

EBL Youth Fund – Guidelines and Regulations

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1. Abbreviations

EBL	European Bridge League
EC	The Executive Committee (of the EBL)
EYC	EBL Youth Committee
EYF	EBL Youth Fund

2. Definitions

Fund	A fund is capital set aside for a specific purpose, expected to continue in perpetuity, regardless of whether the board, administration or committee structure changes. The fund is used solely for the defined purposes.
Fund capital	The capital of the fund is set for the term of the EC.

3. Purposes

The EYF has been established to promote and develop youth bridge in Europe. This includes, but is not limited to, helping with recruitment of new youth players and providing training opportunities for youth players.

4. Fund Managers

The EYC and the EC will regularly attempt to secure new income for the EYF.

The EYC is responsible for the management of the EYF.

The Chair(s) of the EYC will serve as the Chair(s) of the EYF.

The EYC will report annually to the EC about the status of the EYF.

5. Responsibilities

The EYC is responsible for promoting the EYF to potential applicants and for creating an application mechanism.

The EYC is responsible for approving or denying applications.

The EYC is responsible for deciding what sum is granted to an applicant and for informing the Treasurer of the EBL.

6. Meetings

Meetings about the EYF will be convened by the Chair(s).

The EYC will meet at least twice a year. During the meetings the committee will make decisions regarding recent applications and discuss the financial status of the EYF.

The meetings can be held face to face or electronically. The EBL President and Treasurer have a standing invitation and have a right to attend and participate in these EYC meetings. Even if the EBL President or Treasurer attend, they are not allowed to vote on applications managed during the meeting.

The EYC use the rule of simple majority when voting on applications or other matters relevant to the EYF. If the vote is split, the vote of the Chair(s) of the EYC decides the outcome.

If a member of the EYC is personally involved in an application or has personal ties to a person who is making an application, that member is not allowed to participate in discussions of that application or to vote on that application.

The EYC should try to convene and expedite all applications within six weeks from the two annual application deadlines (see chapter 7).

If the EYC receives an application for a larger amount than the committee has the right to decide on (see chapter 11), the EYC will refer the matter to the EBL President and/or the EC.

7. Applications

The application must clearly describe the purpose of the project of the application, as well as the sum that the applicant is applying for.

An application to the EYF should be submitted electronically to the EYC.

The deadlines for submitting applications are May 15th and October 15th.

8. The applicant

An application to the fund can be made by (1) an individual, (2) a group of individuals, (3) an organization, or (4) an NBO that is a member of the EBL. Higher organizational levels than an NBO cannot apply.

9. Priorities and evaluation

The same applicant can apply for funds from the EYF in both application rounds in a year, but not for the same initiative/project.

Projects where the applicant shows ability and willingness to co-fund the project themselves will be prioritized.

Applicants who have not received funds from the EYF before will be prioritized.

The EYC will prioritize applications according to both their perceived merit and accordance with EBL goals. When evaluating and selecting amongst applications, the EYC will consider the following criteria (though the list is non-exhaustive), considering the available means of the EYF at the time of the application:

1. The amount of young people targeted by and potentially benefitting from the project in relation to the budget that is requested.
2. The amount of NBO's involved in the execution of the project.
3. The possibilities to duplicate the project or its results in other NBO's by sharing tools and experiences related to the project.

10. Principle of Equality

The EYC will endeavor to ensure that decisions made regarding applications are dealt with in a fair and transparent manner.

When several similar applications are received the EYC can choose to decide a fixed sum that will be equally allocated to the applicants.

11. Payment from the EYF

If an application is approved, the payment to the applicant should be made no later than one month from the approval date. If the application contains a financing scheme, payment will instead be made in accordance with the scheme unless the EYC distinctly decides otherwise.

One application can receive a maximum payment of € 2 000 annually on a decision by the EYC.

12. Feedback from the project

After the project has been completed, the applicant is expected to give some feedback to the EYC about how the project went and how the money received from the EYF was used.