Eastern Europe and also Mediterranean countries. It was founded in November 1992 in The Hague.

ECOSY is the youth organisation of the Party of European Socialists (PES) and works in close co-operation with the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY) and is a member of the European Youth Forum.

Objectives

- Promote and support the values of democratic socialism.
- Defend the interests of young people in its work with the European institutions.
- Promote European citizenship and the emergence of a common identity in order to achieve mutual understanding.

Working Language

English

Structure

- the Congress (highest decision-making body, meets every two years)
- the Bureau (one representative from each full member organisation plus one person representing the associated members. Meets three times a year)
- the Presidium composed of the President, the Secretary General and five Vice-Presidents. Meets three times a year.
- Networks (Queer Network, Feminist Network and Students Network)

Main Activities

- Campaigns
- Seminars
- Study visits
- Conferences
- Summer Camps

Publications

- Manifesto/Position paper: every two years
- ECOSY-News: four issues per year
- Brochures, reports, resolutions, etc.

ECYC

English name	European Confederation of Youth Clubs
French name	Confédération européenne des Centres de Jeunes
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Brief History

The European Confederation of Youth Clubs (ECYC) was established in 1977. Since then, it

has grown to involve member organisations in 24 countries in Europe. Our members are national or regional youth work organisations in Europe. Our network includes more than 18,000 youth clubs and projects, involving more than 3,5 million young people every year.

The thing that unites our members is a commitment to what we call 'open youth work'. This means that the activities we offer are open to all young people regardless of things like gender, religion, sexuality, political beliefs, etc.

ECYC member organisations are voluntary, professional, independent and developmental. They all work in the field of socio cultural activities for young people and offer a broad programme.

Objectives

- Promote co-operation between youth club organisations in Europe.
- Increase the international awareness amongst young people.
- Promote youth exchange programmes, joint training and seminars.
- Encourage the active involvement of young people in their community.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- General Assembly- every two years
- Executive Committee - annually (two representatives from each member organisation)
- Bureau - at least twice yearly (President, Treasurer and three Vice-Presidents)

Main Activities

- Seminars and other events for young adults
- Club-to-club youth exchanges
- Youth Work development
- Networking and projects between member organisations on topics of common interest
- Training for youth workers in international work, study visits, etc.
- Development of policy guidelines on relevant issues, e.g participation, girls work and peer education.

Publications

ECYC produces regular newsletters as well as publications and training resources.

EDS

English name	European Democrat Students
French name	Etudiants démocrates européens
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President	Alexandros Sinka
Secretary General	Karolina Pastuszek

Brief History

European Democrat Students (EDS) was established in May 1961 in Vienna, upon an initiative of FMSF (Sweden) and RCDS (Germany). Initially it was called the International Union of Christian-Democratic and Conservative Students (ICCS), but the name was changed in 1970 to the European Union of Christian Democratic and Conservative Students (ECCS) to align its member organisations more closely with efforts to build a united Europe. The present name was adopted in February 1975. After a period of stagnation, the organisation has grown significantly since 1993, politically and in size. EDS belongs to the founding members of the EYF and its predecessors.

Objectives

As an organisation of Christian Democrat, Conservative, Liberal and Centrist student and youth organisations in Europe, EDS works for a united, free and reconciled Europe and for the respect of human rights across the continent. It enables students to meet at the international level to promote understanding, discuss educational issues and present solutions to the appropriate political bodies. EDS aims to serve as a network for the discussion and exchange of ideas among its member organisations and to strengthen the ideas of democracy, pluralism and liberty.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- Annual meeting
- Council (the supreme body, meets 4 times a year)
- Executive Bureau
- Working groups (higher education, integration, policy, campaigning)

Main Activities

- Lobbying and campaigning
- Training
- Information
- Seminars and conferences
- Annual summer university

Publications

'Bullseye' (quarterly)
Annual report

EEE-YFU

English name	European Educational Exchanges- Youth for Understanding
French name	Echanges éducatifs en Europe - Youth for Understanding
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Brief History

EEE-YFU was founded in 1986 to initiate and co-ordinate inter-European student exchanges. The national YFU organisations in Europe joined forces to develop student exchange programmes within Europe and to strengthen co-operation among the members of the YFU family in Europe. The Association is an international non-profit youth organisation according to Belgian law; it is an independent legal entity and not part of an adult organisation. Its active members are European national committees of Youth for Understanding (YFU); associate members are partner organisations dealing with exchanges according to YFU programmes. Both active and associate members are non-profit youth exchange organisations engaged in volunteer work.

Objectives

- Offer Europe's young people opportunities to learn about other cultures
- Promote intercultural long-term exchange programmes in Europe
- Promote European educational activities (training sessions, seminars, conferences)
- Facilitate co-operation among the YFU exchange organisations
- Enhance Youth for Understanding's visibility in Europe

Working Languages

English

Structure

- Council of Administration (COA- elected by the General meeting, executive committee and educational and training and content committee -ETTC))
- European Secretariat (supports the Council of Administration)

Main Activities

- Representation to the European youth organisations (European Youth Forum)
- Fund-raising activities
- Support the national YFU committees in projects such as Socrates
- Training and language courses offered by the Council of Europe and the EU
- Committees

Publications

- Annual report
- Report on seminars and training (International Responsibility Seminar (IRS), Young Europeans Seminar (YES), Training of Trainers (TOT)
- Training manual: Intercultural education "The Coloured Glasses"

EFIL

English name	European Federation for intercultural Learning
French name	Fédération européenne pour l'Apprentissage Interculturel
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Secretary General	Paul Claes

Brief History

AFS (former American Field Service) traces its roots back to volunteer ambulance drivers who provided their service during the two World Wars. In 1947, the group set up AFS Intercultural Programs to start youth exchanges, and voluntary organisations were formed in many European countries. The organisations held annual conferences at European level between 1964 and 1971, which finally led to the formal establishment of EFIL in 1971. The original purpose of the Federation was to co-ordinate existing programmes and establish contacts and programmes in countries not yet involved in the network. The Federation is recognised as an international association under Belgian law by Royal decree of 9 December 1971.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri:9 am - 5 pm

Objectives

- Organise international stays abroad for young people.
- Develop educational methods.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- General Assembly (every member organisation has one vote)
- Board of Directors (meets four times a year and acts as the executive)
- Secretariat (provide co-ordination services, administrative support to the Board, financial administration)

Main Activities

- Lobby European government institutions and NGOs
- Representation in institutions and organisations at international level
- Training (seminars of volunteers, staff, teachers), dissemination of information
- Develop global education and intercultural materials

Publications

- EFILife
- Seminar reports
- Quarterly reports of activities
- Biennial report

EFYSO

English name	European Federation of Youth Service Organisations
French name	Fédération européenne des Associations au Service de la jeunesse
German name	Europäischer Verband der Jugendservice Organisationen
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Brief History

EFYSO was founded in 1993 with seven member organisations (Latvian Youth Progress Union - LYPU/Latvia Associate tredsokolskyh Klubu - ASK/ Czech Republic NABC- Clubs for Young People/ United Kingdom Internationaler Bund-IB/ Germany, Österreichische Jungarbeiterbewegung-ÖJAB/ Austria, Ligue française de l'enseignement et de l'éducation permanente/ France, National Youth Federation - NYF/Ireland) created around 1970. The seven organisations were at the time members of a world-wide organisation named IFKYO (International Federation of Keystone Youth Organisations). Given that IFKYO was a rather loose umbrella organisation and that it only undertook a small number of activities, the seven above-mentioned countries wanted to increase co-operation at European level. All the organisations are similar in terms of their structure and the work they do (all non-profit youth organisations with a social aim engaged in vocational training).

Objectives

- Improve understanding between young people of different countries and cultures.
- Create and further develop European and international co-operation between EFYSO members.

- Improve the conditions of social politics influencing or determining the lives of young people, their social integration and professional development.
- Promote co-operation and communication with other European and international organisations striving to achieve similar goals.
- Promote intercultural learning and the fight against racism.

Working Languages

English, German and French

Main Activities

- International youth exchanges
- Exchanges of young experts
- Seminars and study sessions
- One European Voluntary Service
- Training sessions for youth workers and social workers
- Solidarity workcamps
- Annual European conferences for young people
- Co-operation projects with developing countries
- Information service

Publications

- Regular newsletters

EGTYF

English name	European Good Templar Youth Federation
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President	Hege Sørvig
Secretary General	Fredrik Persson

Brief History

EGTYF (European Good Templar Youth Federation) is a non-governmental federation for national abstainer organisations in Europe. The idea of EGTYF is abstinence, brotherhood and peace. The order of Good Templars has a long history of social and political work. History books and encyclopaedias usually contain some reference to the IOGT, the international organisation of Good Templars.

IGTYF arose from this organisation to work specifically with young people from around the world. At the Congress in Copenhagen in 1990, the organisation changed names and work fields. It is now called EGTYF and primarily deals with youth issues in Europe.

