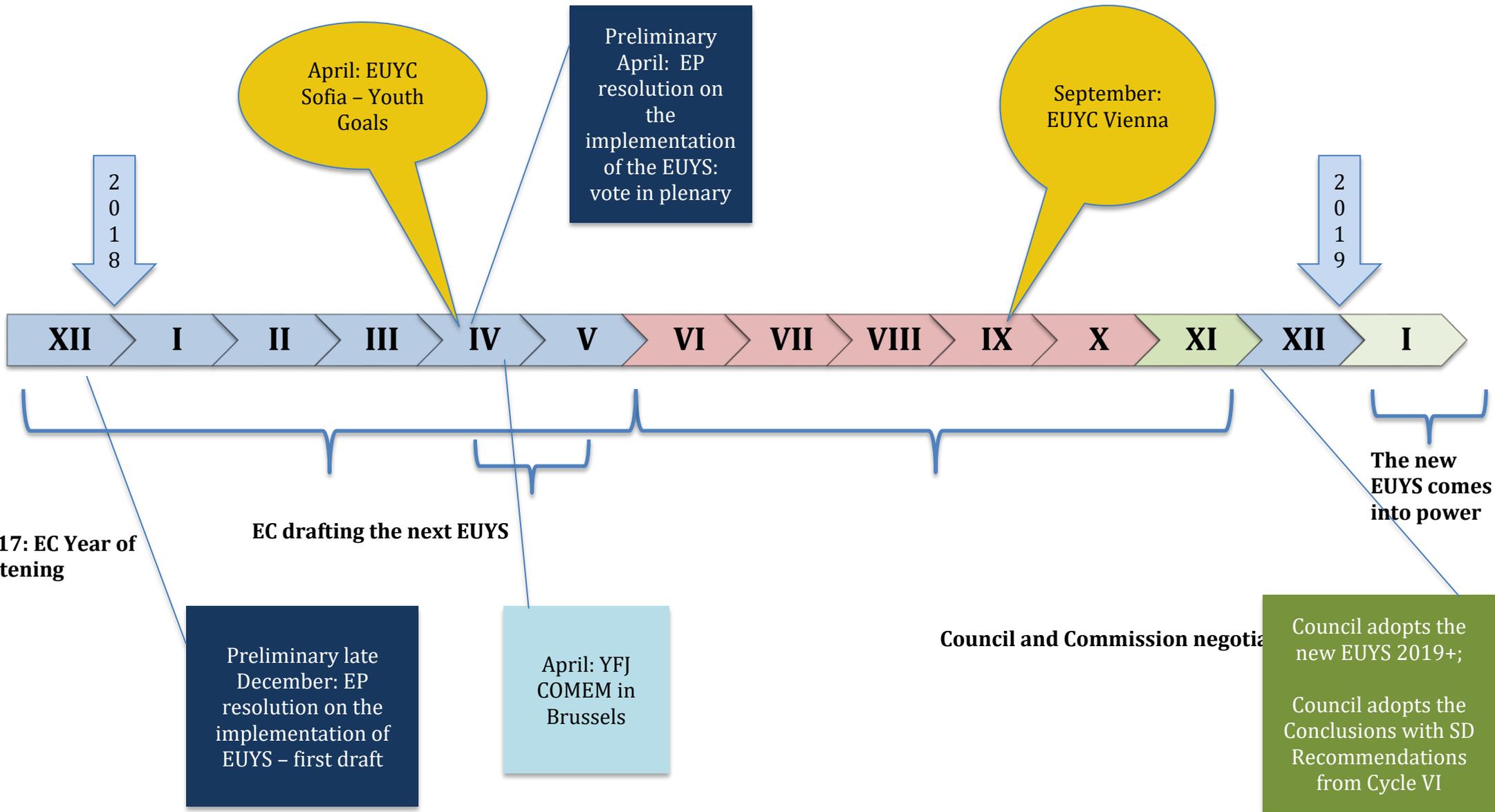


EU Youth Strategy 2019+ (European Cooperation framework in youth field 2019+) timeline explained



Aim of cooperation within the EUYS Network

Member states play big role in designing and deciding on how We need strong cooperation, coordinated messages and EU institutions to get our claims in the new strategy. This is Network come in.

At the same time we are keen to support your work all the way, allow us to do it better!

Below you will find an elaboration on the timeline that's divided now until June 2018 – the drafting phase of the proposal on the EU Youth Strategy. The second covers time period from June 2018 until November 2018 – having the negotiations between the EC and the member states at the core of the action.



