



Annual report 2018

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FOREWORD

Dear friends and members of Rural Youth Europe,

On behalf of the board of Rural Youth Europe I submit the Annual Report for the year 2018 for your attention.

The report outlines key activities and achievements of Rural Youth Europe during this period. Changes took place to the staff team in Helsinki too which has enabled the organization to continue to respond to the needs of its members and future aspirations. I would like to THANK Russ, Mikko, Julia and Geoff for their hard work and commitment during their mandates.

You can read about all of the above and more in the pages that follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members, for your active participation throughout the year.

Your continued support and contribution ensures the success of our events, and your support for the development opportunities for your grass-roots members helps shape the future leaders of rural youth across Europe.

Rural Youth Europe owes particular gratitude to the European Youth Foundation, The Youth department of the Council of Europe, the Education, Culture and Audiovisual Executive Agency of the European Commission via its Erasmus+ programme, and of course sponsors from your own countries for their continued support which is so vital to the success of our events.

In times of fast change and global challenges I believe the Rural Youth Europe Network is as relevant as at day one in 1957.

Big challenges like climate change, future food production, migration movements, human rights etc., require common international efforts to be

resolved. And to make sure that we are able to tackle these challenges in a fair and human way we need open minded people.

I strongly believe that Rural Youth Europe and its Mission „Breaking Boundaries – Building Bridges“ plays an active role thus our events and policy work to ensure that future decision makers gain the skills and open mind needed to build our bright future.

In my first year as Chairman, we have made big efforts to get the Voice of Young Farmers and Rural Youth heard. Through a joint Manifest with CEJA and MIJARC we combined the power of rural youth in Europe and communicated the pains and needs of Young Farmers and Rural Youth in Europe.

The future of rural areas are important, therefore we have to shout out loud to make sure that WE, rural youth, are heard.

I am looking forward to lead this fantastic organization for another year and want to thank my Vice-Chair, the board, office and of course the whole network for your support.

All the best,



Sebastian Lassnig
Chairman of Rural Youth Europe

MEMBERS

Contacts with the Rural Youth Europe (RYEurope) Member Organisations are maintained through statutory meetings and events.

The RYEurope webpage, social media, monthly e-news, e-mail, phone and Skype are used to

maintain the cooperation between meetings.

If there is an opportunity or specific need, Member Organisations are visited by Board Members or the Secretary General.

Membership numbers provided below are as per returns for 2018 fees.

GROUP I UK & IRELAND

National Federation Of Young Farmers' Clubs (NFYFC)

18374 members

Yfc Centre, 10th Street, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth Cv8 2Lg, England, UK

www.nfyfc.org.uk



Macra na Feirme

7500 members

Irish Farmcentre Bluebell, 12 Dublin, Ireland

www.macra.ie



Macra na Feirme

Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster (YFCU)

3000 members

475 Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 3BD, Northern Ireland, UK

www.yfcu.org



Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs (SAYFC)

3617 members

Ingliston Young Farmers' Centre, EH28 8NE, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

www.sayfc.org



Wales YFC / CFFI Cymru

5573 members

CFFI, Builth Wells, LD2 3NJ, Powys, Wales, UK

www.yfc-wales.org.uk



GROUP II CENTRAL EUROPE

Landjugend Österreich (ÖLJ)

92660 members

Schauflergasse 6, 1014, Vienna, Austria

www.landjugend.at



Bund der Deutschen Landjugend (BDL) e.V.

