








WHO/EU Evidence into Action Alcohol Project (EVID-ACTION) **YOUTH NETWORK: CALL FOR APPLICANTS**

-  Are you a young leader aged **18–30**, fluent in English, and passionate about advancing health and well-being in your community?
-  If you are **studying, working, or living** in one of the **27 EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, or Ukraine**, this is your chance to join an expanding network of youth advocates shaping the future of alcohol policy in Europe.
-  In this **second call for applications**, we are seeking to **enlarge the membership** of the EVID-ACTION Youth Network and aim to include **four representatives per country**, ensuring diverse voices are heard across the region.

ABOUT THE EVID-ACTION YOUTH NETWORK

The WHO/EU Evidence into Action Alcohol Project (EVID-ACTION), led by WHO/Europe in collaboration with the European Commission, supports countries in reducing alcohol-related harm through evidence-based policies.

To ensure young people's voices are at the heart of this work, we established the EVID-ACTION Youth Network, a platform where young advocates can:

-  Collaborate on activities that engage youth in reducing alcohol harms.
-  Support communications to reshape the narrative around alcohol and young people, combating stigma and discrimination.
-  Influence policy dialogues to ensure young perspectives are integral to decision-making.



WHY YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Alcohol is a significant public health challenge, contributing to over **200 health conditions**, including cancer, injuries, and mental health disorders. In the WHO European Region, **1 in 9 deaths annually**—nearly 800,000—are attributed to alcohol, with many of these affecting young people.

Alarmingly, among those aged **20–24 years**, **1 in 4 deaths** is directly linked to alcohol use. For young people, alcohol is not only a leading cause of death but also a driver of social harm. **Heavy episodic drinking** significantly increases the risks of injuries, aggression, violence, dating violence, and academic underperformance.

Your voice can make a difference. By sharing your insights and experiences, you can help shape innovative, evidence-based strategies to protect future generations. This aligns with the **European Framework for Action on Alcohol, 2022–2025**, which emphasizes the critical role of youth engagement in reducing alcohol-related harm.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We're seeking **diverse, motivated individuals** who can commit to:

- **Annual participation** in at least one in-person forum meeting (or nominating a representative, with prior approval).
- **Adhering to working arrangements**, including confidentiality and conflict-of-interest requirements.
- **Contributing time** to ad hoc tasks and projects as part of the workplan.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

We value diversity and encourage applications from young people who are:

- Health professionals, students, or community leaders.
- Living with disabilities, chronic diseases, or facing marginalization due to gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.
- Refugees, migrants, or those affected by homelessness, violence, or limited access to services.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the [application form](#) by **10 January 2025**.

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Join us in shaping a healthier, safer future for young people across Europe!