

Selection Procedure

Every year, 28 citizens of the Alpine region between 18 and 29 years old form the EUSALP Youth Council. This number corresponds to 4 young people per country of the EU Strategy for the Alpine Region.

If the number of applications in a country is too low and does not allow to designate four representatives, a delegation can be composed of less than four representatives during a mandate. In the next application period, four places will be available again.

In order to ensure some stability in the Youth Council and to give time to the active members to realize the started projects, there is a possibility of renewal. A Youth Council member may serve a maximum of two one-year terms. These two terms must be served consecutively. For each country delegation, a maximum of 50% of the members can be reappointed for a second term, provided that they are at the beginning of their 2nd mandate (deadline June 30 of the respective year):

- citizens (or permanent residents) of one of the seven countries of the Alpine region (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Slovenia, Switzerland),
- between 18 and 29 years old.

Each country delegation internally deliberates on the renewal of its members. They complete the color-coded Table 1 (Annex 1).

The color code is as follows:

- Red: The youth councilor wishes to leave the Council.
- Yellow: The youth councilor wishes to be renewed and agrees to participate in the internal draw.
- Green: The youth councilor will be renewed. The delegation would like to grant immunity to this councilor to ensure his or her renewal. No more than 50% of the seats in a country delegation can be marked green.

Provided that 50% or more of the members of a country delegation wish to leave the Council, the Youth Councils marked green will be automatically renewed for another year. The remaining members will be selected from all applications received according to the random selection procedure outlined below.

If more than 50% of the members of a country delegation wish to remain on the Youth Council, the country delegations decide internally to whom they wish to allocate the 50% of the places available for renewal. If two seats are marked green, those two will be automatically renewed. If all persons wishing to renew are marked yellow, the two places are drawn by an internal lot. If one person is marked green and the other persons are marked yellow, the second seat is drawn by an internal lot.

The new mandates will be selected at random from all applications received.

As the Youth Council aims to reflect the diversity in the Alpine Space, the random selection will be weighted to ensure a balanced composition of young people from different EUSALP states and regions, of different genders, with different educational or professional backgrounds and with or without experience in youth.shaping.EUSALP.

1st round: EUSALP states

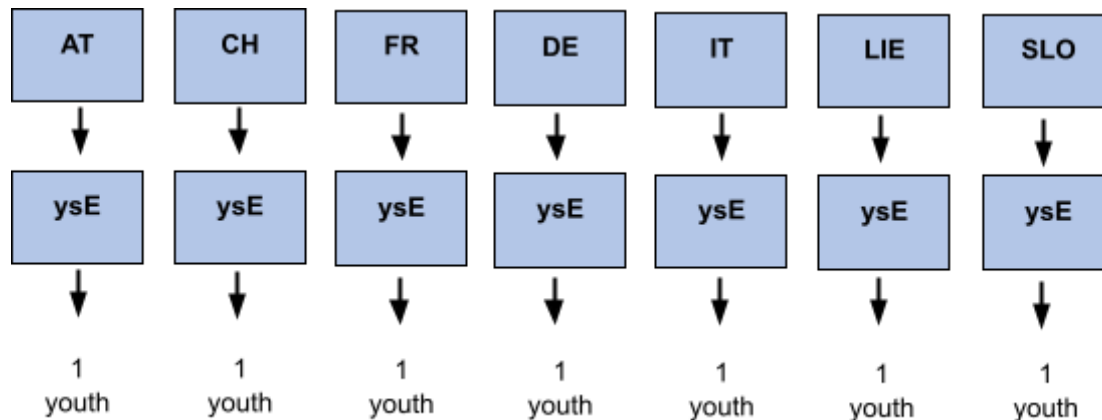
All applications will be sorted into 7 boxes for the 7 EUSALP countries.



Depending on the seats available per country, 2 to 4 applicants will be selected per box. To arrive at these four people, additional criteria are weighted to ensure diversity.

2nd round: youth.shaping.EUSALP experience

Within the 7 boxes above, the young people who already participate or have participated in "youth.shaping.EUSALP" (applications from last year, workshops, online meetings and Pitch your project) will be separated out. One young person per EUSALP state will then be drawn at random. The remaining young people are returned to the 7 member state boxes. If there is no youth.shaping.EUSALP application for one country, the slots remaining to 7 will be filled by drawing from all remaining youth.shaping.EUSALP participants. However, only one young person per region and only a maximum of two young persons per country will be considered. The aim of this step is to fill a quarter of the available places with young people who already have experience in youth.shaping.EUSALP, are already engaged and thus can also help the newcomers to find their way in the EUSALP environment.

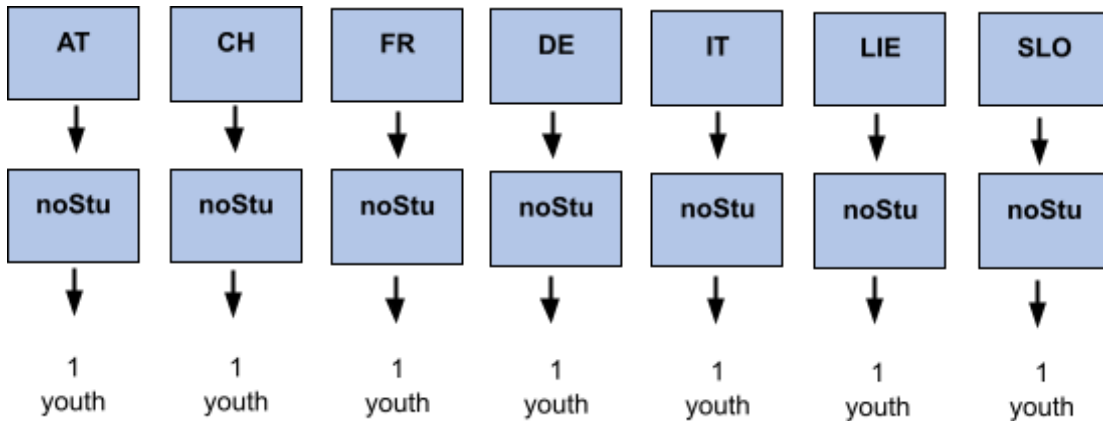


3rd round: educational/professional background

Experience with applications to date shows that young people without a tertiary education background are underrepresented. To reflect the diversity of young people's lives in the Alpine region in the Youth Council, this criterion is therefore given special consideration. A quarter of the young people will be selected directly from this group.

