



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT NORWAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

National Strategy 2020-2021

Developed by the board of EYPNAA 2019 to be implemented and evaluated throughout 2020-2021.



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INTRODUCTION

The National Strategy of EYP Norway Alumni Association (EYPNAA) is a document that has been developed by the board of EYPNAA 2019 with the aim of reaching the goal we have set by the end of 2021. The Strategy is divided into four main sections that reflect the four pillars in the International Strategy of EYP, but they have been tailored to fit the focus areas of EYP Norway. It is by no means exhaustive but is an attempt to increase the structure of the work that could and should be executed by the board of EYPNAA in order to ensure an as smoothly running organization as possible.

Development of the National Strategy

The work with the National Strategy of EYPNAA 2020-2021 was started by a group of board members from the EYPNAA board of 2019. A timeline and rough overview over the work was developed in January. The first part of the work consisted by collecting information from various sources in EYP Norway to be able to understand the needs and wants of EYPNAA.

The second part of the work aimed at analyzing the collected data. Therefore, the designated board members evaluated the member survey that was based on questions related to the four main pillars of the International Strategy of EYP; *Inclusion, Empowerment, Stability and Continuity*, and *Contribution*. Further data was collected from the local branches and the National Committee of EYP Norway.

After several meetings, a workshop at the physical board meeting, followed by another workshop at the Annual Summer Member Weekend of EYPNAA, the strategy could be finalized. The following strategy is the result of this work and is supposed to be a guiding document for the work of the boards of EYPNAA 2020 and 2021. The main aim is to provide a way of evaluating and improving the focus of the work of EYPNAA.



The National Strategy of EYPNAA 2020-2021

The National Strategy of EYPNAA 2020-2021 uses the four main pillars from the International Strategy of EYP, with sub-pillars created to fit the needs of EYPNAA. The **measures** are meant to be the overarching goal within a specific field, whereas the **sub-measures** and **indicators** are actions that can be regarded as tools for measuring the distance from the goal.

Inclusion

*As a part of the wider EYP Network, we believe it is of immense importance that the EYPNAA presents a real chance for its members to feel involved and informed on a national and regional level. In this section about Inclusion, we focus on three main points which are **inclusion** in general, **local branches**, as well as **transparency**.*

1. Inclusion

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Increase geographical diversification.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one delegation representing each county at the National Selection Conference. • Facilitate, to a higher degree, for events such as one-day sessions and trainings in regions that have not organized bigger sessions in the past year.

2. Local Branches

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Ensure low barriers to participate in the local branches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange meetings aimed at new members after bigger events such as regional sessions and national sessions. • Create predictability. Make an overview of activities in the local branch each semester.
Coordinate activity and ensure regular contact between local branches and the board of EYPNAA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange a Skype with the national coordinator and leaders of the local branches at least twice a year to plan and evaluate activities. • Receive updates and ask for input from the local branches before each board meeting.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange elections in the local branches in the span of one month, preferably April.
Variation of activities in the local branches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create written guidelines for organising EYP events in EYPNAA. • Each local branch should organise and execute a regional winter member event.
Increase participation in activities of local branches.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce communication officers in the regional branches who can cooperate with the head of communication on the national board. • Organise at least one in-school session per year.

3. Transparency

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Increase knowledge among the members on the structure of the NC, and the difference between EYPNAA and the National Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update relevant documents that give insight into the NC structure and ensure that they are available to members. • Create an informational video about EYP Norway.
Regularly updating members about EYPNAA-board activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload meeting minutes on Facebook and our webpage after board meetings. • Send out “members’ newsletter” every second month. • Pass on information about upcoming events nationally and internationally
Increase knowledge among the members on the responsibilities of the different board members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make information about responsibilities of each board position available to members on social media and on our webpage. • Include the above-mentioned information in calls for new board members.



Empowerment

*Empowerment is one of the core-values of EYP, both internationally and nationally within EYPNAA. As an alternative educational program, we wish to provide our members with valuable knowledge that is of relevance in both educational and social contexts. We find it crucial that we continue to have an emphasis on it in the National Strategy of EYPNAA. Within empowerment, both **educational value** and **annual activities** are featured.*

4. Educational Value

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Standardize the process of developing topics for EYPNAA sessions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear connection with explanation between suggested topics and national learning objectives. • Develop guidelines for topic selection processes in collaboration with the National Committee.