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Now – June 2018: This is the period for YFJ and member organisations to deliver messages to policy makers on what we want to see in the new Youth Strategy

Key documents and happenings:

1. 2017 has been a year of listening at EU institutions, and the EC has been gathering inputs on the next EUYS. The EC has already started to draft the new EUYS, and some governments have been involved more than the others (Trio EU Presidency countries in particular).
2. The European Parliament (EP) CULT committee (Committee on Culture and Education) is working on the **resolution on the implementation of the EUYS**. We are already in touch with the rapporteur (MEP Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Spain, S&D Group). First draft is scheduled to come out in late December, and the vote in the plenary is scheduled for April. YFJ will be working closely with the rapporteur and other MEPs, drafting and submitting amendments and advocating for our policies to be well represented in the final document.
3. In April **EU Youth Conference (EUYC) will take place in Sofia, and the main outcome – Youth Goals**, that will be formulated on the basis of the structured dialogue consultations with young people (ongoing at the moment), will feed into the draft EU

Youth Strategy. We do not know yet the exact form of the Youth Goals, as it depends on the design of the EUYC, as well as the results from the consultation. However, the European Commission has referred to the Youth Goals and confirmed that they will be taken into account, establishing a direct link between the input gathered through the Structured Dialogue and the next Youth Strategy.

4. In April also COMEM of YFJ will take place in Brussels and it will be an important space to use for sharing updates and strategies. We will encourage members to meet with the Permanent Representations of your countries in Brussels, with a particular focus on discussing EU Youth Strategy and Structured Dialogue.
5. On 1st of January Bulgaria will take over the Presidency in the Council of the EU from Estonia.
6. Currently YFJ is developing a new proposal for the Governance of the EUYS with concrete proposals on implementation, monitoring and youth participation through all stages of the process.

Take action!

- **Contact your Ministry** and ask them to send you their input to EU Youth Report 2018 that will be published in June, if you have not received it yet or contributed to it earlier. It will help you to orientate in your country's position and provide a good start to reflect and start conversation. EU Youth report is EUYS implementation monitoring instrument, providing information on progress of the implementation of objectives of EUYS, as well as the situation of young people in Europe.
- **Arrange a meeting with your Ministry** and talk about your position. Here you can access the [Resolution on the new EUYS adopted by YFJ in November 2016](#); our [proposal for a new Structured Dialogue process](#) and [proposal for a participatory and cross-sectorial policy making](#) that you are welcome to share with them!
- **Share the key messages and information that you get from your government with the EUYS Network** (you can post them at Basecamp), so we can map them for better advocacy coordination!
- **Stay tuned for our work on the amendments to the EP report**, after the first draft is out (December/January)!

June 2018 – November 2018: This is the key period for YFJ and most importantly - member organisations to engage in negotiations on the EUYS

Key documents and happenings:

1. **In June the European Commission (EC) will issue a communication on the EU Youth Strategy. The communication will contain a draft EUYS, entering the negotiation period between the Commission and the Council.** It will be accompanied by the EU Youth Report.
2. **The last EUYC of the VI Cycle will take place in September in Vienna.** Alongside to the EUYC in Vienna, **Austrian ministry will be hosting informal Youth ministers' meeting**, providing an excellent opportunity for exchange on the EUYS.
3. The negotiations on the EUYS will take place until **November, when the [Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council configuration](#) (EYCS) will adopt the next EUYS, as well as adopt Council Conclusions with recommendations from the Cycle VI of Structured Dialogue.** The adopted strategy will come into force in 2019.
4. Austria will take over the Presidency of the Council of the EU on 1st of July 2018 from Bulgaria.

Take action!

- As mentioned, **this period will be crucial for negotiations in the Council, therefore all of your help to get to your governments and defend or get in our positions will be crucial.** We will coordinate it and provide all the support needed when the draft will be out!
- We will also encourage you to coordinate your delegations and messages to the EUYC in Vienna.

Acronyms and other terms explained:

The EU Youth Strategy (EUYS) is informal name of the official term used that is European cooperation framework in the youth field. Do not be confused, they mean the same thing.

The EU cooperation in field of youth falls under the [Open Method of Coordination](#), where decisions made at the EU level are not legally binding and member states do not need to introduce laws to implement them. Thus, youth issues are competence of member states and EU can play only supportive and coordinating role with a soft impact. This is why it is so crucial to have good coordination between YFJ and members to make sure that we have actual impact on the ground and when the decisions are adopted on the EU level.

It also means that practically the European Parliament plays no role in the process (in terms of drafting, decision making etc). Despite that, Parliament will be providing an opinion (in the form of the report that will be adopted in April) that does not oblige the commission to do something, but still is considered as a strong political guidance.

Acronyms used:

EUYC – European Union Youth Conference;

EUYS – European Union Youth Strategy;

EP – European Parliament;

CULT – European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education;

EYCS – Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council Configuration;

EC – European Commission;

SD – Structured Dialogue;

Resources to use:

1. [Communication of the Commission on the EU Youth Strategy \(2010-2018\); Current EU Youth Strategy \(2010-2018\) as adopted by the Council;](#)
2. [EU Dashboard of Youth Indicators;](#)
3. EC page on the Youth Strategy: https://ec.europa.eu/youth/policy/youth-strategy_en

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Please feel free to approach YFJ with requests to support your work, whether it is a call to give you the latest updates on the process before you are heading to the meeting with your ministry, brainstorming and elaborating on proposals, or anything else! We are keen to support you in the amazing work you are doing to push for better youth policies on the European level!

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