100000 members

Claire-Waldoff-Str. 7, 10117, Berlin, Germany

www.macra.de



Agricultural and Rural Youth Association (AGRYA)

670 members

Váci út 134/c, VI/28, 1138, Budapest, Hungary

www.agrya.hu



Slovenian Rural Youth Association (ZSPM)

3500 members

Celovska 43, 1000, Ljubljana, Slovenia

www.zspm.si



Schweizerische Landjugendvereinigung (SLJV)

2961 members

c/o AGRIDEA, Eschikon 28, 8315 Lindau, Switzerland

www.landjugend.ch



GROUP III NORTHERN EUROPE

Danmarks Landboungdom and Danish 4H

3982 members

Agro Food Park 15, Skejby, 8200, Aarhus N, Denmark

www.landboungdom.dk

www.4h.dk



Suomen 4H-liitto

47000 members

Karjalankatu 2A, 00520 Helsinki, Finland

www.4h.fi



Finlands Svenska 4H

3702 members

Elisabetsgatan 21 B 12, FIN-00170, Helsinki, Finland

www.fs4h.fi



Norske 4H

12116 members

Postboks 113, N-2026 Skjetten, Norway

www.4h.no



Norges Bygdeungdomslag

6745 members

Schweigaardsgate 34B, oppgang 2, 3. etasje, Grønland, Oslo, Norway

www.nbu.no



Sveriges 4H

10236 members

Box 2012, 64102, Katrineholm Sweden

www.4h.se



GROUP IV EASTERN EUROPE

Eesti 4H

1117 members

Allika 2a, 80036, Pärnu, Estonia

www.eesti4h.ee

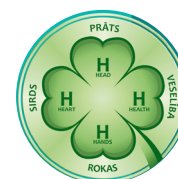


Latvijas Mazpulki - Latvian 4H

2000 members

Ezermalas 28, LV-1014, Riga, Latvia

www.mazpulki.lv



Latvian Young Farmer's Club (JZK)

118 members

*Latvijas Jauno Zemnieku klubs, Dobeles iela 41A,
Jelgava, Latvia, LV-3001*

www.jzk.lv



Federation of Youth Clubs Armenia (FYCA)

1000 members

Mashtots Ave. 4, 1/1, Yerevan 0015, Armenia

www.fyca.net



BOARD

RYEurope`s board is very active and the board`s common work effort equals to approximately 1,5 full time employees. At the same time being a board member is a process of personal development and competence building.

The Board saw some bigger changes on the 17th of August 2018 when the annual General Assembly elected a new board, with new representation from Austria, Northern Ireland, Slovenia and Denmark.

Linzi Stewart, Group 1 representative, Julia Müller, Group 2 representative and Mikko Välitähti, Group 3 representative stepped down from their roles after successful terms. Furthermore, also Russell Carrington finished as Chairperson after a successful term as well as Goeff Thompson as Board member for special interest.

Hannah Kirkpatrick from YFCU Northern Ireland Daniela Allram from Rural Youth Austria and Nicolai Olsen from 4H Denmark were elected onto the board as representatives for Group 1, 2 and 4 respectively. Anja Mager from Rural Youth Slovenia (ZPSM) succeeded for the role of Special interest.



Chair
Sebastian Lassnig
Austria



Vice-Chair
Linzi Stewart
Northern Ireland



BM Central Europe
(Group II)
Daniela Allram
Austria



BM Eastern Europe
(Group IV)
Āris Brencis
Latvia



BM UK & Ireland
(Group I)
Hannah Kirkpatrick
Northern Ireland



BM Northern Europe
(Group III)
Nicolai Olsen
Denmark



Special Interest
Board Member
Anja Mager
Slovenia

SECRETARIAT

The secretariat carry out the day-to-day tasks regarding administration, grant applications and reports, educational support for the youth teams running the activities and part of the media tasks.

The work was divided on four persons.

The Secretary General Jenni Heinonen adopted a child in early 2018, so RYEurope hired Eelin Hoffström-Cagiran as Interim Secretary General. They worked in parallel for some time before Jenni went on parental leave.

Pia Winsten continued as Education and Fundraising Manager.

Madara Kļaviņa was hired as new Graphic Designer for RYEurope's publications and other printed material. She works from Latvia while the rest of the staff is in Finland.