Objectives

- Promote among young people a lifestyle free of alcohol and other drugs.
- Fight racism of all kinds.
- Work for peace and liberty.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- Board (10 members: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, editor and 5 consultative members)
- Congress (highest authority, meets every second year)
- NORDGU (co-ordinating subcouncil in the Nordic countries)

Main Activities

- Educational and political activities
- Seminars
- Camps
- Exchange programmes

Publications

EGTYF magazine "Transit" (3-4 times a year)

ESIB

English name	National Unions of Students in Europe
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Secretary General	Paulo Fontes

Brief History

ESIB was established in 1982 as the West European Student Information Bureau. In 1992, the name of the organisation was changed to reflect the decision to become a political platform for National Unions of Students in Europe and not just an information bureau. Membership has grown from seven founding members to 48 organisations in 36 European countries. Through these members, ESIB represents over 10 million students. Legally speaking, it is an international non-governmental youth organisation.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9.30 am -6 pm

Objectives

- Promote the views of students on economic, social and youth issues and the educational system as a whole.
- Promote European/global co-operation to facilitate information exchange with students and student organisations.
- Promote co-operation with other organised groups in student life-related matters.
- Provide assistance and support national student unions in their work to protect student interests.
- Promote equal opportunities for all students regardless of political belief, religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, social standing or disability.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- The Board (meets twice a year)
- The Secretariat
- The Executive Committee (meets five times a year)
- Committees - Bologna Process Committee, Committee on Commodification of Education, Strategic Development Committee, Commission for Internal Audit
- ESIB working groups (Education, Social Affairs, Equality, International, Mobility)

Main Activities

- Seminars in spring and autumn
- European Students Convention twice a year
- Various working groups, policy documents, campaigns, etc
- Project-related conferences, training

Publications

- electronic newsletter, monthly
- European Handbook for Student Unions, annual
- Handbook on Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- Handbook on Equality in Higher Education
- Handbook on transnational education

ETUC Youth

English name	European Trade Union Confederation
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Brief History

Established in 1985, the ETUC Youth Committee has over the years made a valuable contribution to the activities of the ETUC. It has its own Steering Committee, elected at the General Assembly every three years, and its own rules of procedures (approved by the ETUC Executive Committee). The "anti-racism graffiti" campaign and the "YES" campaign are two examples of what it is engaged in. Another important activity has been the organisation of seminars for young trade unionists. In addition, the ETUC Youth Structure has been represented in the different European youth structures of the Council of Europe and the EU. Many young trade unionists gain their first important international experience through the ETUC Youth Structure, which is of great value in understanding the complex European democratic structures and European integration.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- The ETUC Youth Committee is composed of one representative from each ETUC affiliate that has a youth structure/officer. The Committee meets at least twice a year.
- The Steering Committee (elected by the Youth Committee for a three-year term) is composed of one president and 2 vice-presidents. It prepares and chairs the meetings of the Youth Committee and co-ordinates ongoing activities in between meetings of the Youth Committee.

Main Activities

- Co-ordination of the representation of ETUC and its affiliates in:
 - a) the European youth structures and the related policy activities
 - b) the ETUC trade union policies on youth aspects
 - c) activities supporting and promoting the ETUC youth policy (youth seminars including those run in the framework of the Council of Europe, information activities, projects and campaigns)

EUFED

English name	EU Federation of Youth Hostels Associations
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President	Peter Kaiser

Brief History

The European Union Federation of Youth Hostel Associations was set up in Strasbourg in 1987 by Youth Hostel Associations in the (then) European Communities to represent the views of Youth Hostels at the European political level. Prior to that, an informal body existed, but the participating Youth Hostel Associations felt that a more formal body could work more effectively and professionally. The Federation is registered in Strasbourg as a not for profit association. The Federation re-registered under Belgian law in 2004.

Opening hours: Mon-Thur: 9.00 a.m - 5.30 p.m; Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Objectives

- Promote and develop the interests of Youth Hostels and increase understanding of and support for them within the EU Institutions.
- Increase the level of co-operation between the member associations in order to meet the needs of young people.
- Encourage all opportunities for relations between the EU and the rest of the world with regard to Youth Hostels and youth mobility.

Working Languages

English, French

Structure

- Executive Committee (1 President, 1 Vice-President, Treasurer, 3 members and the Secretary General), meets four times a year
- General Assembly, meets at least once a year

Main Activities

- Develop and implement (EU-funded) co-operation programmes such as a vocational training programme for Youth Hostel staff, a European Voluntary Service programme, youth information activities, etc
- Ensure communication and information on relevant EU developments in the areas of youth affairs, tourism, the environment, regional affairs, etc.
- Monitor EU legislative developments with a potential impact on Youth Hostels.

EUJS / UEEJ

English name	European Union of Jewish Students
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President	Olga Israel
Executive Director	David Nachfolger

Brief History

Founded in Grenoble, France, in 1978, the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS) is an International Non-Governmental Youth Organisation. It represents the interest of over 200,000 students across 32 European countries including the former Soviet Union, Central and Western Europe.

Objectives

- Strengthen the ties of solidarity amongst Jewish students across Europe by encouraging and assisting them in all spheres of Jewish life.
- Ensure that the next generation of Jews in every community of Europe grows up proud and aware of its heritage, history and traditions.
- Establish, define and preserve Jewish students' identity in a pluralistic Jewish world and in an increasingly secularised society.
- Encourage the learning and knowledge of Judaism and promote the study of Jewish culture and the Hebrew language.
- Reinforce the ties of solidarity between Jewish students in Europe and the State of Israel.
- Create a European, democratic and tolerant core which influences and leads the Jewish and non-Jewish world.
- Defend and promote the rights of European Jewish students.
- Fight against racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia as well as all other forms of discrimination.

Working Languages

English, French, Russian

Structure

- European Union of Jewish Students European Branch
- National Branches - Executive
- Members of the Presidium elected once every 2 years

Main Activities

- Summer university
- Seminars and workshops
- Social events

EXPERIMENT IN EUROPE

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Secretary General	Bettina Wiedmann

Brief History

Experiment in Europe was founded as a non-profit organisation in Brussels in 1988 in the framework of "the Experiment in International Living" (EIL), itself founded in 1932 as the first international education and cultural exchange organisation in the world.

Objectives

To promote intercultural learning and mutual understanding by encouraging mutual exchanges, visits and seminars. To do so, the association co-ordinates the multinational activities of its member organisations.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- Governing Board (consists of 5 representatives)
- 1 general meeting per year
- 4 to 6 board meetings per year

Main Activities

- Language courses
- Environmental programmes
- Art/music programmes
- Sport/outdoor activity programmes
- Representational programmes
- Work experience programmes
- European Voluntary Service

Publications

" What's on at EIE" (bimonthly)

EYCE

English name	Ecumenical Youth Council in Europe
French name	Conseil oecuménique de la Jeunesse en Europe
Secretariat	5 rue du Champ de Mars, B- 1050 Brussels, BELGIUM

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Web	www.eyce.org
President	Michel Charbonnier
Secretary General	Daniel Müller

Brief History

EYCE was founded in 1968, but its roots go back to the aftermath period of World War II. In 1968, those responsible for ecumenical youth work in different countries in Europe decided to found their own organisation, later known as EYCE, to serve as a platform between Church youth in Western and Eastern Europe as well as in Southern and Northern Europe. EYCE was the only Christian organisation doing youth work with full members in the Eastern European countries before the political changes of the late 1980s.

Objectives

- Organise seminars and conferences for young people from European countries as a means of providing ecumenical education and communication.
- Organise, co-ordinate and advertise educational programmes, work camps and other activities.
- Carry out commission studies.
- Create a member organisation forum.
- Maintain an office for ecumenical youth work in Europe and relations with other European youth associations, particularly Christian ones.
- Promote interreligious dialogue, Christian youth politics.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- General meeting
- Executive Committee (7 people)
- Secretary General (responsible for implementing programmes and projects and day-to-day work)

Main Activities

- Seminars, conferences, training events, discussions in working groups

Publications

- Circular letter
- EYCE euro update
- Seminar reports

FIMCAP

English name	International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Movements
French name	Fédération internationale des Communautés de Jeunesse Catholiques Paroissiales
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President	Jurgen Leures
Secretary General	Tine Cornillie

Brief History

The origin of FIMCAP dates back to the 1950s, when workers from Belgian, French and Dutch Catholic youth organisations occasionally met and co-operated. An official delegates conference was held in 1960 on the sidelines of the Eucharist Congress. The creation of FIMCAP was decided in October 1961 by 11 organisations from Belgium, Germany, France, Holland, Switzerland, Burundi, Congo, Canada and Philippines. The first aim and objective was to promote Catholic youth organisations in Third World countries.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 10 am - 5 pm

Objectives

FIMCAP is an international federation of Catholic youth organisations, which do not represent any specific professional group but organise leisure activities for children and young people in a parochial setting. Their aim is to promote the overall development of youth and to build with it a better world and a living Church. FIMCAP recognises and subscribes to the United Nations Human Rights Charter and more particularly to the UN Declaration of Rights of the Child. FIMCAP expects its members to do the same. It also seeks to:

- Unite members in a spirit of fraternity and mutual help
- Help members understand the problems/needs of children and young people worldwide
- Give specific help to educational and exchange organisations

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- 34 organisations from 28 countries in four continents
- Intercontinental General Assembly - every three years
- Intercontinental Bureau - twice a year for the implementation of General Assembly decisions
- European Conference of FIMCAP (EOF) - meets every three years as the General Assembly
- European Bureau, President, Chaplain and Euro secretary elected by the EOF General Assembly, meets four times a year

Main Activities

- Multilateral educational activities
- Stimulate and support bilateral partnerships

Publications

- Link - bi-monthly newsletter (published in English, French and Spanish)
- Information brochure on FIMCAP

FYEG / FJEE

English name	Federation of Young European Greens
French name	Fédération des Jeunes Ecologistes Européens
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Secretary General	Maarten Coertjens

Brief History

The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) was founded in 1988 in Belgium, with the purpose of bringing together young environmental and Green political groups from all over Europe to encourage both mutual understanding and mutual action to promote a greener Europe.

The purpose of the federation is to, on a European level, strive for environmental and social justice.

