



Annual Work Plan

The Cycle of Resilience - Building an Inclusive Post-Pandemic Recovery

ACT3 Seeds of Resilience - Decentralised Actions

**Deadline for applications :
31st of JULY 2022 - 23:59 Brussels time**



Small-grants supporting inclusion

The 'Cycle of Resilience' aims to involve students to build societal resilience through non-formal education amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Thus, the students will have the opportunity to reflect on their local realities and foster positive action through emphasis on youth participation, human rights, social inclusion and democratic citizenship, ensuring a sustainable and peaceful future for their local communities in times of crisis recovery. At the same time, participants will have the opportunity to support collectively each other, as some of them were unable to get any emotional support during the past year, as the pandemic emphasised the inequalities underrepresented groups have faced: severe disruptions to their education, diminished employment prospects, and limited ability to participate in public life, which stymies their individual and social empowerment.

This is the part of the 'Cycle of Resilience' where participants and any other person interested in participating will start, independently, their adventure of taking action at the local level, using previously acquired skills and competences.

The aim is that participants will work on their projects individually or in groups. Depending on the nature and the needs, participants will be free to organise their idea online or offline.

Our objectives

- ▶ applicants will take action and put into practice the previously acquired learnings;
 - ▶ participants will learn by doing: before the implementation of the action (with the grant application), during the implementation of the action and after, by providing a short report (narrative and financial) to ESU's team;
 - ▶ their local actions will contribute to building an inclusive and peaceful resilience recovery and will lead to concrete results and impact
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What we fund

Participants are expected to apply for projects **individually or in groups**. We expect **a wide diversity of projects**: one-off actions, one month-duration project, a series of workshops, informal discussions, peer learning activities, etc.

Diversity of individuals, a diversity of actions all around Europe!

We do fund:

- **student/youth-led initiatives** at the local level proposing concrete solutions answering the impact of COVID-19 for under-represented youth.
- **actions/initiatives** on topics such as advocacy & awareness-raising campaign at local, national or European level.
- practices in the community supporting **inclusion**: such as cultural activities, workshops using different types of media (photo, sound recording, writing, etc) at local, national or European level.
- You can apply for **any sum up to 500 E** (up to 500 euros for up to 10 initiatives: 5000 in total);
- **We fund**: project costs

We do NOT fund: scholarships and student fees, building (rent) or equipment costs (printers or computers, for instance).

You can decide on the actions and focus of the projects, but to be chosen, they **MUST**:

- have a clear link with the objectives of the call
- show good understanding of the context and **needs** being addressed
- take on actions that are relevant to those needs
- be student-led or have a strong student participation

Very strong attention will be given to the effective inclusion of young people or students and as much as possible in the decision-making processes.

In the past year, we have funded:

an anti-hate speech campaign /// awareness raising campaigns /// production of infographics and videos /// grassroots student initiatives supporting refugee kids and their families /// websites /// mentoring programmes for refugee students /// capacity building events for students /// representatives and youth activists /// advocacy trainings and actions /// buddy programme and non-formal activities to break barriers /// networking events, conference and workshops ///

Read more about our <https://togethertomovingforward.eu/get-inspired/> to get inspired



Who can apply

1. The programme is open to all non-for profit organisations, **student-led** groups, local students' unions, and **youth-led** organisations
 2. Application from a **single individual or a group of people.**
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How to apply

Tell us about your project idea!

- Project description, including info on objectives, activities, results
- Budget Proposal

Tell us about your project.

- Answer five simple questions to describe what you want to accomplish, why and how.
- Include relevant, precise information but keep it under **2,000 words (about four A4 pages)**.
- We will tell you within one-two week if your project is selected for implementation.
- Apply via the following [form](#) to be downloaded and sent to **awp2022@esu-online.org**
- You will receive feedback about your project whether your project is selected or not for receiving our grant
- You will know about the selection results by the beginning of August 2022

How we select

A selection committee will be in charge of selection. It includes ESU project officers and members.

We designed a list of selection criteria which will be applied in evaluating every single project. Read more about them and find some tips in our [Selection Criteria](#) resource.

Application tips

- Write in clear and simple English;
 - Support your claims with data when explaining the context background;
 - Tackle a concrete issue with concrete actions. Expect concrete results;
 - Ensure you have explained well enough why your approach is relevant, what you are going to do and how you are going to do it;
 - Get familiar with the selection criteria;
 - Ask someone who doesn't know you or the project to read the proposal before you submit it. They can spot what is missing or what is not clear.
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Apply now

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Need more help from ESU?

Contact us! awp2022@esu-online.org

****Remember that, whether your project is selected or not for receiving our grant, *each participant will receive feedback!* This will be for sure a great exercise and opportunity to practice before applying for other grants.****

****ESU staff will support you during the implementation period via email and scheduled video calls, when needed!****
