

MYFER Award 2024 | Most Youth-Friendly European Region Rules

COMPETITION TIMELINE

- **Deadline for application:** Friday 7 June 2024
- **Shortlisting of candidacies and jury meetings:** tbc between 10 June and 12 August 2024
- **Award Ceremony:** AER Summer Academy 2024 in Bodø, Nordland County, Norway

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Article 1 - The Assembly of European Regions (AER) and Nordland County Council (host region of the Summer Academy 2024) organise the 2024 edition of the AER Most Youth Friendly European Region (MYFER) Award.

Article 2 - The competition for the most youth-friendly region in Europe seeks to highlight the importance of youth policies at regional level to improve the living conditions of young people and to encourage social understanding on the role of young people in society. We are looking for innovative projects that exemplify how a region can be youth-friendly.

Article 3 - Eligible initiatives can include actions, strategies, programmes, projects, etc. These must be based in the competing region.

Article 4 - The award is open to initiatives coming from all European regions from countries recognised by the Council of Europe.

Article 5 - Each region may compete with several projects. Yet, the jury will not award the same region more than one prize per competition.

Article 6 - Should the applicant for this award not be a regional authority or equivalent body, we require them to obtain a letter of support from the relevant regional authority as the award's beneficiaries are regions.

Article 7 - Applications can only be submitted through the application form provided in the dedicated MYFER 2024 webpage on the AER website (<https://www.aer.eu>).

Article 8 - The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, 7th June 2024, at 12:00 pm CET. All applicants will receive an automatic confirmation email after submitting their application through the form.

Article 9 - The first step of the application is to complete all sections of the application form. The pre-selected initiatives can then be required to send additional supportive documents together with the letter of support from the relevant authority if necessary.

Article 10 - The application form must be filled-in in English.

Article 11 - Applications will be reviewed by a technical committee for an eligibility check. Incomplete or unclear applications may be rejected at that stage. The applicants will be informed if their project is considered as ineligible. The applications will then be submitted to the jury for selection.

Article 12 - The award will be granted to the region hosting the most successful initiative. In case of two equally valuable projects, there can be two projects awarded ex-aequo. In addition, the jury will be free to reward one of the applicants with a “special prize” awarding a promising project.

Article 13 - The Award Ceremony will take place at the AER Summer Academy 2024 in Bodø, Nordland County, Norway. The winning projects will be communicated beforehand to the regions concerned. Winners will be given high visibility at European level via all AER communication channels.

Article 14 - Participation in the MYFER award implies that the participants accept these rules and regulations. The jury decision cannot be appealed.

Article 15 - All of the collected information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used exclusively for the purposes of the present Award, unless stated otherwise in the Application Form.

Article 16 - The Assembly of European Regions (AER) reserves the right to interrupt, postpone, prolong or cancel the award in case of any event or circumstance beyond AER’s control.