Members

FYEG has grown enormously from its small but ambitious beginnings with just a few Member Organisations (MOs) from both Eastern and Western Europe. It now has over 30 MOs from all parts of Europe. MOs vary in size, having from 70 to thousands of members. Organisations are either the youth wings of Green Parties or environmental non-governmental youth organisations (youth NGOs). The Green Group in the European Parliament has been kind enough to give us a permanent office in the European Parliament buildings in Brussels. This is where the FYEG secretariat is located.

Political work

The basis of the activities of FYEG is our political work on a European level, in a European political space. This is not limited to lobbying inside the European Parliament. No, FYEG is also involved on a street level, running practical campaigns that it carries out into its Member Organisations. At the same time it is not afraid of lifting topics and relevant questions from the local organisations, supporting them and spreading them throughout the network.

Once every year FYEG hosts a formal meeting, the General Assembly, where the MOs, through their delegates, decide on policy and strategy and elect an Executive Committee (EC). The EC board of 9 people is elected to serve for a year and EC members can serve 3 terms consecutively. The Executive Committee leads and coordinates activities of the Federation. There is no leadership hierarchy inside the EC, rather a flat structured and gender balanced committee. However, EC members do have individual areas of responsibility. They have been assisted by a fulltime paid office co-ordinator since 1999. Together they function in smaller teams to increase efficiency, but important decisions are made by the whole EC.

The opinions and statements of FYEG are based on the political platform, which is discussed and updated each year during our General Assembly.

Activities

FYEG arranges seminars, study sessions, camps, political debates, training sessions and so on, in different parts of Europe. FYEG also organises campaigns on essential political themes. The most recent ones have been the Tell Me What I Eat-campaign on organic and genetically modified food, the one before that dealt with migration and Fortress Europe.

A vast majority of our members are under 30 years of age and all our events are planned and run by young unpaid activists from across Europe.

Communications

FYEG publishes the Ecosprinter, a newsletter which publicises a young Green point of view and informs our activists of past and upcoming events. More urgent issues as well as up-to-date information on deadlines, statements and other news are carried to the FYEG network via an e-mail newsletter. FYEG also has various email lists for different issues and different projects over the year.

Partnerships and focus

FYEG is well networked on the European level. Not only are communications with the Green Group in the European Parliament and the European Green Party close, with FYEG observers and participants joining every major event of the two, FYEG also keeps close contact with other institutions, NGOs and political groups.

Some of the most important ones of these are the European Commission and the Council of Europe, as they fund and assist with a lot of the projects and events that FYEG arranges. FYEG also has a full membership in the European Youth Forum, which is one central space for affecting policy making in the youth field in Europe. It is also within the context of the

Youth Forum that a lot of the cooperation with other youth organisations of various parties occurs.

During the past few years, an FYEG priority has been our expanding network in Central and Eastern Europe. This is reflected in the recent full membership of organisations from Serbia, Bulgaria and Macedonia, as well as the candidate memberships from Ukraine, Albania and Romania. A daughter organisation called Co-operation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN), that facilitates contacts with even further organisations has been set up.

In the future the aim of the FYEG is to deepen its cooperation with the existing Europe-wide Green structures as well as deepen and strengthen the connections to the Member Organisations.

ICYE

English name	International Cultural Youth Exchange in Europe
French name	Association pour l'Echange culturel international de Jeunes en Europe
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Web	www.icye.org/europe
President	Mélanie Jacobs
Secretary General	Sarah Gram (Administrative officer)

Brief History

ICYE Europe is an ASBL (non-profit making organisation) under Belgian law. The European association was created in 1987 and ICYE international in 1950 to provide services and information to its national members in Europe on Council of Europe and European Union youth policy intentions and grants related to youth issues. It also co-ordinates networking at the European level and represents ICYE European members in AVSO and the European Youth Forum.

Opening hours:

Tue-Thu: 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Fri: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Objectives

- Facilitate youth mobility in Europe and co-operate with other regions of the world (intercultural learning, volunteerism and youth mobility).
- Present individual, non-formal learning experiences for intercultural learning and the building of society.

- Provide young volunteers with exposure to other values and offer the possibility of local and social action.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- General Assembly - meets annually
- Executive Committee - elected by the General Assembly (two-year mandate) - meets four to five times a year
- Secretary General - elected by the General Assembly (two-year mandate)
- European Office

Main Activities

- Gathering and dissemination of information
- Organisation of training courses and thematic seminars
- Provision of a forum for European members
- Contacts with the relevant government and non-government institutions to represent the association
- Development of interregional co-operation (Latin and Central America, Central and Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East)

Publications

- Euronews - bimonthly newsletter of the European Association
- Reports on activities and seminars
- Annual report
- Methodologies in several languages (games, discussion techniques on North-South issues, sustainable development, intercultural learning)

IFLRY

English name	International Federation of Liberal Youth
French name	Fédération internationale de la Jeunesse Libérale
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President	Bart Woord
Secretary General	Jacob Rasmussen

Brief History

IFLRY was created in 1979 in Silkeborg, Denmark. It grew out of two other organisations:

the World Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth (WFLRY) founded in 1947 and the European Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth (EFLRY). IFLRY is recognised as an international NGYO under Belgian law.

Objectives

- Represent and further the interests of young liberals and radicals.
- Represent the interests of young people at the international level.
- Encourage and facilitate contacts and exchanges of ideas between members.
- Raise members' interest in international politics and increase their knowledge of it.

Working Languages

English, French, Spanish

Structure

- General Assembly (highest body, meets at least every other year)
- Executive Committee (one representative from each member organisation and the Bureau, meets twice a year)
- Bureau (President, Secretary General and 3 to 5 Vice-presidents)

Main Activities

- Seminars
- Delegations
- Study visits
- Training courses
- Youth network, thematic networks
- Summer camps

Publications

- LIBEL magazine
- Seminar and delegation reports
- Handbooks on IFLRY
- Info File on liberal and radical youth organisations
- Readers on specific topics or regions
- E-Newsletter
- Policy Book

IFM/SEI

English name	International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International
French name	Mouvement international des Faucons - Internationale socialiste de l'Education
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Web	www.ifm-sei.org
President	Östen Lövgren
Secretary General	Uwe Ostendorff

Brief History

IFM-SEI was founded in 1924. At the time, it was not the only falcon movement, but it was the only one focusing on Socialist education. Since 1970, it has been an association of organisations. IFM-SEI seeks, through its member organisations, to help children and young people gain a critical awareness of the world today. It strives to educate children and young people according to the basic principles of tolerance, equality and friendship. Its legal status is that of an international organisation according to Belgian law.

Objectives

- Retain its independence as an educational and political movement
- Unite children and young people
- Direct youth to change society with enthusiasm and energy

Working Languages

English, French, German and Spanish

Structure

- Ordinary Congress
- International Committee (meets once a year)
- Bureau
- Executive Committee
- Secretary General
- Financial auditors and Control Committee
- Regional secretaries

Main Activities

- Seminars
- Campaigns

Publications

- Flash-Info (6 times a year)
- IFM-SEI Bulletin (twice a year)

IGLYO

English name	International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth and Student Organisation
French name	Organisation internationale des étudiants et de la jeunesse lesbienne, homosexuelle, bisexuelle et transsexuelle
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President	Jasna Magic
Secretary General	Ruth Baldacchino

Brief History

IGLYO was created in 1984 as a reaction to the need for better co-operation among regional, local, or national LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) student and youth organisations. It has been gradually growing since, having members in almost every European country today.

Objectives

- combat the discrimination and persecution of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth.
- promote and support the emancipation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth.
- support partnership, co-operation and joint strategies on national and regional level.

Values on which IGLYO is based:

- non-discrimination
- LGBT youth participation
- equal opportunities for all young people

The IGLYO network is an important LGBT meeting point in the European region. It plays a vital role in bringing together local, national, regional, and international organisations and individuals who defend, promote and advocate the rights of LGBT youth in the region.

Aims and Mission:

The IGLYO network is open to any youth or student group which is either autonomous or an integral part of another organisation and which consists mainly of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth. IGLYO defines youth as under the age of 27.

Actual members are youth groups that deal with coming-out, social groups for young LGBT people, political and activist groups, local, regional and national networks or organisations for LGBT youth.

IUSY

English name	International Union of Socialist Youth
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President	Fikile Mbalula
Secretary General	Yvonne O'Callaghan

Brief History

IUSY was founded on 24 August 1907. In the period between the two World Wars, its activities were suspended, and it was re-established under its current name on 30 September 1946. IUSY is made up of 132 socialist, social democrat and labour youth organisations from 100 countries around the world.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9 a.m - 5 p.m

Objectives

- Put into practice and defend the ideals of democratic socialism.
- Fight for freedom and human rights, equality, democracy, universal solidarity and political solutions to problems.

Working Languages

Spanish and English

Structure

- World Congress (supreme decision-making body, held every 2 years, elects the President, Secretary general, Presidium and Control Commission)
- World Councils
- Regional Committees (African, American, Asia-Pacific, European, Mediterranean)
- Working groups (Feminist, Students)

Main Activities

- Meetings
- International conferences
- Training seminars
- Co-ordination of world-wide and regional political campaigns and initiatives
- IUSY World Festivals

Publication

Various publications and newsletters

IYNF

English name	International Young Naurefriends
French name	Internationale des Jeunes Amis de la Nature
German name	Naturfreundejugend Internationales

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President	Ms Cili Lohasz
Secretary General	Ondrej Pohanka

Brief History

The Naturefriends movement was founded in 1895 by Austrian Socialists as a mass movement for the underprivileged. It supported workers in their fight for more rights to leisure time and tried hard to develop socialist cultural and free time activities. It also tried to offer working class people educational opportunities. It was from those days that IYNF inherited its socialist background. In 1975, IYNF was founded as an independent, international umbrella organisation aimed at improving and facilitating the long-standing international co-operation between national Naturefriends organisations. It helps co-ordinate events and networking opportunities and works to intensify the exchange of information, experiences and ideas.

