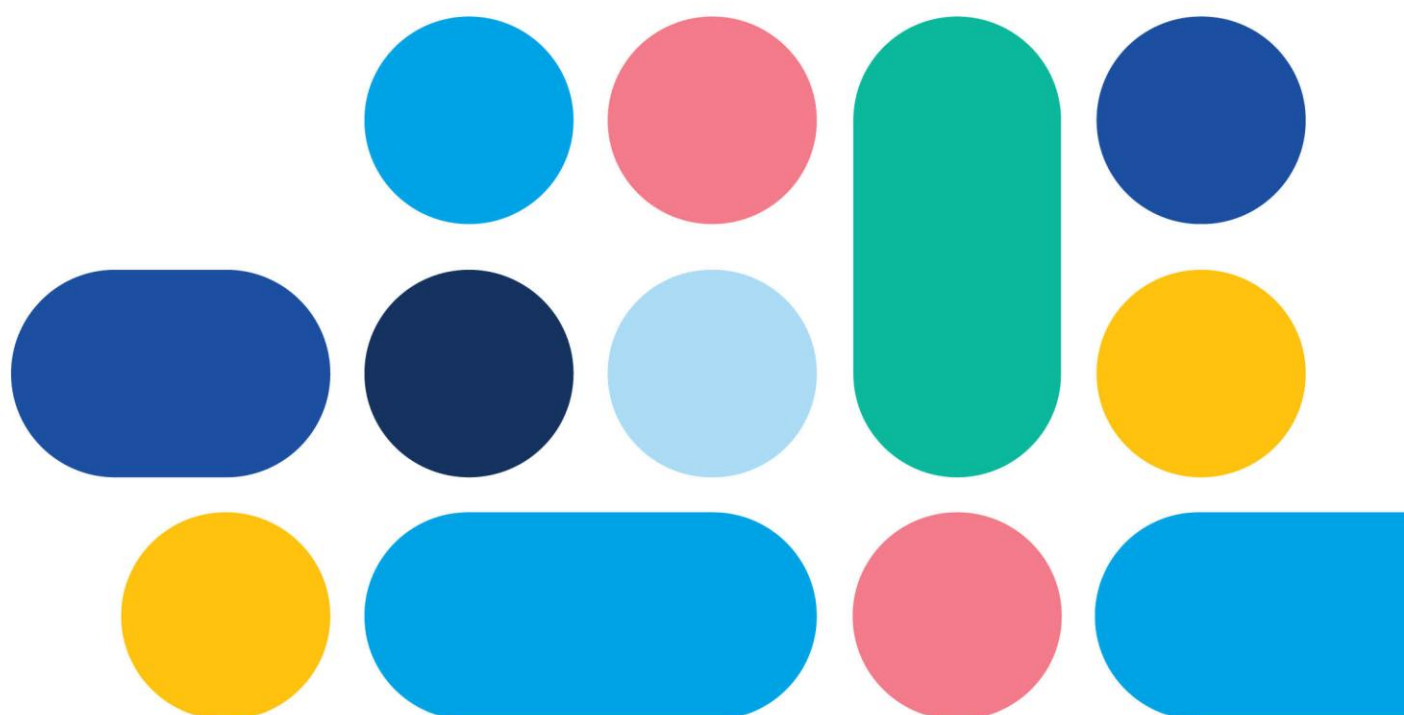


The EURid Youth Committee Charter



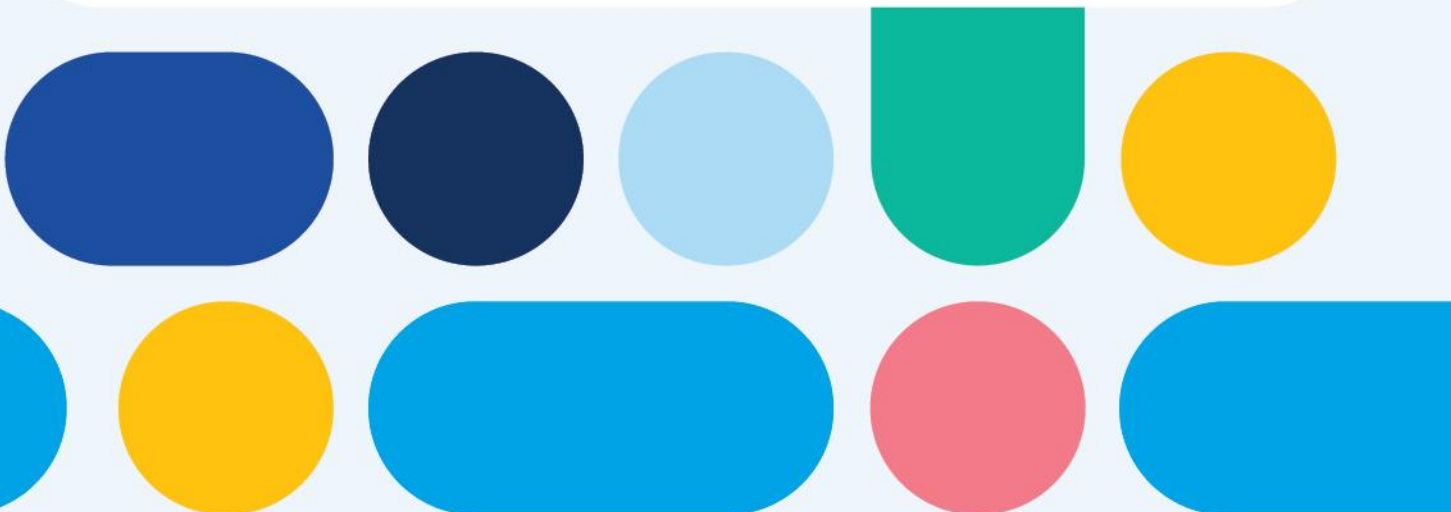
Introduction

In an increasingly digital world, the participation of young people is essential in shaping the future of the internet. As part of EURid's mission to create a trustworthy and inclusive online space for all Europeans, collaboration with youth is a key priority.

The EURid Youth Committee ("EYC") has been established by EURid's management team in 2020 to bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas and a youth-driven approach to EURid's internet governance initiatives. The EURid Youth Committee serves as a platform for young individuals to engage in discussions on digital awareness, responsible internet use and policies that promote accessibility, diversity and innovation. The EYC is not a committee as laid out in EURid's Articles of Association.

Through collaboration, education and advocacy, the EURid Youth Committee contributes to EURid's efforts in the field of Internet governance, which are aligned with the priorities of the European Commission, with the aim of developing a secure and forward-thinking digital environment. By fostering youth involvement today, EURid aims to build a stronger, more inclusive internet for future generations.

This Charter enters into force on 1 June 2025.



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1 Role of the Youth Committee

The EURid Youth Committee serves as an advisory body to EURid, offering insights on matters relevant in connection with youth engagement. It may issue opinions and advice to EURid, either on its own initiative or upon request from EURid.

The opinions and statements of the EURid Youth Committee and its members do not necessarily represent EURid's opinion. The EURid Youth Committee does not have an official mandate to represent EURid in any formal capacity. EURid is not obliged to adopt the EURid Youth Committee's recommendations and retains full discretion in determining whether and/or how to take the EURid Youth Committee recommendations into consideration. In all its presentations and representations as a member of the EURid Youth Committee, the required disclaimer specified in Annex 1 shall be included.