Within the 7 boxes, the young people who do not study or have not completed their studies are sorted out. This includes, for example, school pupils and employees as well as self-employed persons who do not have a university degree.

One young person per EUSALP state is then drawn at random from this group. The remaining youth will be returned to the 7 member state boxes.



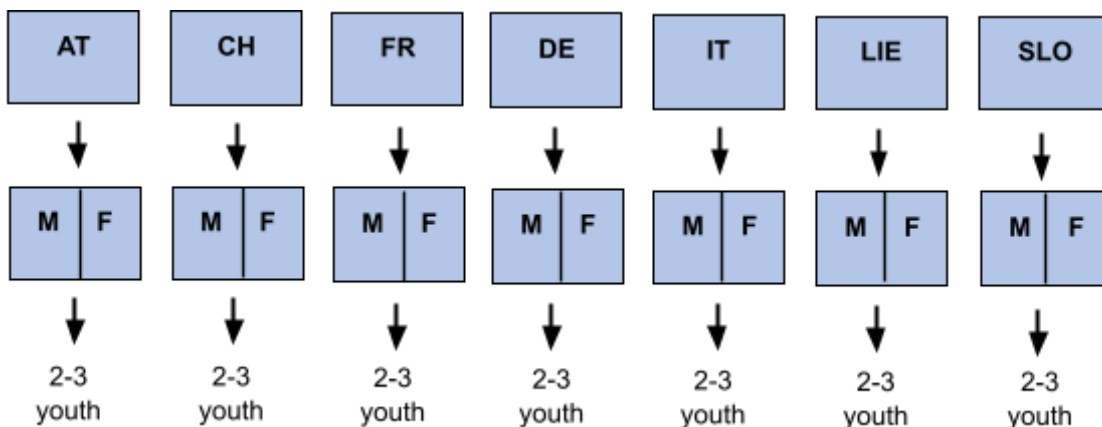
4th round: gender and region

All applications within the 7 boxes are further divided into two boxes for male and female. If there are applications that indicate gender "diverse", they are placed in a third box.

In the 2nd and 3rd rounds, two young people were selected for most countries. There may be one or two countries where only one young person was selected, depending on whether young people from youth.shaping.EUSALP or without studies applied from these countries. In the 4th round, gender will be balanced; for countries where 2 men have been selected so far, the remaining places will be drawn from the female box only. For countries where one male and one female have been selected so far, one place will be drawn from the female box, one place from the male box.

If a candidate is drawn who comes from a region that is already represented, the drawing will continue until a candidate is drawn who comes from a region that is not yet represented. This ensures that at least three regions per state are represented, provided that the applicants come from three different regions. This does not apply to Liechtenstein and Slovenia. For Switzerland, German-speaking, Italian-speaking, French-speaking and Rumantsch-speaking Switzerland are taken into account; for Italy, France, Germany and Austria, the various regions.

The youth who are not selected will be placed on a reserve list. If a selected young person withdraws, another person from the same category, or if no other person from that category is available, will be selected from all applications from that country. In either case, the young person must be from the country where the person who withdraws is from.



Network of youth associations

Concept paper on youth involvement, adopted by General Assembly on 10 December 2020:

“The states and regions commit to designate at least one organisation per state that is professionally dealing with youth involvement and participation to constitute of a network of youth organisations in the EUSALP region. This network will help to mobilise and animate young people on the EUSALP territory. The network could also explore joint funding possibilities.”

The aim is to build a solid network of youth structures that can provide expertise and communication channels to accompany the implementation of youth participation in EUSALP. Thereby, an essential purpose of EUSALP - to network with already existing structures across borders to promote exchange and cooperation - shall be implemented in the field of youth participation.

In doing so, the network assumes the following tasks within the framework of the EUSALP:

- Active dissemination of information about youth.shaping.EUSALP activities (especially the Youth Council) in their networks
- Communicating offers and events for young people in their associations and structures, which can then be shared through the youth.shaping.EUSALP website and social media
- Optional: developing joint projects and project proposals and applying for funding
- Optional: mentoring Youth Council and Pitch your project participants
 - > Institutional orientation: Since established youth organizations know very well how participation processes work and what problems have to be overcome, they could act as contact persons for the Youth Council in terms of youth participation (how do I achieve my goals, how do I formulate opinions, how do political processes work).
 - > Implementation of concrete projects: Since young people are often interested in concrete topics, actions and projects, it could be interesting to win youth organizations as contact persons who can help with the development and implementation of project ideas or actions and who can arrange further contact persons or concrete possibilities (competitions, funding offers...).

To fulfil these purposes, sporadic (about once per quarter) online meetings of the network are organized. This will be done by the project management of youth.shaping.EUSALP until the end of 2021. If desired, the network will be brought into contact with the Youth Council and other youth activities. As a first step, the project management will contact the youth organizations suggested by the states and regions for a first exchange. This will allow for a first “get-together” so that these organization can decide whether they want to be part of the network.