The organisation has member and partner organisations all over Europe and is involved in European youth structures.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9 am - 5 pm

Objectives

- Promote the ideas of Naturefriends at international level and promote national young Naturefriends organisations.
- Promote solidarity with all people, especially with minorities and disadvantaged groups.
- Fight militarism and fascism in the quest for peace and social development.
- Defend the right to self-determination and promote women's active and equal participation in an emancipated society.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- International Youth Congress (IYCO), highest decision-making body, meets every two years
- International Youth Committee
- Presidium
- Secretariat

Main Activities

- Seminars
- Camps
- Workcamps
- Campaigns

Publications

- Variety of the Rainbow, Magazine
 - Annual programmes, brochures, reports, etc
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JECI-MIEC

English name	International Young Catholic Students - International Movement of Catholic Students
French name	Jeunesse étudiante catholique internationale - Mouvement international des Etudiants Catholiques
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President	Johan Vanhoven
Secretary General	Gediminas Pleckaitis

Brief History

The IMCS (International Movement of Catholic Students) was created in 1921 under the name of PAX ROMANA, representing Catholic organisations from the academic world in all their legitimate forms. Its aim was to reconcile the countries divided after the 1st World War and to find new common paths for students. The IYCS (International Young Catholic Students) developed through movements of secondary or university education from 1925 but only appeared as such in 1946. Some of its defining characteristics are: an organised and lay movement, evangelist of the student world, important basic groups, representation in church, school and society, etc. The Joint European Secretariat of JECI-MIEC moved from Paris to Brussels in 1974.

Objectives

- Promote students' apostate responsibility in the Church and in society.
- Foster the intercultural and interreligious education processes.
- Promote reflection on the construction of Europe in a social, political, economical, cultural and religious context.
- Empower young people to participate autonomously in political and social life.
- Strengthen the commitment of students all over Europe as actors in society.
- Strengthen the ecumenical and lay engagement of young people in the Church.
- Develop a pedagogy helping students to integrate their faith in their efforts to build a fairer society.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- European Secretariat
- Annual Committee (decision-making body, brings together heads of the national movements)
- Administration Board
- National movements

Main Activities

- Training sessions
- Study sessions
- Colloquia
- Congresses
- Summer weeks
- Training courses
- Theological sessions
- Secondary summer week
- University summer week

Publications

- Info-Rapid, magazine, two issues per year
- Teaching and training material

JEF-Europe

English name	Young European Federalists
French name	Jeunes Européens Fédéralistes
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President	Jan Seifert
Secretary General	Joan-Marc Simon

Brief History

JEF was founded as the international youth organisation of the European movement in Paris in 1949. The creation of the European movement and JEF was a reaction to the Second World War. It became obvious that the all-powerful nation state could not guarantee peace, equality and justice for all. The current organisation was founded in March 1972 as an AISBL (international non-profit making organisation) under Belgian law.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9.30 a.m - 6 p.m

Objectives

- Achieve democratic European integration on a federal basis
- Increase support for the European integration project among young people
- Campaigns for a federal constitution

Working Languages

No official working language. English and some French and German generally used.

Structure

- Congress (sovereign body)
- Federal Committee (elected every two years by the Congress)
- Executive Bureau (responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Federal Committee)
- Secretariat in Brussels

Main Activities

- Week-long seminars and larger conferences
- European Summit Events
- Campaigns and lobby work

Publications

- JEF info, E-mail newsletter, fortnightly in English, German, Italian
 - Leaflets and brochures
 - fortnightly convention electronic bulletin and Convention website
www.constitutional.convention.net
 - Magazine The New Federalist
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JOC Europe

English name	European Young Christian Workers
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Secretary General	Patrick Nell

Brief History

JOC was created in Belgium in 1925. At the time, there was no organisation to defend the rights, needs and aspirations of young workers on a daily basis. JOC wanted to remedy that situation by giving young workers responsibilities and by defining situations that would reflect the young workers' real life situations. The key words of the organisation were -and still are- responsibility and equality. Since it was founded, JOC has been developing actions to help young people change their personal life (personal change) and help other young people do the same (changing Society). In 1957, JOC set up an international structure, with a secretariat and a co-ordination centre on each continent. In the individual countries of the

member organisations, JOC's legal status is that of an ASBL (non-profit making organisation) while at the European level, JOC is an organisation de fait ('de facto organisation').

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 9 am - 5 pm except in the last 2 weeks of July and the last week of December

Objectives

- Motivate young people to take responsibility for their own lives.
- Encourage young people to apply the principles of solidarity, equality and respect.
- Develop activities and actions to change society, applying the principles of equal rights, living conditions and consideration for all.

Working Languages

French, German and Spanish

Structure

- European Conference once a year with participants from European national movements and from the European Young Christian Workers' Council of Europe
- Council of Europe (European Commission) 2 or 3 times a year
- ETM (European Team Meeting), 6 per year, participants from the European Team, three elected delegates

Main Activities

- Training projects
- Intercultural training for future JOC trainers (regional, national or international level)
- Campaigns against exclusion to promote an intercultural society
- Training sessions
- Support of national movements

Publications

- Eurotélégra Magazine, three issues per year (French, German, Spanish)
- Action Guide Booklet explaining the JOC theory, presenting examples of applications from each national movement
- Reclaiming Chart - Chart displaying all the claims from young people in Europe linked to work conditions, exclusion, etc

LYMEC

English name	Liberal and Radical Youth Movement of the European Union
French name	Mouvement de la Jeunesse libérale et radicale de l'Union européenne
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President	Roger Albinyana i Saigi

Secretary General Minna Miettinen

Brief History

The European Liberal Youth (abbreviated as LYMEC) was founded in 1976 and represents a combined total of more than 170,000 young liberals in Europe. The movement is a platform to discuss the future of the European Union and Europe. LYMEC is the youth organisation of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party (ELDR) and it participates in all ELDR activities as a full member. LYMEC is the only liberal youth organisation on a European level.

Objectives

As a youth organisation, LYMEC supports the development of the political and educational understanding of young people throughout Europe. LYMEC strives to play a political role within Europe by cooperating with other liberal and radical organisations - like the ELDR-Party and Group in the European Parliament - and to represent liberal and radical interests in European youth movements.

Working Language

English

Structure

- Member organisations (Observer, Applicant and Full members)
- Individual Members, IMS
- Congress
- Executive Committee
- Bureau
- Executive Director and LYMEC Secretariat

LYMEC has member organisations and individual members. The member organisations decide on LYMEC's political and organisational policy, among others in resolutions and the Manifesto, LYMEC's ideological programme. Representatives of these organisations meet at the Congress, the supreme decision-making body of LYMEC, and, in between, at the Executive Committee. The Bureau is elected by the Congress responsible for the day-to-day management of LYMEC.

Main Activities

- Lobbying
- Seminars

MIJARC

English name	International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth
French name	Mouvement International de la Jeunesse Agricole et Rurale Catholique
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Web	www.mijarc.org
President	Berta Vizcarra Mir
Secretary General	Gilbert Kupper

Brief History

The movement (at the local level) was founded by the Church and by farmers' unions in European countries over 50 years ago. In those days, the Vatican had a vision of Catholic Action for Youth. JOC, JECI-MIEC and MIJARC were all founded according to this principle. Through these three organisations, the Vatican covered more or less all categories of young people, namely students, young workers and rural young people. At the local level, the movement was run by young people themselves. In many regions, the movement used the facilities of the local Church, although that is now for the most part no longer the case. MIJARC was called a movement, because it was active in society and wanted to offer young people an alternative. The movement was then extended to other continents. The organisation is officially recognised by Belgian and international law as a rural development organisation.

Objectives

- Bring together Christian rural youth organisations and other rural organisations.
- Help transform the rural environment with the Christian spirit.
- Promote the training and education of rural people.
- Represent the interests of rural youth in contacts with the public and different international institutions and organisations.

Working Languages

French, German, English and Spanish

Structure

- MIJARC World - World Executive Body, World Daily Board, Executive Assembly once every four years
- European Assembly - meets every three years
- European Secretariat
- European Executive Board
- European Team
- Youth Movements: national, regional and local

Main Activities

- European study-sessions/seminars
- Exchanges of rural youth groups
- Working camps
- Intercontinental exchanges
- Providing educational methods
- CERIL: European network of local initiatives/projects dealing with rural development
- Information and resource centre of rural development projects
- Newsletter: Info Europe, Flash

Publications

- Info Europe, Newsletter (four issues per year)
- Flash, Executive news (2 to 4 issues per year)
- MIJARC News (in co-operation with MIJARC World) (4 issues per year)

OBESSU

English name	Organising Bureau of European School Students Unions
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Secretary General	Jovana Bazerkovska

Brief History

OBESSU is the European platform of national school student organisations and unions. It was founded in April 1975 in Dublin, Ireland. Today, it represents 22 member organisations in 18 European countries and has contacts with observer and contact organisations in a further 10 countries.

Objectives

- Fight all forms of inequality in European education systems
- Promote solidarity among young people in Europe in general and school students in particular
- Promote social inclusion
- Work for a democratic school

Working Languages

English

Structure

- General Assembly (supreme decision-making body, meets annually)
- Board (elected every two years, composed of 5 to 7 persons)
- European Platform of national (secondary) school student organisations

Main Activities

OBESSU organises approximately 5 conferences per year all dealing with education-related topics.

