



Empowering
young people

Connecting regional realities with European strategies: advancing youth employment and social inclusion

YES Forum Policy Event 2025

17 – 19 November 2025, Brussels (BE)

The **YES Forum 2025 Policy Event** will explore **how local realities and the voices of young people can meaningfully shape European strategies** for social and economic inclusion bringing together youth and social work professionals, disadvantaged young people, civil society and EU policymakers.

The event will offer space to reflect on how the **European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan** can deliver tangible change in young people's lives and highlight **promising approaches to supporting NEETs** and disadvantaged youth across diverse European regions, including rural areas, and Southeast, Central and Eastern Europe.

Join us to explore how grassroots practice and the experience of professionals can strengthen the implementation of European strategies designed to promote social and economic inclusion!

Participation conditions

- **YES Forum EEIG members:** YES Forum will cover the costs for 2 participants, including 2-night accommodation (17 & 18 November 2025) at the [Motel One hotel](#), meals on site & up to 200€ for travel costs per organisation. *No extra nights will be covered or arranged by the organisation.*
- **YES Forum Associate members:** YES Forum will reimburse up to 100€ travel support and up to 150€ financial support for expenses on accommodation per organisation & will cover meals on site. Reimbursement will be made after the event upon receipt of the relevant travel and accommodation documents.
- **Non-member organisations:** 150€ participation fee will apply, covering meals on site. *Not applicable to Back On Track partners & guests.*

Registration is open!

Deadline:

12 September 2025

Limited places!



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YES Forum 2025 Policy Event		
Monday, 17 th November 2025		
Venue: EVBB VET House, Bd. Charlemagne 28, B-1000, Brussels		
17:00 – 17:30	Registration	
17:30 – 20:30	Meet & connect Interactive dinner & networking including project planning conversations	
Tuesday, 18th November 2025		
Venue: ACV/CSC, Rue Royale 45, 1000 Brussels		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
10:00 – 12:30	EU level initiatives to enhance social rights for disadvantaged young people Panel discussion with high-level EU stakeholders and open dialogue	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	From policy to practice, the Back On Track case: delivering social inclusion for rural NEETs in the Danube region Presentation of regional cooperation’s contribution to the implementation of the EPSR	
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break	
16:30 – 17:30	Looking ahead	
18:30	Joint dinner	
Wednesday, 19 th November 2025		
09:00 – 12:00	Meetings with MEPs For YES Forum members	EU up close: visit to the European Parliament Parallel programme

Questions?

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