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# Danube Youth Council – avenues for young people to engage in shaping policies and initiatives

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## Context: EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)



- One of the EU's four **Macro-Regional Strategies**
- A framework to address common challenges through cooperation
- Consists of 14 countries (EU member states + candidate countries)
- **12 Priority Areas**, covering topics from waterways transport to culture & tourism to biodiversity to security

# The Danube Youth Council (DYC) in a nutshell

- A council made up of two young people (18-29 years old) from each Danube Region country → 28 young people in total
- Structure for the institutionalised participation of young people in the EUSDR
- Established as of **October 2022**
- Members have a mandate of 1 year, + option to prolong to a second year

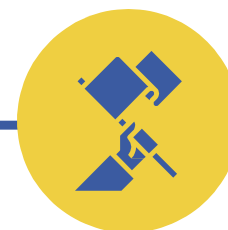




# Mission of the DYC



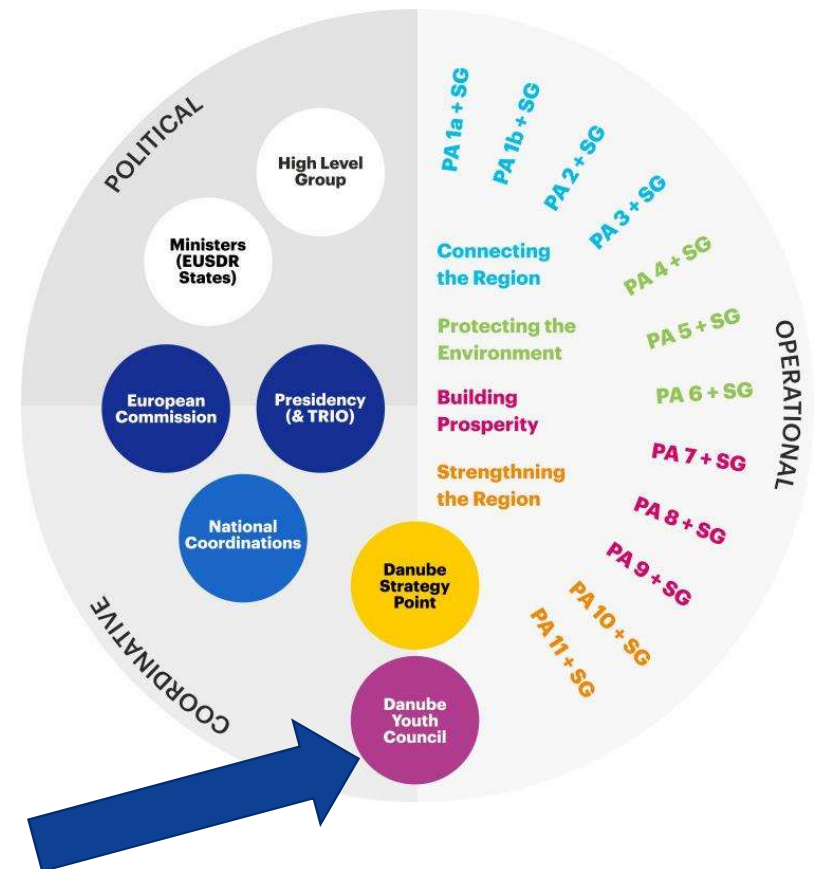
Young people's input  
on thematic level –  
bringing in new  
perspectives



Contribution of young  
people to the  
implementation of the  
Strategy - opportunity  
for real impact

# Role of the DYC

- Serves as an **advisory body** to the EUSDR stakeholders
- Non-partisan body:  
Members represent not their country, but the voice of their generation
- A framework for meaningful participation



# Activities of the DYC (among others)

- participation in EUSDR core governance meetings, to represent the viewpoints of the young generation and provide EUSDR stakeholders with advice and recommendations
- involvement in EUSDR Priority Areas
- active contribution to the EUSDR Annual Forum and other events/conferences
- joint work on specific thematic issues relevant to the Danube Region, e.g. through the publication of papers/essays.



# How to apply?

- Application window will open again in July 2025
- Criteria: 18-29 years, residence in one of the 14 Danube Region countries
- Professional background in one of the thematic areas of the EUSDR **not** a prerequisite
- <https://danube-region.eu/danube-youth-council/>





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