

WATER & PEACE

XIVTH EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER

Rovereto (Trento, Italy)

1st to 7th October 2017

CALL FOR APPLICATION



Solidarité Eau Europe
Solidarity Water Europe
Solidarität Wasser Europa



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1. What is the European Youth Parliament for Water?

For more than 15 years now, Solidarity Water Europe (SWE) and its partners organize throughout Europe the European Youth Parliament for Water (EYPW) whose objectives are:

- **To raise young people's awareness** about the importance of water as a resource, and related fundamental issues;
- **To promote and support youth participation in the awareness and the management of water issues**, through concrete projects and the participation in debates on water issues held at local, European and international level, etc.;
- **To encourage exchanges and solidarity among young European** around different water-related issues.

2. The Theme

The theme discussed during the Parliaments is different each time and is decided by Solidarity Water Europe and its partners.

The theme of the 14th European Youth Parliament for Water will be: **"Water and Peace"**.

The Parliament will focus on shared waters between the regions, countries, peoples of the world that were or could be a source of important conflicts.

The purpose of this Parliament is to reflect and exchange on the way we can contribute to develop a true culture of Peace which will lead to the resolution of the water-related conflicts through the implementation of a shared responsibility and of a common will to preserve and to manage at best a common resource, vital for everyone. This theme will be discussed and developed in its different aspects through plenary sessions, workshops, field trips, etc.

3. The Programme

All along the week, the members of the 14th EYPW will be involved in:

- **Active learning activities:** debates with local and international experts, with politicians, with representatives of the civil society, research and field trips, dialogue with local population, etc.;
- **Workshops will be held to reflect** about how to collectively create suitable conditions for water protection, positive exchanges, a constructive dialogue... which could lead to peaceful shared management and water management;
- **Daily democratic practices through the organization and management of elections**, the discussion and the adoption of a collective declaration and commitments;
- **Intercultural exchanges** through evenings of sharing and the discovery of the culture of the host country;
- **Opening and closing official ceremonies** in institutional places (chamber of the Provincial Council, chamber of the Municipal Council, esplanade of the Foundation...);

- **Solemn ceremony**, the 92th birthday of the first knell of the “Campana dei Caduti” which, every evening, rings 100 times to remember all the victims of wars and as a message of Peace addressed to all living.

4. What happens next?

The young members of the Parliament will have the possibility to ensure the follow-up of their commitments.

To do this, they will have the opportunity to:

- **Participate to international events** related to water and involving the Youth, in order to disseminate the results of the 14th Parliament, to share the commitments, to get involved and acquainted with political debates. For example, the President and the Vice-presidents will participate to the World Youth Parliament for Water which be held in Brazil in 2018;
- **Implement actions to raise awareness** at local and European level;
- **Participate in and contribute** to European networks.

5. Who can participate?

A hundred youth aged between 17 and 25, living in the countries of the Council of Europe¹. The participants will be organized in delegations of maximum 5 persons per country: 4 youth (the members) and 1 adult (the coordinator).

6. The cost

The organizers will take charge of the accommodation and the transport on site for each delegation.

The travel from the home country to Italy and return, have to be covered by the delegation itself. An assistance for this cost has been requested to the ERASMUS + Programme. The answer is for now unknown. The candidates who would like to benefit from this co-funding are invited to complete the attached information document.

7. The preparation

The Parliament is not restricted to the 5 days of its duration. From summer 2017, the delegations will be invited to get involve in the preparation process. This will aim for the preparation of the participants on the topics discussed during the Parliament. It will also be asked to the delegations to prepare “products” as posters, a video... related to the theme and which will be in competition; the best ones will be awarded.

¹ Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Greece, Turkey, Iceland, Germany, Austria, Cyprus, Switzerland, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Finland, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Andorra, Latvia, Albania, Moldova, Macedonia, Ukraine, Russia, Croatia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Monaco, Montenegro

8. How to apply?

Please send us by email to mdewitte@see-swe.org, the two attached information sheets: **before 4th August 2017**.

The participants will be selected according to their motivation and/or experience. By **August 15th 2017**, you will be notified of the outcome of your application.

After your participation has been confirmed, you will receive the necessary logistic and methodological information.

9. The partners

The 14th parliament will be the result of joint effort of:

- **Solidarity Water Europe** is the developer and the project leader for the organization of the European Youth Parliament for Water (www.sie-see.org);
- **The Foundation « Opera Campana dei Caduti »** has been working for decades for Peace in Italy as well outside its border. Its symbol is the Maria Dolens Bell, melted from the weapon of the countries that took part to World War One (www.fondazioneoperacampana.it);
- **The municipality of Rovereto**, where most of the events will take place, has the title of “City of Peace” and is also a member of the Strasbourg Club. (www.comune.rovereto.tn.it)
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