Interim Secretary General

Eelin Hoffström - Cagiran
Finland



Education and Fundraising Manager

Pia Nurmio-Perälä
Finland



Secretary General

Jenni Heinonen
Finland



Graphic Designer

Madara Kļaviņa
Latvia



STATUTORY MEETINGS

The Board of RYEurope implements the decisions and policies agreed at General Assemblies, monitors the financial situation, is responsible for employment related matters and supervising staff, and prepares and evaluates the international activities of the organisation.

The board also makes decisions on a strategic level and at the same time monitors and develops the organisation's strategic direction.

Board Meetings



Herefordshire, England 25 February

Stirling, Scotland 18 March

Graz, Austria 15 May

Oxford, England 26-27 May

Perth, Scotland 14 August

Klagenfurt, Austria 28 September

Stusnäs, Finland 19-20 October

Brussels, Belgium 8-9 December

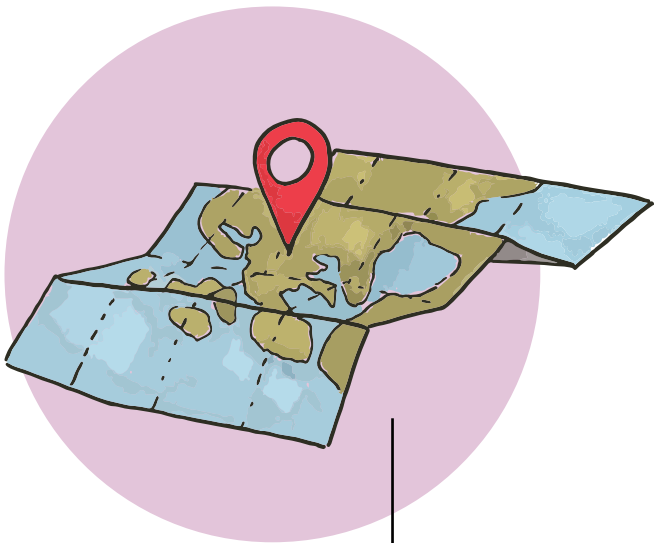
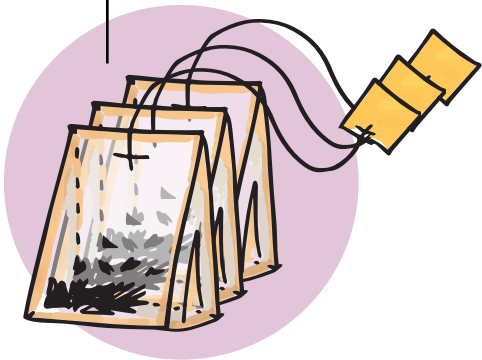


8

board meetings

176

teabags used at board meetings



159

participants at events



81

energisers at events

General Assembly 2018

August 17, Bridge of Earn, Scotland



The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body for RYEurope.

It sets the framework for the organisation and for how the board and secretariat should manage the annual work programme.

In total **15 member organisations** were present, all being full members with full voting rights. **19 voting cards** were distributed.

The Rural Youth Europe **Annual Report 2017** was distributed prior to the meeting.

A presentation was made of the board meetings held during the year, as well as meetings with member organisations.

The **2017 accounts** were presented. The largest event expenditures were attributed to the Rally, followed by the Autumn Seminar and also campaign in 2017.

Operational income was mostly from Erasmus+ and the European Youth Foundation, with membership fees also making a significant contribution.

Updated budget 2018 was presented.

The GA approved the **preliminary budget for 2019**. The external and internal **auditor reports** were read.

RYEurope's **strategic review** and balanced scorecard that RYEurope uses as a strategic tool were presented.

Future activities of Rural Youth Europe were presented.

The membership fee from the **Polish rural youth organisation** has not been received and they are out of reach. Therefore all agreed the member organisation to be expelled.

A proposal for extending the mandate of the **special interest position for policy and advocacy work** was presented and the GA decided to extend the mandate.

