



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Red Cross Red Crescent European Youth Cooperation Meeting Sutomore 2016

### 2. Information about the Red Cross Red Crescent European Youth Network

Established in 1978, the Red Cross Red Crescent European Youth Network gathers National Societies' Youth from Europe and Central Asia. It contributes to the fulfilment of the collective aim of „doing more, doing better, and reaching further“, by focusing on three main functions:

- knowledge management
- advocacy
- community building

The European Youth Cooperation Meeting of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (EYCM) is the biennial meeting of the Network's members. Up to three youth representatives from each member National Society, with a full mandate to represent their respective National Society, may attend the EYCM. The EYCM is a decision making forum during which:

- Priorities of the EYN for the upcoming two years are identified
- The European Youth Coordination Committee (EYCC) is elected
- Opportunities for knowledge sharing and capacity building are provided
- Review of how the Network has moved on since the previous EYCM and of the implementation of the EYCC work-plan is provided
- Updates from the Youth Commission are provided.



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The EYCC is a seven-member body, with a two-year mandate, elected during the EYCM by participating Network's member National Societies. The EYCC members are elected personally as representatives of their National Society. The EYCC is tasked to:

- Follow up to the decisions taken in occasion of the EYCM as coordination committee of the Red Cross Red Crescent European Youth Network
- Advocate on behalf of the Network's members, with a view to further strengthen meaningful engagement of youth from member National Societies within the International Movement
- Encourage cooperation and communication among member National Societies
- Facilitate a bidirectional flow of information between the Network and the Youth Commission as well as with other relevant stakeholders
- Lead the preparation of the European Youth Cooperation Meeting of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, with the support of the IFRC and in coordination with the host National Society

The EYCC meets at least twice a year and it operates until the next EYCM.

### **Election of the European Youth Coordination Committee**

The EYCC is elected during the EYCM by participating Network's member National Societies. The EYCC members are elected personally as representatives of their National Society.

Candidates must be EYCM participants and must have the support and mandate from their National Society to run for the EYCC and to fulfil the tasks of the EYCC as per the Terms of Reference of the Network.

Each participating Network's member National Society can run only one candidate. A person is not entitled to more than two mandates as per EYCC member.

### **Profile of the EYCC candidates**

[Art. 6.2. of the Terms of Reference of the Red Cross Red Crescent European Youth Network]

- Have experience and leadership skills
- Have strong personal commitment
- At the time of the elections are aged up to 30 years old, in line with the Youth Policy
- Are elected in their personal capacities
- Are supported by their National Society
- Are fully aware of what is expected from a member of the EYCC
- Are able to access the Internet at least on a weekly basis
- Are able to communicate in English
- Are able to devote enough time to their mandate

During the EYCM, before the elections will take place, time will be allocated for the official presentation of the candidates. Each candidate will be required to present briefly his/her profile and his/her objectives and may be requested to answer questions posed by participants.