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# New Year's Welcome Event

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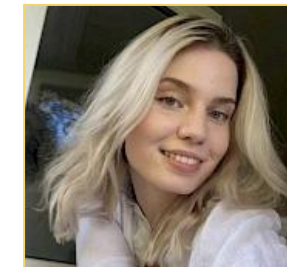
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# 2025 – The Year at a Glance

We welcomed our new EEIG Members to the YES Forum



**ipCENTER**  
room for learning



You participated in our It's Not Luck, It's Social Work campaign



You joined us for our annual General Assembly in Groningen, and our Policy Event in Brussels



We contributed to the development of the new EPSR Action Plan, and the Anti-Poverty Strategy



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# Key reflections

## 2025 and the EaSI period



New Strategy



Mapping differences and  
similarities in Youth Work  
across EU countries

# Opportunities in 2026

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- Feed your organisational views into EU policy discussions
- Representation throughout Civil Society Week and EU Social Forum
- Build capacity through our workshops and trainings (details to follow)
  - On the new EPSR Action Plan (youth workers, young people)
  - Accessing ESF+ funding
  - Generational knowledge exchange
- Participate and learn through our General Assembly and Policy Event
  - Support youth participation at European level
- Be featured in YES Forum campaigns, benefitting from cross-promotion at EU level



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# Working with members in 2026

Drop-in sessions

Study visits and peer exchange

Policy dialogue

Project development and planning

Annual Event

Save the date!  
15 - 17 Jun 2026



# Members' priorities for the year ahead



## Splitting into Breakout rooms – 30 min

1. What are your key priorities for 2026 for your organisation?
2. What are your main focuses / themes in your day-to-day work?
3. What are your aspirations for international collaboration?

These were participant's answers: ☐







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# Opportunities for collaboration in 2026

- **Neurodiversity:** dialogue, practice, inclusion & innovation on cognitive diversity language EN
  - Training for staff, 27/4-01/05 (GR)
  - Seminar for yp and staff 23-27/11 (NL)
- **Zug um Zug:** learning mobility, new concepts for mobility starting in exploring local community language DE
  - Training for staff Vienna 13-16 July (AT)
  - Seminar for yp and staff 19-23 October Trento (IT)





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# Overview of Key Dates & Events

- **Civil Society Week**, 2 - 5 March
  - **EU Social Forum**, 3 - 4 March
  - **EU Youth Conference**, 17 - 20 March, Cyprus,
  - **European Youth Week**, 24 Apr to 1 May
- **Annual Event**, 15-17 Jun, in Timișoara (Romania)
  - **Policy Event** as part of Policy Dialogue, 4-6 Nov, Brussels



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> wave Social Media Campaign



# Thank you - stay in touch ...



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