

CONCEPT NOTE

The European Youth Cabinet (EYC)

A 3-Day Immersive Governance & Crisis Simulation | Berlin, Germany | 2027

1. Executive Summary

Young Europeans are increasingly disillusioned with traditional, lecture-style civic events. They do not need more theory; they need practice. The European Youth Cabinet (EYC) is not a conference. It is a 72-hour immersive, gamified governance simulation that transforms 200 emerging young leaders (aged 18-35) from passive listeners into active decision-makers. Participants will literally build and operate a simulated government from the ground up. Starting with live, in-hall democratic elections and culminating in the high-stakes management of a sudden, simulated European crisis, the EYC bridges the gap between democratic ideals and practical, crisis-ready leadership. Every participant holds a specific mandate across 8 functional tiers, ensuring that democracy is not just discussed, but actively governed.

2. The Innovative Approach: How It Works

The EYC abandons traditional panels in favour of a fully participatory experience mapped directly to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

Live Democratic Elections: On Day 1, all 200 participants vote via a secure QR-code platform to elect a President, Vice-Presidents, and 17 Ministers (each leading a ministry dedicated to a specific SDG).

The “Black Swan” Crisis: On Day 2, a sudden, multi-layered crisis (e.g., a cyberattack on European infrastructure triggering a multi-layered emergency) is announced. The newly formed cabinet must negotiate an emergency, form coalitions, and manage the fallout under extreme time pressure.

The SDGs Press Corps: 17 participants with journalism backgrounds act as an independent press, wielding custom microphones branded with the 17 SDG logos to hold the cabinet accountable in live, high-pressure press conferences.

3. Target Audience & Inclusivity Model

We are curating a cohort of 200 (aged 18-35) active, driven, and diverse young Europeans, including students, young professionals, civil society activists, and youth with migration/refugee backgrounds. **Location:** Berlin, Germany; **Period:** 3 Days (4 Nights Accommodation); **Target Period:** First Half of 2027 (Exact dates to be announced).

4. Tangible Impact & Alignment with EU Priorities

The EYC is fully aligned with the EU Youth Strategy (2019-2027) pillars of Engage, Connect, and Empower. Participants do not just leave with memories; they leave with assets:

The Berlin Youth Accord: A 2-4 page policy document negotiated and signed by all 200 participants, formally presented to EU and German policymakers post-event.

Verified Digital Credentials: All graduates receive a verified LinkedIn Digital Badge in Crisis Leadership & SDG Strategy.

Alumni Network: A lasting community of young leaders committed to implementing the SDGs across Europe.

5. Budget Overview

- **Venue & Logistics:** Conference hall, breakout rooms, digital voting infrastructure.
- **Accommodation & Catering:** 4 nights lodging and full-board meals for 200 participants.
- **Technology:** GDPR-compliant voting platform, SDG microphones, Digital Badging.
- **Human Resources & Facilitation:** Project management, 10+ professional facilitators, media team.

6. The NTYCO Advantage: Forged Under Fire

The EYC is not born from theory; it is forged from over a decade of lived experience. The New Thinker Youth Civil Organisation (NTYCO), founded in 2016, pioneered the “Youth Government” initiative in Kabul in 2017. In that program, 136 young Afghans operated a fully simulated, democratically elected government alongside real state institutions amidst war and political instability.

NTYCO is now bringing this resilience-tested, practical methodology to Europe. We offer European youth something no other program can: a bridge between the idealism of European democratic values and the hard-earned wisdom of a team that has built, lost, and rebuilt democratic institutions from scratch.

Call for Partners

Are you a foundation, institution, or corporate partner committed to youth empowerment and the SDGs? We invite you to co-create this transformative experience.

Partner Benefits

- Prominent branding across all EYC materials, digital platforms, and the venue.
- Speaking opportunities during the opening and graduation ceremonies.
- Direct alignment with your institution’s goals and the SDGs.
- Recognition in the official Berlin Youth Accord and post-event impact reports.

Contact & Next Steps

To discuss partnership tiers, request the detailed concept and financial breakdown, or schedule an introductory meeting, please contact:

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