By leveraging their knowledge of digital trends and youth communities, the EYC will support EURid in promoting the .eu, .europa and .europa top-level domain through various initiatives, including but not limited to social media outreach and peer advocacy.

The EYC may also contribute to EURid's educational efforts on key European digital topics, such as but not limited to the fundamentals of the internet, internet governance, disinformation and its impact on European democratic processes.

Members of the EURid Youth Committee may also be given the opportunity to attend or to participate in the organisation of European or international events related to the internet industry in order to contribute as lecturers or participants to the discussion on topics relevant to EURid in line with their individual background and professional interests, such as events focusing on Internet governance or events or webinars targeting youth people related to .eu.

By the end of September each year, the Youth Committee prepares an annual activity plan aligned with EURid's budgeting process. In addition, a high-level three-year plan is prepared once every three years.

2 Composition and requirements of the EURid Youth Committee

The EYC consists of a maximum of five (5) members who are appointed by EURid in accordance with the procedure set forth below.

Whenever EURid deems fit, EURid opens a call for applications. EURid selects the members of the Committee from the pool of applicants who have responded to the call for applications.

In its selection, EURid takes into account the applicant's motivation and commitment to internet governance and digital policy, any relevant experience or skills in youth organisations, digital initiatives or policy discussions, as well as their capacity for innovative thinking and contributing fresh ideas. A solid understanding of the Domain Name System (DNS) and its role in internet infrastructure is an advantage. In making the selection, EURid is mindful of the diversity of the EYC team.