Additionally, the GA voted in favour of providing the board with the mandate to seek **additional resources** to support its policy work. All voted in favour of establishing an **informal alliance** for rural organisations at the YFJ, in particular with MIJARC and CEJA, so as to support one another with rurally important issues and policy decisions.

GA voted in favour of the proposal to open up the possibility for RYEurope to explore potential collaboration with **organisations outside of Europe** if opportunities arise.

A proposal for a **membership fee** increase of 20% was presented as the fees have not been raised since 2004. The GA voted in favour of the membership fee increase. The GA also voted in favour of making annual membership fee reviews.

Updated **behavioral guidelines** were presented. The following changes were proposed and seconded: Changing 3.3.2 and removing 4.2.2 to remove mention of a % ABV limit in the document. An additional point (3.2.9) for host organisations to be responsible for following local laws and regulations. The document was adopted.

It was confirmed that the **next GA** would be taking place on Friday, August 23, 2019 in Cirencester, England.



Elections

- Former Vice-chair - Sebastian Lassnig replaced Russell Carrington (England) as **Chair**.
- Former Board representative for UK & Ireland - Linzi Stewart replaced Sebastian Lassnig as **Vice-Chair**.
- Hannah Kirkpatrick replaced Linzi Stewart as Board representative of **Group I - UK & Ireland**.
- Daniela Allram replaced Julia Müller (Germany) as Board representative of **Group II - Central Europe**.
- Nicolai Olsen replaced Mikko Väitalo (Finland) as Board representative of **Group III - Northern Europe**.
- Anja Mager replaced Geoff Thompson (Northern Ireland) as **Special Interest Board member**.

OTHER MEETINGS

Rural Youth Europe aims to meet at least 30% of the members each year.

During 2018 the board met with some members in connection to the board meetings, and additionally board members visited member organisations' General Assemblies and special events such as anniversaries.

Our final board meeting in Brussels also provided a good chance to meet with our partners ECYC and CEJA, which are both located in Brussels.

These meetings create an opportunity to exchange information and develop the partnership through sharing the outcomes of our activities.



FINANCES

Rural Youth Europe, as a non-profit NGO, does not aim for surplus, but also needs to carefully look after its financials to ensure there are enough funds to carry out high quality educational activities.

Both income and costs vary each year depending on how well fundraising succeed, amount of work and activity costs.

The General Assembly of Rural Youth Europe confirmed in 2015 that the organisation can move internal funds (primarily participation fees considered as general activity grants, not activity specific) from one year to the next, to ensure continuity of the activities regardless on variation of funding situations.

This has been the practice during recent years and in 2018 account there were funds available to move forward.

However, according to advice from the book-keeper these funds were not moved forward in the accounting itself, but instead documented as surplus in 2018.

This strengthens the organisation's own capital and allows possible minus result in 2019 or following years - which gives the organisation stability to carry out activities despite challenging fundraising situations.

RYEurope's own capital will likely be needed to carry out Rally and Democracy project 2019, as well as run a high-profile conference in 2020.

The surplus of 2018 is due to that internal funds were not to as high degree needed as an outcome of:

- successful fundraising for activities,
- lower costs than usually for activities,
- less staff than planned,
- some 2017 income was not registered in 2017, and is visible as income in 2018.

Less staff in 2018 also resulted in that some of the secretariat's 2018 tasks were delayed or partly postponed to 2019 instead, which will result in higher staff costs in 2019.

