# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## About the event

**The European Digital Youth Summit 5th edition - EDYS22** is an event taking place on July 6-8th, in **Bucharest (Romania) and online** and aims to deepen the discussions on the *Future of Europe*, by activating the youth and fostering collaboration with stakeholders from their communities.

The summit will be part of the EuroChangeMakers Project (EuroCM), co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union. EDYS22 is organized under the High Patronage of the European Parliament.

**Theme**: ***A greener, more digital, and social Future of Europe***

The main event will happen on the 7th of July and it is tailored to deliver through:

- A **discussion panel**, a collection of esteemed speakers who will reflect on the challenges and current endeavors in regard to three main directions: digitalization, environment, and social cohesion.

- A **European Civic Hackathon**, where participants will be able to work on concrete solutions to address the issues identified during the 18 National Civic Hackathons, which will, later on, be included in the *White Paper* to be presented to at least 100 European and National stakeholders.

## Your role

Your motivation and willingness to participate this year at our 5th edition of EDYS is very important for us. Being that this year's edition will take place in a hybrid format, the participation is not constrained by the fact that you are not living or are available to come to Bucharest, so anyone who is interested in the topic and has access to a device connected to the internet can participate.

If you want to take your participation to the next level, then accept our challenge and choose between the following roles: **participant, communicator and rapporteur**.

- the **participants** will have the chance to get involved, ask questions, share ideas and make visible their participation in social media;
- the **communicators** can be easily recognized: they are social media enthusiasts or perhaps journalists with a smartphone, tablet, camera, or laptop close to them. Their role is to maintain the sharing of information, photos, and videos of the live event through social media networks, using the official hashtags: #EDYS22 and #euroCM;
- the **rapporteurs** are responsible for reporting on the proceedings of our event. They will take notes during the panel and present the main findings/conclusions in the closing session, which will eventually take the form of the White Paper.

***About EuroChangeMakers Project***

EuroCM comes as a response to the current democratic challenges faced in the past months in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which had a direct impact on the possibility of participation of the citizens. Physical distancing measures remained in place in all EU Member States, including stay-at-home requirements, suspension of mass gatherings, and physical distancing when in public.

The project is coordinated by GEYC (RO), in partnership with Europsky dialog (SK), Kállósemjéni diákokért és ifjakért egyesület (HU), Europejski dom spotkan - fundacja nowy staw (PL), Mittetulundusuhing noored uhiskonna heaks (EE), Asociacija Aktyvus Jaunimas (LT), More Mosaic (SE), Citizen OS Foundation (EE), SLOAM - Agencija za mlade (SI), Social Youth Development Civil Nonprofit Society (), Asociación Mojo de Caña (ES), EUROSUD (IT), Udhëtim i lirë - liberi di viaggiare (AL), Bosnian Representative Association for Valuable Opportunities (BA), Inzenjeri zastite zivotne sredine udruzenje (RS), Coconut Luxembourg (LU), Geoclube - Associacao Juvenil de Ciencia Natureza e Aventura (PT), Association Universitaire Latino-Americaine (BE), Center for intercultural understanding (FR).

***About EDYS***

Initiated by GEYC in 2014, EDYS is now a biennial event aiming to spark a high-level debate on the most important topics for young people in a continuously changing digital world. Thus, EDYS14 focused on employability and entrepreneurship, while EDYS16 tackled topics such as hate speech online and youth participation. EDYS2018 preceded the Romanian Presidency of the

Council of the European Union and discussed the impact of European projects with a particular focus on new digital technologies and young people and EDYS20 tackled the topic of internet governance.

## Practical information

➢ **Location:** Bucharest or ONLINE - Within 24h after submitting your application, you will receive an email from us. Please do NOT buy any tickets before receiving our confirmation and making sure you are granted a spot on-site.

➢ **Official language of the event**: English

➢ Overall, the participation is **free of charge** for ALL the selected and confirmed participants.

➢ **Travel & accommodation support**

**IMPORTANT**: Travel & accommodation support **can be ONLY requested** by the confirmed participants, who:

✅ Are confirmed by us.

✅ Are able to provide justifying documents, which is a requirement for reimbursement.

