

# EU: Youth4Regions 2021

## CALL DEADLINE

12 Jul 2021

## INCENTIVE

Europeo

## ORGANIZATION

European Commission

## DESCRIPTION

The European Commission's Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) wishes to encourage journalism students and young journalists to learn about Regional Policy and to communicate on European solidarity and concrete projects cofunded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (CF).

The specific objectives include:

Providing the framework and conditions for **young and future journalists to specialize in EU Regional Policy**

Fostering young journalistic productions to promote knowledge of **EU-funded projects (ERDF and CF)**

Promoting innovative means of covering the **European Week of Regions and Cities**

Enhancing the links between **European institutions and young Europeans**

The call for applications is open to any person that fulfils all of the following conditions:

Is a **citizen** of an EU Member State or an EU neighbouring country

(<https://youth4regions.tw.events/en/conditions#note2>)

Is between **18 and 30 years old**

Demonstrates a real **interest in journalism** through studies and/or work experience

Has not participated in **previous editions** of the Youth4Regions Programme

Only individual applications are accepted. The applicants will be asked to prove that they fulfil the above conditions if selected to participate in the Youth4Regions Programme.

In total **33 places are available**: one for each EU Member State and the United Kingdom, and five places for EU neighbouring countries. In the case where not sufficient applications of good quality are received from a Member State, the European Commission reserves the right to make that position available for another country.

In order to apply, potential participants must send a **short article (2500 – 6250 characters) or a short video report (2 – 3 minutes)** covering a project co-financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund or Cohesion Fund). The article or short video must cover one of the following **topics**:

Fair Europe: Cohesion policy for a just transition to climate neutrality

Green Europe: Cohesion policy for intermodal mobility

Cohesion for Recovery: Overcoming the pandemic together

Europe close to the citizens: Youth engagement.

Contributions are accepted in all of the **24 EU official languages**. However, in case of video submissions we require a short written summary in English.

The competition results will be announced on **9 August 2021**.

All **33 successful applicants** will be invited to Brussels to attend the Youth4Regions Programme during the **EU Regions' Week (10 - 15 October 2021)**, for which the European Commission will **cover travel and accommodation**. The organisers will ensure that appropriate sanitary conditions are in place at that moment.

The programme includes **trainings** on journalism and EU affairs, **mentorship** from established journalists, **visits** of media organisations and EU institutions, as well European Commission certified work experience as journalists covering the EU Regions' Week. Upon completion of the programme the participants become part of the Youth4Regions Alumni network.

The European Commission will select the two winners of the **2021 Megalizzi – Niedzielski prize for aspiring journalists** from among the 33 selected participants based on their entries in the competition and their commitment to European journalism. The Megalizzi –Niedzielski prize honours the memory of Antonio Megalizzi and Barto Pedro Orent-Niedzielski, young European journalists with a strong attachment to the EU and its values, who passed away after a terrorist attack in Strasbourg in late 2018.

Deadline for submissions: **12 July 2021 17:00 CET** (Brussels time).  
(<https://youth4regions.tw.events/en/conditions#note1>)

The jury will assess eligible applications on both substance and style based on the following **selection criteria**:

Degree of originality (a new story or an unusual angle)

Extent to which they are compelling (catch the interest of the reader)

Extent to which they demonstrate a rigorous approach in terms of research and field work

The **jury** will be composed of officials from the European Institutions, working in communication. The jury's decision is final and without appeal.

The jury reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with the requirements of the competition, that has been plagiarized or published prior to the current competition.

## BENEFICIARIES AND AIMS

<b>CALL STATUS</b> Closed Calls	<b>ENTERPRISE CATEGORY</b> Non Applicabile	<b>BENEFICIARY</b> Privato
<b>SECTORS</b> Cultura, Sociale	<b>AIMS</b> Formazione, Inclusione social, Cooperazione	
<b>PLACES TO INVEST</b> Europe		

## INCENTIVES AND EXPENSES

<b>DELLE SEGUENTI TIPOLOGIE...</b> Premio, Borsa di studio
<b>TAGS</b> European commission, Youth, Youth4regions