Balance Sheet

Assets	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Non-current assets		
Machinery and equipment	2 390,02	3 186,70
Non-current assets in total	2 390,02	3 186,70
Current assets		
Receivables		
Short term		
Trade debtors	13 554,87	0,00
Other receivables	25 998,00	3 795,20
Prepayments and accrued income	0,00	23 710,82
Total receivables	39 552,87	27 506,02
Cash in hand and at banks	139 137,54	102 565,13
Current assets in total	178 690,41	130 071,15
Assets in Total	181 080,43	133 257,85
Liabilities	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Capital and reserves		
Shares or other comparable assets	24 214,75	24 214,75
Retained earnings gain or (loss)	77 977,05	56 433,06
Profit (loss) for the financial year	35 236,06	21 543,99
Capital and reserves in total	137 427,86	102 191,80
Creditors		
Creditors, Short term		
Trade creditors	14 799,00	0,00
Other creditors	3 742,02	4 481,50
Accruals and deferred income	25 111,55	26 584,55
Creditors in total	43 652,57	31 066,05
Liabilities in Total	181 080,43	133 257,85

Income Statement

	01.01. – 31.12.18	01.01. – 31.12.17
Actual operation	-102 878,93	-80 414,62
Income from actual operation	44 334,18	80 436,26
Expenses of actual operation	-147 213,11	-160 850,88
Personnel expenses	-70 071,79	-83 054,20
Depreciations	-796,68	-1 131,77
Other expenses	-76 344,65	-76 664,91
Balancing difference	0,01	0,00
Profit/accrued expense	-102 878,93	-80 414,62
Fund raising	32 950,00	30 449,89
Income from fundraising	32 950,00	30 449,89
Profit/accrued expense	-69 928,93	-49 964,73
Investment and financing activity	7,89	141,77
Income from investment and financing activity	15,03	141,77
Expenses of investment and financing activity	-7,14	0,00
Profit/accrued expense	-69 921,04	-49 822,96
General subsidies	105 157,10	71 366,95
Profit (loss) for the financial year	35 236,06	21 543,99
Fiscal period surplus (deficit)	35 236,06	21 543,99

ACTIVITIES

The central part of RYEurope's work programme are the educational activities.

Even if digital youth work becomes increasingly important, physical meetings are still essential, especially for rural youth who often are more isolated than other young people.

In addition to development of knowledge and skills, the physical meetings change attitudes when rural youth connect their daily issues to the European perspective, and start acting with this in mind.

In 2018 young people participated in a youth exchange, study session and local study visits.

RYEurope is run by rural youth and for rural youth. The learning process is important for everyone involved; participants, team members, board members and staff.

RYEurope has an annual work programme with interlinked activities and follow-up.

The 2018 theme was youth participation, and the aim was to raise rural young people's level of participation. A motivation for selecting this theme was that democratic way of life is declining and opinions are becoming more polarised.

The objectives for RYEurope's activities in 2018 were:

- A. to raise awareness about youth participation in rural areas among the work programme participants and around Europe,
- B. to let rural youth explore and improve their own opportunities for active participation in the society on local, national and European/ international level, and
- C. to identify and remove obstacles for youth participation.



Junior Event "Guardians Of Equality"

July 2 - 8, Inari, Finland, 42 participants

Youth seminar "Guardians of Equality" was organised in cooperation with Saga Finland (SaFi) and Nordisk Samorganisation för Ungdomsarbete (NSU).

The participants and leaders were 42 young people mostly from the age of 14 – 25 from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Austria, Slovenia and Turkey.

The theme of the event was gender equality.



At first participants shared their own experiences about gender issues in their countries, then they learned more about the topic and at participated an equality simulation.

Towards the end of the week they planned their own projects to be implemented back home.

The objectives of Guardians of Equality was to: Explore about each other's home societies and the young people's lifestyles there, become aware of unfair gender related issues in the society, and plan and carry out local actions for increased gender equality.



Rally "World of Opportunities"

August 12-19, Bridge of Earn, Scotland, 86 participants

"World of Opportunities" aimed to let rural youth explore and improve their opportunities to active participation in society.

During the week the participants defined and shared about the barriers to their participation and learnt about how young people participate in a community in rural Scotland. Furthermore, they created campaigns to tackle issues limiting their participation in local communities and shared their experiences of youth participation with each other and with the local community.

The activity was inspiring and empowering as many of the issues raised were relatable and concrete concerns from the daily life of rural youth. "World of opportunities" relied heavily on the participants' own experiences as a basis for the learning through peer learning activities.