Publications

- ESSIC News (newsletter published three times a month)
- Several publications on learning and school student structures

RYEurope

English name	Rural Youth Europe
French name	Jeunesse rurale d'Europe
Secretariat	Schauflergasse 6, 1014 Vienna, AUSTRIA
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Email	office@ruralyouth europe.com
Web	www.ruralyouth europe.com
President	Franz Fensl
Secretary General	Sabine Klocker

Brief History

ECYF4HC was founded in 1957 to unite different rural youth organisations in Europe. It is now legally registered in Germany. In 2003 it changed its name to Rural Youth Europe (RYEurope).

Opening hours:

Mon-Thu: 9 am - 5 pm

Fri: 9 am - 2.30 pm

Objectives

- Promote the activities of rural youth organisations.
- Educate and train young people to foster awareness of rural issues.
- Promote inter-cultural understanding through international meetings.
- Raise awareness of international/national institutions and organisations and draw the general public's attention to the problems/needs of rural youth.

Working Languages

English and German

Structure

- Board (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, up to 5 board members), elected by the General Assembly
- General Assembly (takes place annually)
- Secretary General (elected by Board for unspecified duration)

Main Activities

- Training courses in co-operation with the European Youth Centres
- Dissemination of information
- European Youth Meetings (including stay in a host family)
- Seminars (e.g. farm diversification, information society and rural communities)
- Support the EFYE (International Farm/ 4H Youth Exchange Programme)
- Participate in activities organised by the European Youth Forum

Publications

- Rural Youth Info - Newsletter (3 per year)
- Member organisations - Comparative study
- Annual report
- Seminar reports

SCI

French name	Service Civil International
Secretariat	St-Jacobsmarkt 82, B-2000 Antwerp BELGIUM
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Fax	+32 3 232 03 44
Email	isa@sciint.org or info@sciint.org
Web	www.sciint.org
President	Kristina Hellqvist
Secretary General	Ossi Lemström (interim international coordinator)

Brief History

The SCI was founded by Pierre Ceresole in 1920 in response to the devastation caused by World War I in Europe.

Volunteers were organised to rebuild local communities, and a lobby movement was launched for the implementation of civil service as an option to military conscription. Today, the organisation has broadened its field and supports civil societies and peace work in general.

Objectives

- Promote social justice, sustainable development, international understanding and solidarity, through voluntary service.
- Introduce volunteers to issues facing communities and societies in the struggle for peace and social justice.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- International Committee Meeting (ICM), General Assembly
- International Executive Committee (IEC)
- 2 secretariats: International Head Office (Belgium), Asian Department (India)

Main Activities

- Voluntary service actions at local, national and international level
- International volunteer projects
- Thematic seminars
- Medium and long-term voluntary service
- Education and training courses
- Individual traineeships

- Solidarity campaigns
- East-West and North-South exchanges
- Development and education

Publications

- Electronic Newsletter International Secretariat

TEJO

English name	World Organisation of Young Esperantists
French name	Organisation mondiale des Jeunes Espérantistes
Esperantist name	Tutmonda Esperantista Junulara Organizo
Secretariat	Nieuwe Binnenweg 176, NL-3015 BJ Rotterdam - NETHERLANDS
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Web	www.tejo.org
President	Bertrand Hugon
Secretary General	Aleks Kadar

Brief History

In the early days of Esperantism, young people were among the pioneers in the promotion of Esperanto.

Today's Universal Esperanto Association was established in 1908 by the 19-year old Hector Hodler. The Esperanto club in Prague was founded by an 18-year old student, Edward Kühnl, as early as 1907. The then 18-year old Edmond Privat went on a successful lecture tour of the United States.

The World Esperanto Youth Association (Tutmonda Esperantista Junulara Asocio- TEJA) was not created until 1920. In 1938, Mr. and Mrs. Van Veenendaal, teachers from the Netherlands, organised the first international youth meeting (Internacia Junulara Kunveno - IJK) in Groet (NL). Prior to that in 1937, a joint British and French meeting of school children was held in Birmingham (UK). The year 1938 is a key date in the Esperanto youth movement since in the Groet event, over 200 participants from 10 countries decided to found the World Youth Organisation (Tutmonda Junulara Organizo - TJO). At the eighth IJK, in Ry (DK) in 1952, the organisation changed its name to the World Organisation of Young Esperantists - TEJO.

The period of internal reorganisation came to an end in 1960, when the 16th international youth meeting in Rotterdam (NL), the organisation opened itself up to the outside world by establishing relations with several non-esperantist youth organisations (NEJOs). At the 17th IJK (1961), 7 national branches of TEJO (from Bulgaria, France, West Germany, Spain, Yugoslavia, Poland and Sweden) signed the Declaration of Wokingham, with a view to

strengthening co-operation among the existing national branches and helping establish new branches.

Today, TEJO is a world organisation with member or collaborating organisations in 84 countries and individual members in 84 countries worldwide. Its aim is to improve understanding between young people from various nationalities speaking different languages by promoting the use of the international language Esperanto.

Objectives

- Spread the use of the international language Esperanto
- Take action to solve the language problem in international relations and to facilitate international communications
- Facilitate human relationships of all kind, spiritual and material, irrespective of differences with regard to nationality, race, sex, religion, politics or language
- Foster among its members a strong sense of solidarity by developing in them an understanding of and respect for other people
- Supply youthful resources to the Esperanto movement

Working Languages

Esperanto

Structure

- Committee (highest body, elected by national member organisations and individual members, meets annually)
- Governing board (composed of 8 members) no regional structures

Main Activities

- Conferences and seminars
- Work camps
- Language courses
- Campaigns
- Travel networks
- Publications

Publications

- TEJO Tutmonde - quarterly magazine
- Kontakto - international youth magazine, bimonthly
- Pasporton, Servo - international travel magazine
- Dialog' - newsletter aimed at partners (published in different languages, 2-3 times a year)
- Information material on Esperanto and the language problem

WAGGGS

**English
name**

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

French name	Association mondiale des Guides et Eclaireuses
Secretariat	Av. de la Porte de Hal 38, bte 1, B- 1060 Brussels BELGIUM
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Fax	+32 2 541 08 99
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Web	http://www.europe.wagggsworld.org
Chair	Diane Dixon
Director	Heather Roy

Brief History

The Guide Movement was formally established in 1910, starting in the United Kingdom and then spreading world-wide. The first official international co-operation started in 1919, and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in its present form was established in 1928. Due to the size of the organisation (136 member countries, and around 10,000,000 members) it is divided into five regions where national associations can work together on common problems and opportunities. The World Association is a British-based charity, and the Europe Region a Belgium-based international non-profit organisation. The movement is non-formal and educational, and focuses on encouraging the development of the intellectual, spiritual, physical, emotional, social and moral aspects of its members, based on the movements' values. Its mission is to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri.: 9 am-5 pm

Objectives

- Promote world-wide the unity of purpose and common understanding based on the fundamental principles of the movement.
- Further the aim of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement which is to provide girls and young women with opportunities for self-training in the development of character, responsible citizenship and service in their own and world communities.
- Encourage friendship among girls and young women world-wide.

Working Languages

Europe Region: English and French (Spanish and Arabic are also used in the World organisation)

Structure

- World Board
- World conference every three years, several sub-committees (including a regional committee for each of the five regions)
- European conference every three years.
- The World Bureau
- Secretariat (assists the World Board)

Main Activities

- Educational activities for young people and youth workers
- Children's rights
- Work with the disabled

- Intercultural awareness and tolerance
- Co-education and gender identity development
- European citizenship
- Youth information services
- Mobility
- Development of educational youth programmes
- Management of non-governmental organisations
- 10 to 15 European events: seminars, workshops, forums, etc.

Publications

- Eurofocus (newsletter, 4 issues a year)
- Euro Youth Information (newsletter, 5 issues a year)

WOSM

English name	World Organisation of the Scout Movement- Europe region
French name	Organisation mondiale du Mouvement Scout - Région Europe
Secretariat	Av de la Porte de Hal 38, bte 1, B- 1060 Brussels BELGIUM
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Regional Director	Jocelyne Gendrin-Guinebault

Brief History

The World Organisation of the Scout Movement is an international non-governmental organisation composed of its recognised national Scout organisations.

The European Scout Region is an international association de fait. The European Scout Office is a branch of the World Scout Bureau, registered as a non-profit making organisation in Geneva under Swiss law.

Scouting began with 20 boys and an experimental camp in 1907 organised by Robert Baden-Powell. The first world Jamboree took place in 1920 with 8,000 participants. Scouting began as a programme for boys 11 to 18 years of age. Yet almost immediately there were demands by others to participate. The Girl Guides programme was started in 1910 by the same Baden-Powell. Sections for younger and older boys followed, and in 1977 the constitution of WOSM was amended to acknowledge the reality that Scouting's purpose was to serve all young people and no longer the needs of boys only.

Objectives

The Scout Movement is a voluntary non-political educational movement for young people open to all without distinction of origin, race or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by its founder. The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual,

social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

A central priority of the scout movement is the development of educational programmes for young people, particularly for 18-22 year olds ("Europe for You!")

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- World Conference
- World Committee
- European Conference

Meets every three years. Determines the policy and priorities for the region and elects the 6 members of the European Scout Committee. The last European Scout Conference was held in Prague in July 2001.

- European Scout Committee

Elected by the Conference, responsible for defining how to implement the Conference's decisions.

- European Scout Office

Team of professionals working for member associations and supporting the European Scout Committee to implement the strategy that they determine.

Main Activities

International meetings, seminars, training.

