

Mandate of the Youthpass Advisory Group

Title	Youthpass Advisory Group
Duration of the mandate	01.03.2022 – 30.06.2028
Coordinating DG and Unit	Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), Unit B.3 - Youth, Volunteer Solidarity and Traineeships Office. The SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre.
Chair	The European Commission and SALTO Training and Cooperation share the chairing of the Advisory Group.

Membership & Governance

In the Advisory Group, the following stakeholders of the youth work community of practice should be represented:

- At least four Heads of Erasmus+/Youth National Agencies (NAs) or Youthpass Officers;
- Two to three Youth Researchers, familiar with the EU Youth Programmes and the thematic range of recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning;
- Two to three trainers / organisations or platforms representing trainers; active in the EU Youth Programmes, familiar with the network of SALTO Resource centres (SALTOS) and NAs, and with the Youthpass Strategy;
- Two to three youth workers / organisations or platforms representing youth workers; active in the EU Youth Programmes, familiar with the network of SALTO Resource centres (SALTOS) and NAs, and with the Youthpass Strategy;
- Three to five representatives of young people / youth leaders, active in the EU Youth Programmes and interested in Youthpass and the topics of recognition and validation of learning;
- One representative from the Youth Partnership
- One representative from the European Youth Forum
- One representative from the Executive Agency
- One representative from the thematic and one from regional SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres, possibly participating in a rotating basis; one representative from the Solidarity Corps Resource Centre.

Membership in the Advisory Group is upon the nomination by the Directors of the Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps NAs when it comes to NA representatives; and the results of a selection process, steered by SALTO Training and Cooperation and the European Commission, for the expert members not connected to specific institutions. In case over the course of time, the representation of some stakeholder groups substantially decreases, a repeated call may be issued.

The European Commission and SALTO Training and Cooperation share the chair of the Advisory Group; SALTO Training and Cooperation supports its work to ensure contributions and coordination.

The nominated members commit to actively participate in the Advisory Group's meetings and contribute to its outputs.

The work of the Advisory Group will begin on 01.03.2022 and will end on 30.06.2028. The working language of the Advisory Group is English. Therefore, good working skills in English are essential.

The Advisory Group can invite external experts or stakeholders working on topics addressed by the Youthpass Strategy to participate on ad hoc basis in particular meetings. With the help of such ad hoc guests, also connections to other relevant sectors should be created, such as areas related to employment and education.

In principle, the Advisory Group meets once or twice per year, with an approximate interval of nine months, in residential and/or digital formats. Additional online meetings are possible to discuss specific matters. A dedicated online space restricted to the members of the Advisory Group and/or to other participants invited by the Advisory Group enables collecting and sharing relevant documents before and in between meetings.

Specific subgroups may be created – with possible inclusion of further experts – to gather more specific feedback on certain projects or development areas within the strategy implementation. The work of the subgroups will in such cases provide basis for and feed into the discussions to be held in the Youthpass Advisory Group.

The role of the Youthpass Advisory Group:

- Promoting and advocating for the EU Youth Programmes as contexts of learning and competence development.
- Supporting the implementation and further development of the Youthpass Strategy, by providing expert advice and feedback on its implementation plans. Where relevant, the members contribute with the collective feedback of the stakeholder organisations they represent.
- Monitoring the implementation of the Youthpass Strategy and advising on directions for areas of specific attention.
- Creating links with other relevant processes in development of youth work and/or youth policies, on European and national levels. This includes the development of the implementation of the EU Youth Programmes in relation to recognition, European Youth Work Agenda and the Bonn Process, as well as the Strategic National Agencies Cooperation projects, especially those focusing on youth work.
- Exchanging information, good practices and expertise about recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning in the youth field, highlighting relevant policy initiatives, creating synergies or other opportunities for collaboration.

- Drawing conclusions from lessons learnt that could be valuable input to policy making at national and European levels.
- Dissemination and promotion of the Youthpass Strategy and other developments related to the recognition and validation of learning in youth work and volunteering.