5. Annual Activities

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Ensure that the Head Organisers of Regional Sessions receive support from the local branch in organising the session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate a discussion about regional sessions in the local branches to recruit potential applicants. • Involve local branches in organising regional sessions by expanding the team of organisers and involving them at an earlier stage. • Publish calls for Head Organisers and organisers for regional sessions at least 8 months in advance.
Ensure a high academic standard at the annual summer member weekend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage at least 2 experienced EYP trainers. • Engage at least 1 relevant external speaker. • Arrange a meeting where members can give feedback to the board. • Organise relevant trainings to prepare members to attend sessions as officials.



Contribution

EYPNAA is a member-based organisation, where the input and contribution of our members are highly valued as well as essential for the maintenance of our organisation. In this section, the focus will be on **democracy** and **volunteering**.

6. Democracy

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
<p>Ensure that all board members are democratically elected.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information about the election, board positions, the application process and deadlines at least 2 months before the General Assembly of EYPNAA. • Make information available on all platforms administered by EYPNAA. • The board nomination should be made public at least two weeks before the General Assembly. • Encourage and create the opportunity for all nominees to present themselves and their platform at the General Assembly. • Assign a given amount of time for questioning the nominees at the General Assembly.
<p>Ensure the opportunity for democratic involvement internationally for members of EYPNAA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide members with information through our various platforms about the Board of National Committees meetings. • Give members the opportunity to contribute and give feedback on the decisions of EYP Norway internationally. • Send BNC-documents to members by email before the deadline of the Agenda Setting Poll • Publish information about the various international EYP bodies on the EYP Norway's website.

7. Volunteering



Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Make volunteering a good experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive to accommodate all officials at the same venue, both at regional and national sessions. • Only budgets that ensure a sufficient covering of basic needs such as proper accommodation, food and breaks are to be approved by EYPNAA and the NC.

Stability and Continuity

*The pillar on Stability and Continuity is in itself important for the organization as a whole, as well as for the individual sessions and the faith in the board that is given the responsibility of managing the tasks of EYPNAA for one year at the time. This section includes the focus areas **knowledge sharing, presence, sessions, communication and cooperation**, which all involve aspects of stability and continuity.*

8. Knowledge Sharing

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Board transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange a board transition weekend for the outgoing and the newly elected boards of EYPNAA. • Create a clear outline of the distribution of responsibilities during the overlap period of the two boards. • Clearly define who is responsible for executing the tasks of EYPNAA, where the outgoing board is advised to involve the new board members in discussions, decisions, and tasks. • The president, both the outgoing and the newly elected, are particularly responsible for coordinating the board transition by frequently following up the other pairs of board members. • Change the time of the annual General Assembly in accordance with the updated statutes of EYPNAA.



<p>More extensive knowledge sharing between the former and current board members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange Skype meetings between current and newly elected board members for the purpose of knowledge sharing. • All outgoing board members are required to transfer the knowledge about their position through a written document, which is to be given to the newly elected board members.
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9. Presence

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
<p>Enhanced presence, visibility and availability of the EYPNAA-board members at our sessions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the board is represented at all events arranged by EYPNAA. • The Organising team should have insight into who the designated board representative is as well as having established contact with said person well before the beginning of the session. • The board representative should introduce themselves at the general teambuilding or opening ceremony of the session or event.
<p>Develop a regional presence of local branches of EYPNAA, both qualitatively and quantitatively.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at point 1.b on how to achieve this.

10. Sessions

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
<p>Increased knowledge sharing between former and current HOs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board is responsible for setting up communication between former and newly selected HOs. • The former HOs are responsible for creating a document for knowledge sharing between themselves and the new HOs • At least one meeting is to take place



	between the former and newly selected HOs.
Clarify the tasks and responsibilities of head organising a session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board is responsible for developing written guidelines on how to arrange the different types of sessions in EYP Norway, preferably with input from former HOs. • Gather statistics from all sessions for later use, e.g. EYP Census.

11. Communication

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Regularly updating members about the activities of EYP Norway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure calls and other information regarding our sessions are sent out well in advance. • Calls should be announced at least three months in advance of the session. • Provide updated information on the webpage eyp.no at all times. • Ensure easy access to updated contact information on all online platforms administered by EYPNAA. • Uphold sharing a member email every second month.

12. Cooperation

Measures	Sub-measures and success indicators
Clarify the relation between session topics and national academic learning objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that session boards who are tasked with drafting the topics of the session are aware of the requirements of the NC in order to be approved. • Work towards developing a document with a clear overview of the national learning objectives to ensure that they are understood and taken into consideration



	<p>when session boards draft their topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a compilation of topics that have been accepted by the National Committee and used at previous sessions as a guiding document for future boards and leaderships at sessions.
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