Publications

- Eurofax: a news service available every month in English and French via e-mail, on our web site or by fax. Reaches 2,200 - 3,000 people every month.
- Passport for Europe: This pack provides examples of projects that can be undertaken either at home or abroad, in six key areas: democracy, solidarity, culture, exploration and discovery, quality of life, career and social skills.
- Eurosteps 1999: this year the Eurosteps programme offers 64 sites in 22 different countries throughout Europe, offering programmes for the 16-22 year age group.
- Where to Stay in Europe 1999: aims to promote mobility of young people in Europe by providing them with information on accommodation and activity opportunities available at Scout and Guide Centres across Europe.
- Euro.Scout.Doc: aims to support networking in the 4 key areas: youth policies, youth programmes, recruiting and training youth leaders, communication and information.
- the European Scout Region Web Site: provides information on many topics, including a description of the organisation and its services, a list of seminars and workshops, newsletters and reports, programmes for young people, directory of centres, etc.

WSCF

English name	World Student Christian Federation- European Region
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French name	Fédération universelle des Associations chrétiennes d'Etudiants - région européenne
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Web	www.wscf-europe.org
Chairperson	Alessia Passarelli
Regional Secretary	Hanna Tervanotko

Brief History

The WSCF was founded in Vadstena, Sweden in 1895 and is commonly considered the crucible of what in Christian circles is known as the ecumenical movement. It was home to several ecumenical pioneers who later founded the World Council of Churches (1948). WSCF Europe was founded in 1968 as a regional constituent of WSCF and is legally registered in the Netherlands as a foundation (Stichting).

Objectives

- Represent Christian students from all denominations.
- Offer a functional structure and forum for peace and solidarity work.
- Reflect on Christianity in modern society.
- Promote peaceful dialogue with other religions.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- Student representatives
- European Assembly (twice a year)
- European Regional Committee (elected by the Assembly)

Main Activities

- Thematic study sessions
- Festivals
- Language courses
- Leadership training

Publications

MOZAIK (Magazine published twice a year)

YAP

English name	Youth Action for Peace
French name	Action Jeunesse pour la Paix

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President	Adli Daana
Secretary General	Astrid Peter

Brief History

In 1923, the French lieutenant Etienne Bach launched the idea of a peace and reconciliation movement in the occupied Rhineland region. The idea met with support from French, German and Swiss nationals seeking a peaceful society based on the principles of Christianity. Rapidly, the Nights of the Cross were engaged in concrete activities, e.g. refugee work before and during World War II. A first work camp was organised in 1953. The movement (renamed Christian Movement for Peace) has since that time been developing work camps and other voluntary service activities as a tool for peace and mutual understanding, involving more and more young people in its activities and structure.

For many years, the Christian identity and inspiration led to discussions inside a growing movement. In 1994, the movement made a decisive step towards pluralism and non-confessionalism and adopted the name Youth Action for Peace.

Objectives

- Work for a society of justice, peace and human solidarity.
- Fight against violence and oppression.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

- Congress (meets once every 3 years, responsible for defining political guidelines)
- General Assembly (decision-making body, meets twice a year)
- Steering Committee (meets 5 to 6 times a year, follows up decisions)
- Secretariat (takes care of day-to-day running of organisation)

Main Activities

- Seminars (ICL, general and training)
- Work camps
- LTV (long-term volunteering)

Publications

- INFO (a quarterly published in English, French)
- Activity reports

English name	Youth for Development and Cooperation
Secretariat	Postbus 3201, NL-3003 AE Rotterdam NETHERLANDS
Email	ydc@ydc.nl
Web	www.ydc.nl

Brief History

The YDC was founded in 1947 in Montroux, Switzerland under the name of World Federalist Youth (WFY). In 1953, it became the Young World Federalists. This was followed by a further change in the name in 1978 to Youth Movement for New International Order (NIO Youth). For a period, YDC , together with the World Federalist Movement (WFM) and Parliamentarians for World Order (PWO) - currently Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) - made up the World Federalist Movement (WFM). The present name was adopted in 1986 when YDC became an independent youth development organisation.

Opening hours:

Mon-Fri.: 10.30 a.m - 4.30 p.m

Objectives

YDC aims at strengthening youth structures that forge co-operation between young people, empowering them to actively shape their current and future lives in order to reach a point of development that is environmentally sustainable, politically and economically accessible and socially just.

Working Language

English

Structure

- International network of independent youth organisations
- General Assembly (biannually)
- Executive Committee (Chairperson, vice-chair, secretary general, treasurer + 2 ordinary members)
- International Secretariat

Main Activities

Operates as an international network of youth organisations aiming at strengthening youth structures that forge a new co-operation between young people worldwide to reach sustainable development, economic equality, protection of the environment and social justice. Assists in programmes carried out by members, providing background material and circulating information, enables members to attend training and language courses for youth leaders, organises international workshops, seminars, conferences and simulation games.

Publications

- FLASH Newsletter (irregular)
- Conference reports
- Books and information kits

YEE

English name	Youth and Environment Europe
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Web	www.ecn.cz/yee
President	Jason J. Bonnici
Secretary General	Peter Cabara

Brief History

YEE was established as the European branch of the International Federation for Environmental Studies and Conservation in 1983. After the location of the office in the middle of Jutland in Denmark, the office moved to the centre of Utrecht in the Netherlands in 1989. At the end of 1997, YEE moved to its third home, in a suburb of Prague.

Opening hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m - 5 p.m

Objectives

The aim of YEE is to promote lifestyles which are in harmony with nature, to protect and promote the proper use of the resources in the world, to involve everybody into the decision-making process and provide education based on the above-mentioned ideas.

Working Languages

English

Structure

Executive board (chairperson, vice-chair, treasurer, 2-3 officers) are elected every year at the General Assembly by the delegates of the member organisations. There is a secretariat located in the YEE headquarters in Prague. The Secretary General, working in office, is the only paid staff member.

Main Activities

- Training courses
- Seminars
- Publications
- Campaigns
- Working groups

Publications

- YEE Newsletter
- Magazine Youth@Environment
- Different publications

YEPP

English name	Youth of European People's Party
French name	Les Jeunes du PPE
Secretariat	rue du Commerce 10 B-1000 Brussels. Belgium
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web	www.yepp-eu.org
President	Daniel Bautista
Secretary General	Riikka Kervinen

Brief History

YEPP is an international political youth organisation. It was officially created on 31 January 1997, when European Young Christian Democrats (EYCD) changed their name to YEPP. It aims to bring together organisations with similar ideas, whose mother parties are members of the European People's Party (EPP), the European Union of Christian Democrats (EUCD), and the European Democrat Union (EDU). It is a union of centre/centre-right organisations, based on agreed statutes and basic principles. Association (ASBL) non-profit making organisation.

Objectives

- Develop contacts and exchanges within Europe.
- Generate policy, develop strategies and lobby at national and international levels.
- Participate in the work of EPP, EUCD and EDU.
- Participate in different platforms and co-ordination structures for youth in Europe.

Working Languages

English

Structure

- Congress (elected every two years)
- Council (Board members and one representative from each organisation plus observers)
- Board (one president, one vice-president, secretary general, deputy secretary general and nine vice-presidents)

Main Activities

- Seminars
- Policy making
- Lobbying
- Exchanges
- Workshops
- Participation in other international youth structures

Publications

- Yearbooks and flyers

- YEPP News (monthly publication)
- Policy statements and documents

YEU

English name	Youth for Exchange and Understanding
Secretariat	Apartado 953, P - 8001 911 Faro - PORTUGAL
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Web	www.yeu-international.org
President	Nuno Da Silva
Secretary General	Lina Buzelyte

Brief History

Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU) was founded in Strasbourg in August 1986 by a group of 120 young people from 11 different countries. The organisation was created following a 4-year period of co-operation which started in Germany in 1983 with the first international meeting in which 8 nations participated. Today the organisation boasts 27 European countries involved on different levels. During every year YEU organises a main event, the three week long international youth convention, as well as several seminars and study visits. Youth for Exchange and Understanding has been registered as an umbrella organisation under the name Youth Exchange Umbrella E.V. since 1993.

Objectives

- Foster closer co-operation and better understanding among young people, particularly by encouraging the exchange of information and experience.
- Stimulate mutual aid in the developed and developing countries for cultural, educational and social purposes.
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and opinions.
- Improve the relationships among young people from countries with differing political systems, religious beliefs and traditions.
- Encourage mutual work on issues affecting people, their way of life and their environment.
- Foster unification of Eastern/Western Europe by closely collaborating with partner-groups in several eastern European countries.

Working Languages

English, French and German

Structure

- Assembly (annual)
- Governing Board (7 members, elected for 2 years)

Main Activities

- International Youth Convention (once yearly)

- Study visits
- Seminars
- Training courses for youth leaders

Publications

- Newsletter

YMCA

English name	European Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations (EAY)
French name	Alliance européenne des Unions Chrésiennes des Jeunes Gens
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Web	www.eay.org
President	Peter Posner
Secretary General	Johan Vilhelm Eltvik

Brief History

Created in 1973 as a regional body of the World Alliance of YMCAs to promote, develop and co-ordinate the work of YMCA movements in Europe, the EAY works to strengthen the European YMCAs to help them achieve their common vision. EAY is an international non-governmental youth organisation reaching over 2 million people across Europe in about 7,800 local branches.

