

ROMANIA

Youth delegate programme



Existing since: 2006

Sending youth delegates to: The United Nations General Assembly and the Commission on Social Development (CSocD)

Call for applications: End of July, beginning of August

Number of youth delegates: 2 (gender balanced, the youth delegates selected for the General Assembly also participate in CSocD)

Length of term: 1 year. Youth delegates are selected at the end of August

Criteria for applying:

- Romanian citizenship
- Between 18-25 years old
- Have spent at least one year out of the last three years in Romania
- Be able to spend the year of the mandate in Romania

Visa Process: A G2 visa, supported by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The final rounds, for which six candidates are selected, comprise a public debate with negotiations on youth priority areas as defined in the World Programme of Action for Youth, and a question and answer session. The jury consists of representatives from the Romanian Youth Council, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the United Nations Information Center and various youth NGOs.

Before the General Assembly

The youth delegates take part in various briefing sessions held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the United Nations Information Center. The youth delegates also attend a one-day briefing on youth policies and programmes organized by the Romanian Youth Council. Furthermore the youth delegates conduct background research on issues related to youth, and have online discussions and consultations with young people around Romania. They also participate in online discussions with other youth delegates prior to the General Assembly and the Commission for Social Development.

At the General Assembly

The youth delegates are official members of their national delegation and take part as advisors. The youth delegates deliver a statement to the Third Committee and participate in informal negotiations on resolutions concerning youth. They also organize a side event at the Romanian Mission, and write briefing reports on youth-related topics. The youth delegates attend both the General Assembly and the Commission for Social Development for two weeks.

Selection Process for the General Assembly

The selection process is organized by the Romanian Youth Council in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In response to a call for applications, interested candidates submit their CV, a motivation letter, a letter of recommendation and a 1,500 word long essay on a pre-set topic regarding youth. Successful candidates are then selected for a semi-final where an interview is conducted via Skype on topics such as youth policies and youth programmes at national, European and international level, as well as questions regarding the candidate's academic and professional background.

When returning home

Upon their return, the youth delegates report back to the National Youth Council and meet with various stakeholders and NGOs that work on youth policies. The youth delegates also travel around the country for an information campaign visiting universities and high schools, informing young people about their experiences as youth delegates and the work of the United Nations. They also brief the incoming youth delegates.

Funding

The Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs covers the accommodation during the intergovernmental meetings, while the Ministry of Youth and Sports covers the flight tickets. Other costs related to the role of the Romanian youth delegates are covered by the youth delegates themselves. The youth delegates are advised and supported by the National Youth Council to undertake fundraising.

Contact

To learn more about the selection process and the Romanian youth delegate programme please visit www.unyouthdelegate.ro