



CALL FOR PAPERS

“A Youth strategy for Europe’s future”

Deadline for submission: 1 July 2018

Since its creation and throughout years, the primary goal of the Institute of European Democrats (IED) is to promote an in-depth discussion on the core aspects of the European integration process.

Today’s youth is Europe’s future and putting young people at the heart of the debate it’s our priority. A large number of young people in Europe is facing unemployment, disadvantaged conditions for accessing the labour market and is consequently more exposed to economic crises, inequality and discrimination. Somebody sees them as a “lost generation” but the young generation is instead a resource, a powerful and driving force for the social and economic development of the whole EU.

In the view of the next European elections it is therefore of the utmost importance to stimulate the debate about the active involvement and the crucial role of young generation in the EU’ life. With a view to shed some light on these challenges and better understand the solutions ahead, the Institute of European Democrats has decided to launch an external research project called **“A Youth strategy for Europe’s future”**. In this respect the IED intends to award in the course of 2018 several contracts for **“Research Fellowships”** to researchers and/or Students/PhD.

The IED deems that a useful and effective approach is to give voice to youngsters themselves, providing a platform to present their ideas and thus contributing to the ongoing debates via a privileged point of view, while contributing at the same time to re-launch the dialogue with the young generation. The call for papers is specifically addressed to applicants who have not reached 35 years of age by the 31st of December 2018.

The papers will be requested to address some of the most urgent and prevailing issues related to EU’s youth, like for example:

- new active policies able to give back to the youngster the opportunities for an active participation in our society, opportunities which have hindered as a tragic outcome of unprecedented crises and challenges faced by youngsters in recent years, which led to their increasing social and job exclusion;
- Assessment of result of the existing EU programmes, like the “Youth Guarantee”, and possible actions to streamline the different sources of support for youth policies;
- ensure a quicker and smoother transition from education to work, protecting their skills from the abuse of the internship instrument, sometimes misused to replace real jobs;
- fostering the entrepreneurial skill of the young generations, mostly when driven by innovation;
- enhancing and supporting youth mobility both education or work-related.

The papers will aim at bringing new ideas and proposals for giving back the youngsters their central role in the EU integration and development process, unlocking their potential and encouraging them to have their say on the future of the Europe.

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The result of these studies will be published online and discussed during the next IED's events around Europe.

The fellowship comprises of the following services:

- Preparation of a specific **research paper** on the proposed subject "A Youth Strategy for Europe's Future".
- Possible presentation of the research paper during conference or similar event in 2018.
- Possible publication of best papers

Eligibility criteria:

- Master's degree in the relevant field;
- Age limit of 35 years old by the 31st of December 2018 (or by the submission of the research paper, if earlier);
- Proven excellence in writing skills in English.

Application:

The **application** in response to this call for papers must be submitted by the **1st of July 2018** to roberta.cancedda@iedonline.eu.

Applications should include:

- A Cover Letter (max 500 words) in English outlining the candidates experiences, innovative approaches and motivations for applying;
- CV in English (max 3 pages);
- A 250-500 words abstract in English of the proposal paper that includes: the focus of the paper, the approach and a motivation for the significance of the analysis.

Selection criteria and selection process:

- Fulfilment of formal eligibility requirements
- A selection committee chaired by the CEO of the Institute of European Democrats will communicate to the applicants its final decision by the **15th of July 2018**.

Successful candidates will be selected on the basis of their innovative research proposals, CV and cover letter.

Authors' Instructions:

Research papers must be submitted in **English** by the **31st of October 2018** to roberta.cancedda@iedonline.eu. Contributions must be submitted in **Word** format.

The cover page should contain the IED logo, the title "**A Youth strategy for Europe's future**", an **abstract of about 300 words**, the contact information of the author and the disclaimer "This publication received financial support from the European Parliament. Sole liability rests with the author and the European Parliament is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained therein".

The papers must be around 25 pages in length (comprehensive of footnotes). References should be contained in footnotes and must be formatted coherently. Authors are kindly asked to use 1.5 line-



spacing, 12 point Times New Roman font (11 point for footnotes) and justified margins. Headings must appear in bold. All pages should be numbered consecutively.

The body of the papers should be composed of an introduction, a main part and a conclusion. In the main part, authors are kindly requested to structure their work into two parts addressing the issue of the Youth Policy on:

1. Current situation both at the European and national level;
2. Future development.

Authors might also include a third part in their analysis, focused on:

3. Political objectives and relative strategies at the European and national level.

Plagiarism:

Authors should pay extra attention to referencing in order to avoid all suspicion of plagiarism. All research papers will be checked with anti-plagiarism software before their publication.

Submissions and funding:

Against this background, the Institute of European Democrats intends to award one contract for “Research Fellowship” to each selected applicant. Each “Research Fellowship Agreement” will be signed by the selected applicant and the CEO of the Institute of European Democrats by the 31 July 2018. Through such “Research Fellowship Agreement”, Institute of European Democrats intends to grant a fee of 1.000€.