Opening hours: Mon-Fri: 8 am-5 pm

Objectives

- Development of the movement (growth of relevant, self-sustaining and democratic national YMCA movements all over Europe)
- Communication and networking (promote and facilitate dynamic interaction, networking, partnership and exchange)
- Youth spirituality (analyse the religious and spiritual experience of today's young people and promote ecumenical and holistic model programmes)
- Social exclusion (analyse different forms of social exclusion affecting young people and promote model programmes and approaches addressing them)
- European Programmes (provide encouragement, support and co-ordination for European programmes based on a common EAY vision and emphasise leadership development)
- Global co-operation (engage in co-operation with YMCAs in other regions and areas)
- European dialogue (engage in dialogue with European Christian and secular bodies and represent the EAY membership)
- Finances (implement an adequate long-term funding strategy)

Working Languages

English, French, German

Structure

- General Assembly (annual)
- Executive Committee (meets four times a year)

Main Activities

- Leadership training courses
- Seminars
- Consultations for young volunteers, young professionals, board members, camp and scout leaders, sport leaders, Ten Sing (music) leaders and on subjects of common importance
- Social exclusion activities and programmes
- Christian orientation and youth spirituality programmes
- European Youth Events and Festivals
- European Sport Championships and games
- Interpoint: YMCA accommodation for young travellers in Europe
- European Friendship Camp "Camp Philia"
- YMCA volunteer exchange programme
- Symposia and Fora
- Volunteers for Europe - volunteers exchange programme

Publications

Annual Events Brochure

Leaflets

Handbooks

News from Europe - formal information bulletin (4 to 8 issues per year)

Friends for Europe - informal and public information magazine (quarterly)

YWCA

English name	Young Women's Christian Association (the European YWCA)
French name	Alliance européenne des Unions Chrétiennes féminines
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President	Natasha Miklash
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Brief History

Founded 1979, Geneva, following decision to form European YWCA's Liaison Group (ELG), taken at a World Council Meeting, 1971, Accra, of World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA) (our ref B3609). Constitution amended 1994, 2002. Registered in accordance with Belgian law, 20 Mar 1996.

Objectives

The European YWCAs is an international volunteer membership movement uniting National YWCAs in 25 countries. Its shares purpose of the World YWCA to develop the leadership and collective power of women and girls around the world to achieve human rights, health, security, dignity, freedom, justice and peace for all people. It aims to promote in Europe programme of the World YWCA.

Working Languages

English and French

Structure

The European YWCAs unites 25 national associations all around Europe.

The main legislative body of the European YWCAs is European representative meeting (ERM) that meets every 2 years. In between ERM meetings the European YWCAs Committee is the main decision making body.

The European Committee must consist of at least 5 members. Where at least one of them must be the World YWCA Executive Committee member and other members of affiliated Associations in Full membership of the European YWCAs.

The officers are President, Treasurer.

The European Committee meets 3 times a year.

Main Activities

Priorities are: women's concerns, including health, peace education, energy and environment, refugees and migrants, human rights; leadership training; cooperation for development. Organizes study sessions, seminars and other regional meetings, including regional meetings at World YWCA Council Meetings; provides representation with European Union bodies and the Council of Europe.

Publications

Electronic newsletter "YWCA Courier" (4 times a year)

Candidate members**IFMSA**

English name	International Federation of Medical Students' Associations
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French name	Fédération internationale des Associations d'Etudiants en Médecine
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President	Jana Kammeyer
Secretary General	Troels Yndigegn

Brief History

The International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) is an independent, non-governmental and non-political federation of medical students' associations throughout the world. The Federation is officially recognised as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) within the United Nations' system and recognised by the World Health Organisation as the international forum for medical students. It exists to serve medical students all over the world. IFMSA was established in the Netherlands as a charity organisation.

IFMSA was one of the numerous international student organisations set up directly after the end of the Second World War. The first meeting that saw the setting up of the Federation was held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 26-28 May 1951. The first members of this new organisation were England, Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Denmark. London saw the first General Assembly of IFMSA in July 1952. The meeting had a total of thirty participants from ten countries.

The growth of IFMSA through the years has been remarkable. Starting from the exclusively European founding organisations the Federation has expanded to include 95 members from all over the world in the fifty-two years of the organisation's existence.

Mission statement:

" Our mission is to offer future physicians a comprehensive introduction to global health issues. Through our programming and opportunities, we develop culturally sensitive students of medicine, intent on influencing the trans-national inequalities that shape the health of our planet."

Objectives

- To be a forum for medical students throughout the world to discuss topics related to health, education and medicine, to formulate policies from such discussions and to carry out appropriate activities
- To promote humanitarian ideals and medical ethics amongst medical students
- To act as a mechanism for medical students' professional and scientific exchange and projects
- To be a body through which cooperation and contacts with other international organisations are established;
- To act as a mechanism for member organisations to raise funds for projects recognised by the IFMSA.

The Federation's goal of serving society and medical students across the world through its member organisations is achieved by:

- Empowering medical students in using their knowledge and capacities for the benefit of society.
- Providing a forum for medical students throughout the world to discuss topics related to individual and community health, education and science and to formulate policies from such discussions.
- Promoting and facilitating professional and scientific exchanges as well as projects and extracurricular training programmes for medical students, thereby sensitising them to other cultures and societies and their health problems.
- Providing a link between members, medical students' associations and international organisations, and to encourage the co-operation between them for the ultimate benefit of society.

Working Language

English

Main Activities

- Conferences and workshops
- Human Rights
- Medical education
- Medical students' exchange programme
- Projects
- Public health
- Refugees and peace
- Reproductive Health and AIDS
- Training

The Federation is composed of the following members:

- Full members
- Candidate members
- Associate members
- Honorary life members

Publications

- VAGUS- the official e-news bulletin that IFMSA produces to keep its own members updated. VAGUS is distributed at the beginning of each month by e-mail to all members
- Annual report- outlines the main results obtained during the period and is presented to all IFMSA members and partners. It is produced in September.
- Medical Students International (MSI)- the broadest means of expression for all IFMSA activists and medical students in the world in general. Topics are selected by IFMSA Officials according to the main issues discussed at that very moment within the organisation.

YEN

English name	Youth of European Nationalities
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President	Stephan Kleinschmidt
Secretary General	Stefan Emrich

Brief History

Youth of European Nationalities (YEN) was founded in 1984 as a network of youth organisations that represent one of Europe's national/ethnic minorities. Its shared purpose is the creation of a dynamic and vital network of minority youth associations in a multicultural and polyglot Europe. From this perspective, it focuses on the preservation and development of the culture, language and rights of minorities.

Today, YEN has 25 member organisations from 15 countries across Europe. All the youth organisations are democratic associations, based mainly on voluntary work. The planning and realisation of ideas and projects come solely from the initiatives and engagement of the young people from the respective minorities.

Objectives

YEN's main aim is to work for the preservation and development of the rights of the minorities and ethnic groups through mutual understanding, intercultural learning and the organising of seminars and different activities (such as intercultural exchanges, Voices of Europe - a big cultural event).

Working Languages

English, German, French and Russian

Structure

The highest decision-making body of YEN is the General Assembly that meets once a year. At the GA each member organisation has 6 votes so they can send up to six delegates. The second largest decision-making body is the Central Committee that has its meetings twice a year. Here each member organisation has 2 votes. The Board (consisting of 5 persons) deals with the daily work of YEN.

Main Activities

- YEN holds its main event, the Easter Seminar, during the week before Easter. It is always organised by one of YEN's member organisations. This is where the annual General Assembly takes place and where the direction for future developments is set. Also the elections for the board are during the seminar, and resolutions are decided there. More than 100 young people from all over Europe meet each other at the Easter Seminar. A diverse programme is offered through workshops on different issues.

-The Youth Leader Seminar is a fixed part of the work of YEN. The basic idea behind the seminar is the further development of YEN as a youth organisation. This seminar is carried

out each year by one of YEN's member organisations. Normally, two members of each organisation participate in the seminar, with the intention to work effectively for the development of YEN.

- Voices of Europe is a big cultural event where young representatives of different ethnic/national minorities meet to learn and sing songs in different languages.

- intercultural and multilateral exchanges

Publications

- YENI (a quarterly)

Observer members

CEJA

English name	European Council of Young Farmers
French name	Conseil européen des Jeunes Agriculteurs
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President	Hans-Benno Wichert
Secretary General	Henriette Christensen

Brief History

Founded in Rome in 1958, CEJA represents the interests of young farmers in Europe. Today, CEJA consists of 23 national organisations from the 15 EU Member States and represents nearly 1 million young farmers.

Objectives

- CEJA represents its members' interests at Community level with the aim of improving the situation of young farmers in the EU.
- CEJA keeps its member organisations informed of Common Agricultural Policy developments and acts as a forum and meeting place for EU young farmers.
- CEJA promotes exchange visits under the PEJA programme to improve understanding between young farmers in the EU and beyond.

Working Languages

Usually, the main EU languages, depending on the action.

Structure

- General Assembly

- Presidium (main decision-making body)
- Presidency (president + 4 vice-presidents, elected for 2 years)

Main Activities

- Seminars
- Exchange programmes (PEJA)
- Lobbying

Focal points:

installation of young farmers, reform of the CAP, enlargement, education

Publications

Annual report and some others.

CESI-Youth

English name	European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions
French name	Confédération Européenne des Syndicats Indépendants
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Web	www.cesi.org
President	Vera Dos Santos

Brief History

The CESI Youth committee was founded in 1998. CESI Youth represents the interests of the young members of CESI and deals with European youth policy. As an organisation with observer status in the European Youth Forum, the committee is regularly invited to take part in events and to submit position statements. Through its activities, the committee would also like to contribute to the creation of appropriate structures within the member organisations.

