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Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

General

1. What is the Mediterranean Youth Academy - MYA?

The MYA is a youth-led project initiated by the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development – MYF in 2019. MYA works to connect the shores of the Mediterranean and aims to raise awareness on issues such as climate change, irregular migration, gender equality, human rights, unemployment, and violent extremism.

MYA provides young people aged between 18 and 29 with the knowledge, tools, and skills needed to take positive actions and implement youth-led initiatives in their local communities. MYA uses interactive methods such as gamification, storytelling, simulation, panel discussions, dialogue, and field visits.

After two successful editions held in Egypt, **the third edition of the MYA** will be held in **Barcelona, Spain**. This third edition is co-organized by MYF and the Union for the Mediterranean – UfM with the financial support of the German Development Cooperation - GIZ.

This edition will be delivered in the format of a four-day training program aiming at enhancing the participants' skills and facilitating their active role in the decision and policy-making processes related to the three specific MYA Thematic Clusters: **Climate Change & Climate Justice, Social Inclusion, and Youth Employment**.

In addition, participants in the MYA will also be invited to the Launching Event of the UfM Youth Action Plan, which will be held on November 9th evening.

The objectives of the 3rd edition of the MYA are:

1. Engage up to 120 young people in proposing recommendations to policymakers on the key topics that will be discussed during the workshops.
2. Facilitate the identification of 3-5 youth-related initiatives to emerge during the MYA workshops with a bottom-up approach. These selected initiatives will eventually receive, at a further stage, implementation support by the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development – MYF.
3. Contribute to the drafting of the “Initiatives for the Mediterranean” guidebook to be produced by the MYF. The guidebook will provide insights into how youth-led initiatives can contribute to addressing issues widely felt in the Euro-Mediterranean region and discussed during the MYA.



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2. How many participants will be selected at the 3rd edition?

MYA will select up to 120 young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region aged between 18 and 29 years old.

3. What about the previous editions of the MYA?

The MYA has been implemented twice before in Egypt by the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development – MYF with the support of the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports in collaboration with a collation of partners and has achieved great success. In its first edition that has been implemented in August 2021, the attendees of the MYA came up with 13 youth-led initiatives and 9 recommendations, and 7 initiatives were implemented. In the second edition that has been implemented in September 2022, the participants to the MYA came up with 29 recommendations and 15 youth-led initiatives. MYA team managed to mobilize funding for 2 initiatives that were recently implemented.

To find information about what came at the MYA first edition, kindly follow [this link](#).

To find information about what came at the MYA second edition, kindly follow [this link](#).

4. Is participation to the MYA fully funded?

Up to 50 successful applicants from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, and Türkiye will receive the full coverage of the costs related to their participation, including flights, accommodation, and boarding. Participants from the other UfM Member States will be required to cover the costs related to their attendance.

Please note that all successful applicants, whether eligible for the full coverage of the costs or not, will not pay any participation fee to join the 3rd edition of the MYA.

5. How can I find MYF on social media?

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Twitter](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

6. What will be the language of MYA?

The event will be entirely held in English. Participants must have an intermediate level of English (B2 within the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)).

7. What is the dress code?

Business Casual for the workshops will be held from 6 to 8 of November. A formal dress code is recommended for the panels to be held on November 9th.

8. What is the time commitment required to complete the academy?

The applicant is required to be 100% committed to attending the full program. Successful applicants will be required to sign a letter of commitment to full attendance of the initiative.



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9. What are the benefits of participation?

- A chance to share your social impact.
- High-level dialogue sessions, thematic workshops, and networking opportunities
- Focused group discussions
- Meet stakeholders from across the region.
- Group activities
- A participation certificate.

10. What happens once I finish the MYA?

All the participants in the 3rd MYA edition will get access to:

- Get the chance of being selected among the 3-5 youth-led initiatives that will get support to be implemented after the MYA.
- Get membership of the Mediterranean Youth Foundation.
- Participate in any other events that MYA will organize.
- Get the chance to participate in MYA 4th edition as part of the team.

Application process

1. How can I apply to the third edition of the MYA?

To apply to this call, it is mandatory to fill out the [application form](#) in English. The online form includes the following:

1. Application Form: to be completed with personal and professional information about the applicant in addition to the motivation to join MYA and any further relevant information.
2. Mandatory attachment:
 - Copy of a valid travel document
3. Optional attachments:
 - Articles/essays/thesis related drafted by the applicant and related to one or more MYA Thematic Clusters
 - Any attendance or completion certificate related to education/training related to one or more MYA Thematic Cluster.
 - CEFR English certificate with at least a B2 level.

2. Am I eligible to apply to the MYA?

To be eligible for this call for application, applicants must:

- Be between 18 and 29 years old by the time of the application submission.
- Be nationals of one of the [UfM Member States](#).



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- By the time of the application submission, have a valid travel document.
- Have the availability to follow the MYA for the full four days (6-9 November 2023).
- Have an Intermediate level of English.
- Have previous knowledge or experience in one or more of the three MYA Thematic Clusters.

3. Do you have any exemption for those above the age limit but still want to apply?

No, there aren't any exemptions for those above the age limit. We do not accept applications of people below 18 or above 29 years old at the time of the application submission.

4. When is the deadline to submit the application?

You can apply until the 31st of May 2023 at 23:59 (CEST Time).

5. After the submission of the application, is there any other selection step?

Pre-selected applicants will be invited to undergo an online interview aimed at verifying its motivation to join the MYA and the level of English.

6. Is it possible to update my application after it has been submitted?

No, it's not possible.

7. Can I attend workshops related to more than one MYA Thematic Cluster?

After the final selection, participants will be divided into three groups, each group will only attend workshops related to one of the three MYA Thematic Clusters. When dividing participants into three groups, the preferences indicated in the applications forms will be taken into account. However, organisers cannot guarantee that each and every participant will be allocated to the thematic clusters indicated as the favored one.

8. When will the results be announced?

Successful applicants will be notified no later than 3 months prior to the MYA, meaning around July-August. Please note that only successful applicants will be contacted.

9. Does the program include a preparation course?

Yes, it does. Successful applicants will be required to attend an online preparation course of the duration of 5 hours ca. The online preparation course will be held between August and September.

If you have any further questions that have not been answered above, please contact mya@myfmed.org and a member of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.