**Accommodation** will be organized for the nights of the 6th and 7th of July in shared rooms in Bucharest, Romania.

If you want to spend some extra time in Romania, there is a possibility to book your flights max.2 nights prior to OR stay max. 2 days after the event, with the full expenses of these at your own cost.

**Meals** will be provided as follows:

- 6th of July: Welcome dinner
- 7th of July: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- 8th of July: Breakfast

Besides the **activities** organized during the public event on the 7th of July, we will organize:

- 6th of July, 18:00h: a guided evening walking tour in Bucharest
- 8th of July, 10:00h: a guided morning tour in Bucharest

**Travel subvention:**

Is calculated from your home location (which has to be one of the EU countries or Western Balkans) to Bucharest, Romania based on the distance calculator.

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**For example**, *let's say that Hans traveled from Rotterdam to Bucharest (500-1999km) and his travel costs previously agreed with the organizers are 180 EUR. His travel subvention will be calculated as such:*

- *for the first 150EUR, he will get a 100% reimbursement, thus 150EUR;*
- *for the next 30EUR (180-150), he will get a 60% reimbursement, thus 18EUR.*

*In total, he will get a reimbursement of 158EUR for his costs of 180EUR.*

Expenses made in other currencies than EUR will be reimbursed according to InforEUR exchange rate for the month of the payment.

**Please note that ONLY:**

- **the cheapest / most direct itinerary**
- **the tickets booked through the airlines' websites are eligible for reimbursement.**

## Financial information

How to provide the needed justifying documents? These will be provided by each participant (more info after confirmation of your participation).

**Remember!** If anything is missing from the list below, unfortunately, we are not able to reimburse that cost.

- **Flight tickets** (economic class/low cost if possible) – all the following are needed:

✓ **e-ticket** (you receive it by e-mail after you buy the flight);
✓ **fiscal invoice** (ask your travel agency or check on the website where you buy the ticket how can you get a fiscal invoice). The invoice can be issued in the name of the traveler, or in the name of the organization you represent;
✓ **proof of payment**: can be a receipt from where you buy the tickets, can be a payment order (if you pay by bank transfer), or can be a bank or an account statement (if you pay by internet banking);[1]
✓ **boarding pass** (you get it online and print it at home 24h-48h before the flight - recommended, or directly in the airport);

In the exceptional case when the amount on your invoice is different than the amount charged, a personal declaration will be needed and only the amount charged is subject to reimbursement.

The following additional services will not be subject to reimbursement:
- check-in luggage;
- seat reservation;
- airline hine or fee for airport check-in or for luggage that does not respect the size;
- Health and/or travel insurance;

- **Train tickets** (make sure the date, the itinerary and the price are visible on the ticket, if you can get an invoice is even better). For trains in Romania, you can search for the schedules here; From the airport, there is a direct train to Gara de Nord, you can check the schedule here;
- **Transport by taxi** (is allowed only if public transport is not available; a personally written declaration of your choice and the public transport schedule will be needed);
- **Bus tickets** (make sure the date, the itinerary and the price are visible on the ticket if you can get an invoice it is better). For

[1] Often, the participants forget about this document and they delay their reimbursement

buses in Romania, you can search and book here (please note that not all of the buses can be booked online);
- **Private car transport** (maximum 7,5 liters/km). A personal written declaration of your choice, a gas ticket and the itinerary of your travel is needed (you can print it from here: http://www.viamichelin.com/);
- **Rent-a-car transport** (the following are needed: a personal declaration regarding why have you chosen this alternative – was it cheaper, was it better, etc.?; contract, invoice, proof of payment);

**Important!** Try to provide the documents above in English, French or Romanian. If the documents are written in other languages we **will** need a declaration from you to explain the information provided in each document (in English).

## How to reach Bucharest

### Airports you can check

- Bucharest Airport (OTP)
- Cluj-Napoca Airport (CLJ)
- Timisoara Airport (TSR)
- Iasi Airport (IAS)

We also encourage you to also check **TRAINS and BUSES** towards Bucharest, which are greener, cheaper and sometimes more convenient timewise.

E.g.: FlixBus: https://global.flixbus.com

**Join us and be part of the #EDYS22 adventure!**
**Make a difference!**

## Organizers & partners

**Powered by:**
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**Special thanks to our partners:**