DON BOSCO YOUTH-NET

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President	Guido Stoop
Secretary General	Rein Meus

Brief History

Don Bosco Youth-Net IVZW is the name of the international network of several European Don Bosco youth organisations. The roots of the network lay in the different informal meetings that took place between several Don Bosco youth organisations in Europe: exchanges, study visits, international training courses, an informative meeting on EVS ... In December 2000 seven Don Bosco youth organisations came together in Brussels for a first formal weekend of acquaintance. In April 2001, the participants came together for a second time to set down the modalities concerning the foundation of a network. In October 2001, Don Bosco Youth-Net received a one-year grant for their development. The official start was 10th October 2001. Since the 14th of August 2004 we have been officially recognised by the Belgian government as an international non-profit organisation. At the moment we have eleven partners that are official members.

Objectives

- Create international projects for and by young people in the style of Don Bosco.
- Exchange of information, ideas and experiences between the members.
- Represent the voice of the DB young people.

Working Languages

- English

Structure

- Member organisations
- Local and international working groups
- General Executive Body
- Administrative Body
- International secretariat

Main Activities

- Youth exchanges
- Training courses
- International voluntary projects
- Study visits
- Publications
- Life learning trips
- Seminars

Publications

- Monthly newflash (internal newsletter for the members)
- Tri-monthly newsletter (main newsletter send to all interested people)
- Information leaflets and brochures
- I (am) like you! (Informative game on conflict management and conflict resolution)

ECCO

English name	European Council of Conscripts Organisations
French name	Conseil européen des Organisations de Conscripts
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Web	www.conscripts.org
President	Andreas Wallner
Secretary General	Joel Nissel

Brief History

ECCO was created in 1979 by conscript organisations from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, France and Spain. Young people in the military were facing a range of problems, (lack of protection of human rights, poor socio-economic conditions and high rate of death from suicides and accidents). The conscript organisations felt that European co-operation would be beneficial to achieve their objectives at a national level. Until 1992 ECCO had no legal status, but since then it has acquired the status of a non-profit making association based on Dutch law.

Objectives

- Improve the living and working conditions of young people doing compulsory military service.
- Represent the interests of conscripts and their organisations at European and international level.
- Facilitate exchanges of experiences and opinions between conscripts and ex-conscripts.
- Provide information to the general public about military service.

Working Languages

French and English

Structure

- Congress (highest body in ECCO), meets once a year
- Executive Committee (4 to 8 persons), meets approximately twice a year

Main Activities

- Inform the public about conscription through publications
- Organise seminars and study sessions to facilitate exchanges of opinion
- Undertake lobbying campaigns aimed at the European institutions
- Visit countries to study the system of conscription and the conscripts' situations

Publications

- Black Book on Harassment of Conscripts
- Compulsory Military Service in Central and Eastern Europe: A general survey

- Black Book on the Rights of Conscripts in Central and Eastern Europe
- European Charter on the Rights of Conscripts
- ECCO-Echo- Magazine (3 issues a year)

FICEMEA

English name	International Federation of Training Centres for the Promotion of Progressive Education
French name	Fédération internationale des Centres de Formation aux Méthodes d'Education Active
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Brief History

FICEMEA (International Federation for Integrated Education Training Methods) is a federation that was created in 1954 according to Belgian law.

Opening hours:

9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Objectives

Spread the ideas and practices of the New Education, notably through the training of voluntary and expert trainers, teachers of children with learning difficulties, local development agents as well as staff working in the fields of infancy and mental health.

Working Languages

French, English, Spanish

Structure

- Bureau (10 members) meets every 3 months
- General Assembly

Main Activities

- Training sessions
- Seminars
- Creation of 3 "Infancy" networks in Europe, Africa and the Indian Ocean area

Publications

- Vers l'Education Nouvelle
- Vie sociale et Traitements

FIEEA

English name	International Federation for Educational Exchanges of Children and Adolescents
French name	Fédération internationale pour les Echanges Educatifs d'Enfants et d'Adolescents
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President	Jean-Yves Crenn
Secretary General	Guido Scappaforo

Brief History

The organisation was created in Paris in 1983. Its founding members have been organising international educational exchanges for children and adolescents with a large number of movements and associations.

Opening hours: 9 am - 5.30 pm

Objectives

- Facilitate international youth exchanges between the different member organisations.
- Develop educational co-operation to enable the best exchanges possible.

Working Languages

French and English

Main Activities

- Experts meetings
- Training for youth workers
- Thematic seminars
- Involvement in the major humanitarian causes of society

Publications

- Dialogue (magazine published three times a year)

ICYCW/CIJOC

English name	International Coordination of Young Christian workers
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French name	Coordination Internationale de la Jeunesse Ouvrière Chrétienne
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President	
Secretary General	

JEUNESSES MUSICALES

English name	Union of Jeunesses Musicales of Europe
French name	Jeunesses Musicales Europe
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President	Pierre Goulet
Secretary General	Dag Franzén

Brief History

Jeunesses Musicales International was created in Brussels in 1945. Today, the organisation boasts more than 40 member countries worldwide. The FIJM is a non-profit making organisation aimed at enabling young people to develop through music. Jeunesses Musicales Europe was created in 1990. It consists of European national sections, members of Jeunesses Musicales International, called "Jeunesses musicales" or the equivalent in other languages.

Objectives

- Spread music and organise related activities
- Stimulate interest in the various musical traditions and means of expression
- Work to have the access to music recognised as a human right

Working Languages

English, French and Spanish

Structure

- Annual general meeting
- Board of seven members (four elected by the General Assembly, three appointed following the EU presidency)
- Secretariat

Main Activities

- Co-ordination of European projects
- Communication between European countries

Publications

JME News

Nordic Centre Youth - NCY

English name	Nordic Centre Youth
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President	Magnus Öster
Secretary General	Markus Ginman

Brief History

The Nordic Centre Youth, NCY, is a cooperative body for youth and Party Movement.

Objectives

To form a decentralised policy from an international world community with equality, security and a high quality of life for an ecological balance, a prerequisite for the continued long-term existence.

Working languages

Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian and Icelandic

Structure

- General Assembly (meets annually)
- Board
- Auditors

Main Activities

- Provide a forum for debate on political ideology
 - Deal with practical matters of cooperation
 - Arrange seminars and conferences
 - Maintain contacts between member organisations
 - Maintain international contacts
 - Represent the member organisations through contact and cooperation.
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Pax Christi

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Brief History

The Pax Christi International Youth Forum was established in 1990 to integrate the work of young people in the International Pax Christi Movement. Pax Christi International is a catholic peace and justice movement which was founded in the aftermath of the second World War when a number of French and German citizens decided to take concrete steps to promote reconciliation. Beginning with prayer walks and exchanges between the two countries, it soon became clear that any work for peace needed to be rooted in social and economic justice. In this way, the branches of Pax Christi quickly grew to encompass all issues its members felt were pertinent to them in their quest for a better world. There are now members and affiliated groups all over the world, and the movement works actively in the fields of demilitarisation and security, human rights, North-South relations, peace education, peace spirituality, non-violence, integrity of creation and faith, dialogue and reconciliation.

Objectives

The Movement aims to help young people become actively involved in peace-building efforts by organising activities at national and international level which stimulate discussion on peace and justice-related issues, and serve to strengthen the work of individuals through the meeting of others who are striving towards similar goals.

Working Languages

English

Structure

The Pax Christi Youth Forum has its own decision-making structures and rules of procedures. The co-ordinators of this Forum, located in Brussels, are responsible for obtaining funding, publishing the AGORA newsletter and facilitating working communication between youth sections and individuals.

- A steering committee meets 3 times a year and is responsible for guiding the Pax Christi Youth Forum in between its General Assembly meetings. The steering committee (Executive/Bureau) is composed of a chairperson, the co-ordinators of the Pax Christi Youth Forum, a treasurer and 2 to 4 regular members who are elected by the General Assembly.
- The General Assembly is the sovereign body of the Pax Christi Youth Forum and is composed of 1 to 2 delegates from the Pax Christi national youth forums and affiliated groups. These delegates are elected by their national youth forums or groups for a period of 2 years.

Main Activities

Intercultural exchanges each year through:

- a training course (interactive workshops, discussions, lectures, brainstorming for follow-up actions)
- and an international Route (activity held in a different country each year, examining a specific theme)

Publications

AGORA (quarterly newsletter)

RCY (Red Cross EU-Office)

English name	Red Cross Youth
French name	Croix Rouge Jeunesse
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Brief History

Founded in 1919, the Federation directs and co-ordinates the Movement's international assistance to victims of natural and technological disasters, refugees and people in health emergencies. It acts as the official representative of its member societies in the international field. It promotes co-operation between national societies, and works to strengthen their capacity to carry out effective disaster preparedness, health and social programmes.

Objectives

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies works on the basis of the Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to inspire, facilitate and promote all humanitarian activities carried out by its member national societies to improve the situation of the most vulnerable people.

Working Languages

English, French, Spanish and Arabic

Structure

- Governing Bodies (General Assembly, supreme body of the Federation; Executive Council)
- National Societies
- Federation Secretariat
- Delegations

Main Activities

The main activities range from the management of refugee camps to first-aid training, from emergency telecommunications to substance-abuse prevention.

- Provide disaster response (assess, train and evaluate relief services and emergency response units; relief health; food distribution and nutrition; clothing and shelter; refugee camp management; water and sanitation; information on humanitarian rights; tracing and family reunification).
- Foster development (capacity building of national societies; disaster preparedness; health; blood programme activities; youth activities and gender integration; social welfare; promotion of humanitarian values).

Publications

- World Disasters Report 1999
- Beyond Conflict
- Annual report 1997
- The Emergency Appeal 1999
- Code of Conduct
- Partnerships in Profile 1998/99