

## MYFER Award 2024 | Most Youth-Friendly European Region Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **I am not a region, but a company / association / organisation... Can I present an initiative for the award?**

The award is open to initiatives launched or supported by regions or equivalent bodies. Private entities or other organisations are not eligible on their own, but can nominate their initiatives if they are supported by their regional authority. In case the initiative is preselected for the final round, the AER will ask a letter of support from the regional authority to this effect.

### **What kind of initiatives are eligible?**

The initiative can be a programme, a project, a strategy, etc. What is important in the award is the content of the proposal and that it complies with the criteria.

### **How recent does the initiative have to be?**

Some important aspects of the initiative must have occurred within the past 2 years. This means that the bulk of the project must happen in that timeframe.

### **My initiative has not ended yet, can I still apply?**

Yes, the project does not have to be 100% completed to be eligible. However, you will see that information is needed on (expected) results, so these must be thoroughly explained.

### **Do I have to use the application form provided?**

Yes, the application form must be used and fully completed. After completing the form, you will receive an automatic email confirming that your application has been received properly.

### **How long can the answers be?**

The maximum character limit is indicated for each question, directly in the application form. If you can provide the requested information in less space than what the application form allows, that's even better! The jury will have many pages to read, so it is best to keep it short, simple and to the point. Do not hesitate to use bullet points and lists to make your ideas clearer.

### **I have several initiatives, can I submit more than one application?**

Yes, but please note that a region can only be rewarded for one project per competition.

### **What sort of supporting documents should I send?**

The only mandatory document required is the letter of support (if applicable, see question 1 of the FAQ), and that will be asked to you only if your initiative has been pre-selected for the final round. You will find a section in the form where you can include hyperlinks to other sources of information, such as websites, reports, press releases, social media, etc. Please keep in mind that the jury will primarily refer to your answers in the application form. Please note that the AER working language is English.



### **How will the winners be chosen?**

The technical committee will review the applications for eligibility check, to assess whether they are complete and relevant, and whether the answers are expressed clearly and comprehensively to make a preselection. After this eligibility check, the jury will review the eligible projects / initiatives, and decide on the winner(s). Should the jury find it difficult to decide between two projects, an interview might take place before the final decision is made.

### **Who is the jury composed of?**

The jury is composed of representatives from: the region who re-initiated the MYFER Award for 2024 (Nordland County Council); the AER Executive Board; representatives from AER member regions (who are not competing for MYFER 2024); representatives from the Youth Regional Network.