

1.8 Cross-border cooperation

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Cooperation with European countries

For the Norwegian participation in EU programmes, see section [1.7 Funding youth policy](#) - Use of EU Funds for an overview of the European Union programmes.

Norway participates in a wide range of cooperation at both the Nordic and European level:

[The Nordic Committee for Children and Young People \(NORDBUK\)](#) is the Nordic Council of Ministers' Advisory and Co-ordinating body for matters relating to children and young people.

The [Council of the Baltic Sea States \(CBSS\)](#) supports regional cooperation on education and culture between Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland, Russia, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Norway, and Iceland

The [Barents Youth Coordination Office \(BYCO\)](#) provides counselling, information, education in project management, guidance and all kinds of support for youth groups, organizations and networks working with international youth projects in the Barents region.

International cooperation

Norway, as a signatory of the European Cultural Convention (ETS No. 18) and participates in the [European Steering Committee for Youth \(CDEJ\)](#). The CDEJ supervises a programme of activities involving policy makers, youth researchers and youth work practitioners and focuses particularly on the development of youth policies in its member states.

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) may apply to the [European Youth Foundation \(EYF\)](#). The EYF fund was established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial and educational support for European youth activities.

Within the framework agreement between the European Union and Council of Europe, Norway takes part in the [European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy \(EKCYP\)](#) which is an on-line database intended to provide the youth sector with a single access point to reliable knowledge and information about young people's situation across Europe. EKCYP aims at enhancing knowledge transfers between the fields of research, policy and practice through the collection

and dissemination of information about youth policy, research and practice in Europe and beyond.

Linked to EKCYP is a [network of national correspondents](#), who are youth policy specialists responsible for collecting national data.