

Youth4Regions - the programme **for** aspiring journalists

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What is #Youth4Regions?

Context: relatively low awareness of the policy in some countries (2017).

A programme to enable a generation of journalists specialized in EU cohesion policy.

Objectives:

- Enable aspiring journalists to specialize in EU cohesion policy
- Create a pan-European community of journalists
- Fight disinformation
- Enhance the links between the European Commission and young Europeans

Who can apply

- Citizens of EU Member States, EU neighbouring or candidate countries
- Between 18 and 30 years old
- Demonstrate a real interest in journalism through studies and/or work experience

How it works?

- Application period: 11 April – 11 July
- During the EU Regions Week:
 - Trainings
 - Mentorship
 - Practical experience in the pressroom
 - Visit of media organisations and other EU institutions
- After the Week:
 - DG REGIO media programmes
 - Youth4Regions alumni network

Previous editions

- Participants become part of the Youth4Regions Alumni community
- 134 alumni after 5 editions
- We hold regular alumni chats with guest speakers

- Where are they now: Maddie and Marta (Deutsche Welle), Anne (Agence Europe), Anastasia (ORF), Anelia (Bulgaria ON Air), Dinah (Sveriges Radio), Lukas (LNK TV), Agnieszka (TVP), Dino (RTV), Elisa (El Pais) etc.

Results (biennial survey among the alumni)

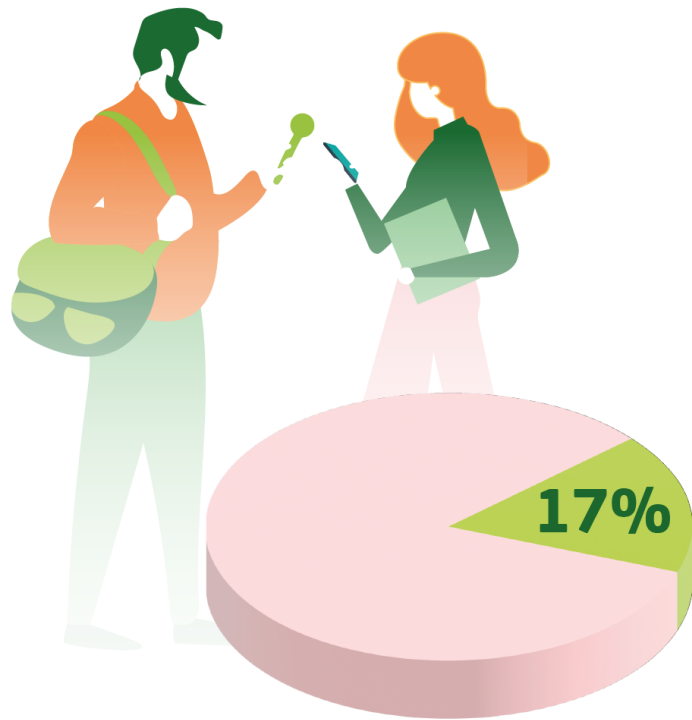


« Youth4Regions helped my career through networking and professional advice. »

#Youth4Regions *programme alumni*



Results (biennial survey among the alumni)



« I received a job offer thanks to the Youth4Regions programme. »

#Youth4Regions *programme alumni*



Novelties for this year

- The programme now covers also photojournalism
- Extended programme (7 full days), more trainings (mo-jo, photo, writing, EU in brief, cohesion policy)
- Photojournalism competition
- More networking with experienced journalists and media organisations



The programme was an eye-opening event. I gained much knowledge about the EU and how it works. This was an experience worth attending.

Vladislav Musakko,
#Youth4Regions 2021 alumnus





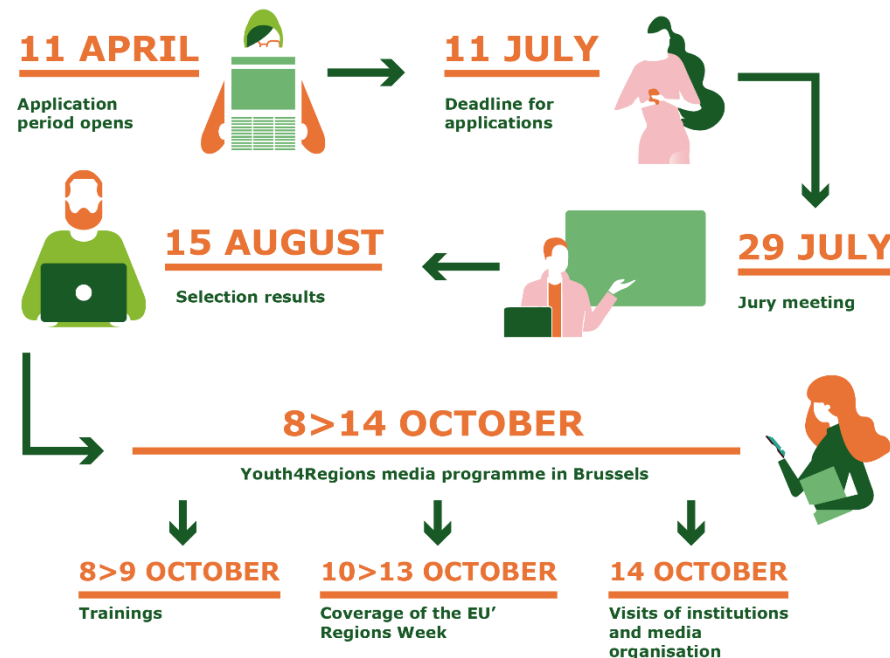
Connecting with so many promising young journalists was completely enriching. The paths that they take will no doubt be very exciting ones.

Elsie Haldane,
#Youth4Regions 2021 alumna



Current edition

- Applications period opened on 11 April
- INFORM EU members are invited to promote the programme
- Communication kit available on the website: www.youth4regions.eu



The Megalizzi – Niedzielski prize for aspiring journalists & The Youth4Regions photo competition

- Honouring the memory of Antonio Megalizzi and Bartek Niedzielski
- All participants in the Youth4Regions programme enter in the competition for the Megalizzi – Niedzielski prize
- Separate photo competition with public voting during the EU Regions Week for Youth4Regions photojournalists
- Prizes: professional cameras, road trip through three countries to document cohesion policy projects

The Megalizzi – Niedzielski prize winners of 2021



Thank you!

#Youth4Regions is the first European Commission programme dedicated to young journalists in the EU

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