



Youth for Water and Climate Programme

Call for application

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What is the Youth for Water and Climate Programme?

The Youth for Water and Climate Programme is an 8-month capacity-building program for young professionals in the water and climate sector. The program will offer two five-day in-person workshops, a mentorship opportunity, support in finding an internship, a community of practice and a complete online curriculum to support youth who wish to further develop their professional skills and/or entrepreneurial skills in the water and climate sector.

- **Learn and boost your skills**

The YWCP partners developed the YWC Curriculum, an open-source and freely available online course which aims to inform, motivate and prepare European youth to develop innovative and disruptive solutions, equip youth with the needed leadership skills and methodologies to make a real change, and provide youth with methodologies and tools to implement water & climate solutions.

During the program, you will be invited to complete the online curriculum at your own pace. The in-person workshops will offer in-person capacity building activities around the four themes of the curriculum modules: take-up a career in the water & climate sector, develop personal professional skills to become a great leader, learn how to start an impactful business or plan your own project, start a professional career in a water and climate organization.

- **Receive mentoring from experienced professionals**

During the entire program, you will be matched with a mentor, an experienced professional from the water and climate sector, with whom you shall connect at least once a month via phone, Skype/WhatsApp or email. You will receive guidance to maximize the impact of this relationship through the Mentorship Guide developed by the partners.

- **Get support to find an internship**

If you wish to take part in a 4-6-month internship in 2022, the YWC Partners will help you find an internship that suits your learning objectives. Even though we cannot guarantee an internship for all participants, we will do our very best to help guide you towards interesting opportunities.

- **Join a wide community of practice**

You will be invited to actively participate in an online community of practice with all mentors, partners, and young participants of the YWC Programme. The community of practice will be a safe platform for collaboration and coordinated action, building leadership capacity, sharing of ideas, and improving the quality of knowledge and learning approaches. You will be invited to take ownership of this space and actively participate in its design and management.

Who are the organisers?

- **Solidarity Water Europe (SWE)**

SWE is an NGO based in Strasbourg, France. SWE's mission is to catalyze the vectors of change that contribute to the establishment of sustainable water governance, universal access to water and sanitation and the advancement of water as a factor of peace and cooperation in Europe.

- **Global Water Partnership - Central and Eastern Europe (GWP-CEE)**

GWP-CEE was established in 1998 as a Regional Water Partnership of the Global Water Partnership. GWP-CEE is an international network of organizations involved in water resource management. Its vision is for a water secure world and its mission is to advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development.

- **Global Water Partnership (GWP)**

GWP is a multi-stakeholder action network and intergovernmental international organisation which aims to foster the implementation of integrated water resources management: the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources in order to maximise economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment.

- **International Secretariat for Water (ISW)**

The ISW is a non-governmental organisation based in Montreal, Canada. ISW's mission is to initiate and facilitate actions that contribute to positive systemic changes in the framework of water governance from the local to the global level and to the empowerment of actors involved in the water sector.

- **CEWAS**

cewas is a Swiss non-profit association that builds and strengthens the capacities of change makers and entrepreneurs to solve SDG related impact challenges in the "water+ nexus" field worldwide.

- **Global Water Partnership - Hungary (GWP-Hungary)**

GWP-Hungary supports the sustainable development and management of water resources at the country and local levels. GWP Hungary believes that an integrated approach to managing water resources is the best way to contribute to the pursuing of GWP's vision – a water secure world.

- **Good Planet Belgium**

GoodPlanet Belgium is a non-profit organisation which aims is to help as many people as possible find their way towards sustainability in our complex society and to help them become aware of the choices they make.

What is the calendar of activities?

Beggining of October 2021	••••• Communication of results to participants
November 9th 2021	••••• Information session with participants
January 17th 2022	••••• Launch of program -Virtual welcoming session
February 7th - 11th 2022 (travel on the 6th and 12th)	••••• Workshop 1 (Hungary)
End of August 2022	••••• Workshop 2 (Sweden)

Throughout the program, monthly online activities will be organised through the community of practice. The agenda will be co-developed with the participants during the 1st Blended Mobility. Furthermore, the participants will also be invited to take leadership in organising their own meetings with their mentor.

What are the participation criteria?

- 18-30 years old
- Currently living in one of the following countries: France, Sweden, Slovakia, Hungary, Belgium (you must be based in one of these countries for the entire duration of the program)
- Studying, working and/or volunteering in a field related to water and climate
- Strong commitment and interest for water and climate related issues (national, regional or international level)
- Significant motivation to take part in the program & availability to take part in all the program activities.
- Must be able to communicate in English
- Must have access to Internet

What are the fees and costs?

The fees and costs related to the workshops will be covered by the program:

- International transportation (economy class seats)
- Basic accommodation
- 3 meals per day
- Local transportation
- Activities and program expenses

Covered by the participants:

- Insurance (mandatory)
- Other personal expenses

How can I apply?

To apply, you must submit the application form as well as a short 2 min video presentation and a 200-word essay.

[Access the form](#)

Or, copy paste the link in your browser :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiDKWjE3CCrEDN08ZnaI0x-TyvKkrxr2DnvdFfxKRIG-08RA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The deadline to apply is September 23rd 2021, 11:59 PM GMT.

Questions?

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