Members of the EYC must have adequate knowledge of the legal framework in which EURid operates, including but not limited to Regulation (EU) 2019/517 and its implementing and delegated acts.

Additionally, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union.
- be between the ages of 18 and 33 at the time of the application.
- have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- be a native speaker of one of the official EU languages, with proficiency in English being essential.
- demonstrate a high level of integrity and adhere to ethical standards.
- show respect for diverse perspectives and work collaboratively in a team, fostering an inclusive environment.
- possess strong problem-solving skills, adaptability and the ability to work effectively in a team.

3 Appointment and mandate

Members of the EYC are appointed by EURid for a 2-year term and may be invited to serve for a second term. However, they cannot serve on the EYC for more than 2 consecutive terms (a total of 4 years). In any case, the mandate of any member automatically ends upon reaching the age of 35.

The EYC selects a chair from among its members. The EYC Chair shall act as the coordinator and shall facilitate the communication exchange with EURid via a EURid liaison and oversee the preparation of the annual activity report. The EURid liaison is the primary contact point both for the EYC Chair and the EYC members regarding any topic of concern to the EYC as laid down in this Charter.

As part of the onboarding process, every new member of the EYC is introduced to EURid's legal framework and receives training on the basics of DNS and Internet governance to support their effective contribution to the EURid Youth Committee.

Members of the EYC can step down at any time during their mandate if their professional or personal circumstances so require.

EURid may decide to terminate the mandate of a EYC member at any time during their mandate if:

- The EYC member violates any provision of this Charter or any of the applicable EURid policies.
- The majority of the EYC members has requested so.
- The EYC member has jeopardised or hampered the interests, work or image of EURid, any ccTLD registry or registrar.
- The EYC member has not attended two consecutive meetings.
- The EYC member has a conflict of interests.

If a EYC member steps down or their mandate is terminated, EURid will review the existing list of applicants from the most recent selection process. If a suitable candidate is found, EURid will appoint that candidate to fill the vacancy. If no suitable candidate is available, or if EURid deems it necessary, a new call for applications may be organised to fill the position. The new member will start a new mandate of two (2) years.

4 Representation and liability

Members of the EYC act in their personal capacity and will under no circumstances represent EURid. Any opinions, statements, actions or omissions made by a committee member during their personal or professional conduct are solely their own and do not reflect or represent the opinions, views, actions, policies or positions of EURid.

A EYC member shall not act or make statements on behalf of EURid, use EURid-branded presentations or other documents without express written authorisation. EURid cannot be held liable for any actions, statements, or representations made by a EYC member.

The members of the EYC are not liable in any way for any non-binding recommendation given by EURid the Youth Committee to EURid or for EURid's management's decisions based on the EYC's opinions.

EYC members are not remunerated and receive no other monetary compensation.

5 Meetings of the EURid Youth Committee

The members of the EYC are expected to attend the meetings and to actively and constructively engage in those meetings, as well as in the discussions on the mailing list. The EYC members set aside sufficient time to study the matters on the agenda to allow for informed opinions and advice.

The EYC shall hold at least four (4) meetings per calendar year. Those meetings will be held online and can be initiated either by EURid or the EYC members. The proposed date and time for each meeting must be communicated at least one (1) month in advance.

Once a year, EURid may invite the EYC to an in-person meeting and communicate the date and place in due time. In such case, EURid will arrange for travel and accommodation in accordance with the then-current version of EURid's Travel Policy.

All the EYC meetings will be minuted and shared using appropriate collaborative tools to facilitate cooperation between members and with EURid.

EURid will facilitate the tooling for information exchange between the EYC members.

6 EURid Policies

All members of the EYC are subject to and must adhere to EURid's established policies as amended from time to time.

These policies include but are not limited to EURid's Code of Conduct (containing provisions on conflicts of interest, confidentiality and other ethical guidelines) and EURid's Travel Policy.

Any travel conducted as part of the EYC will be carried out in accordance with the then-current version of EURid's Travel Policy.

Annexes

Annex 1: Disclaimer

*“The EURid Youth Committee serves solely as an advisory body to EURid and does not have an official mandate to represent EURid in any formal capacity.
My views, opinions and statements as a member of the EURid Youth Committee are my own and do not necessarily represent those of EURid vzw, its management or its Board of Directors.”*