The activity had many moments of sharing best practice, most notably the homestays where the participants shared about their own lives and learnt about the lives of the locals, and the study visits which were collected and used as a basis for the programme.

As for many of the participants it was the first international experience it was a moment of exploring the international context in a safe and welcoming atmosphere. Much time was dedicated to the participants getting to know each other and learning about the life of others, both local and international.





Study Session "Play your part!"

September 17- 22, Budapest, Hungary, 33 participants

The study session was jointly organised by Rural Youth Europe and the European Confederation of Youth Clubs in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

The session aimed to empower both urban and rural youth to strengthen youth participation in their communities. The group consisted of 33 participants from 13 countries. During the week participants explored different forms, strengths and obstacles of youth participation in rural and urban areas, shared experiences and good practice regarding how to overcome barriers of youth participation, and planned concrete actions for enhancing youth participation.

"Play your part!" provided a platform to discuss the different ways young people can participate in the community.

Different charts were used as tools for young people to build a stronger backbone to their actions and introduced participation as a right for the young people to make a change in the community.

The study session empowered and inspired the participants to spread their learning and the benefits of participation to their peers and others in their local reality.

At the end of the week the participants worked in teams in order to put their knowledge in practice and develop concrete action plans for their own Youth Participation campaigns. Finally, on the last day the participants presented their action plans and exchanged feedback to further improve their individual campaigns, as well as discussed their take-aways from the whole week.

Autumn Seminar "Media Crossroads"

November 4-10, Espoo, Finland, 28 participants

The autumn seminar was a training course for youth workers on the topic of media as an obstacle and a tool for rural youth participation. The aim of the activity was to remove the obstacle by empowering and supporting young people in rural NGOs on the topics of media literacy, critical thinking and participative media.

"Media Crossroads" built on the understanding on youth participation and brought it in to a very concrete direction where we looked at media's impact on youth participation.

The participants looked at their organisations' publications and the way young people are seen and heard in mainstream media.

They also focused on the difficulties of getting the news into mainstream media.

Media as a participatory phenomenon was also discussed, where social media is taking more and more space from the traditional medias



role of an informer, and the risks and benefits of this, with increased hate speech but also more chances for young people to take and promote action.

The activity addressed the frustration of the rural voice not being heard in general media and the participants came away empowered, inspired and ready to take action.

The participants learnt tools for using different media to have their voices heard and how conscious use of social media can be combating hate speech.



RURAL YOUTH PROJECT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

January 1 - December 31, 2018

Each year our member organisations continue to surprise us with the creativity and dedication they show while carrying out their projects and this year was no exception.

We were very happy to receive more submissions that last year. Moreover, we received several applications from our 4H member organisations, which have been less active in the competition in the past, and we hope that is a trend that will continue in the future.

This year's online voting reached incredible numbers. Despite the negative changes to Facebook algorithms, the post reached approximately 75 000 people.

Rural Youth Europe is very happy about the reach as one of the main goals of the competition is to shine light on the great work done by our member organisations.

The voting itself was very intense this year, with two of the project battling neck-to-neck up to the last hours of the competition. In the end more than 6000 people cast their votes, which is the largest number of votes this competition has ever seen.





In the end, ZSPM's project „Most People Manually Cutting Grass” came out victorious.

The above project united people of all ages from all over Slovenia willing to honour old farming traditions. The cooperation between generations resulted in a new Guinness World Record and more recently a victory in Rural Youth Europe's Rural Youth Project of the Year Competition (with both achievements being of equal merit).

The Board of Rural Youth Europe congratulates ZSPM with their victory and thanks all other applicants for their participation.

Even though there is only one winner in the competition, there are many winners in the communities that benefited from the projects run by our member organisations.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

2018 was a year when RYEurope increased cooperation with other INGOs, the European Youth Forum (YFJ), decision makers and public institutions. RYEurope has put more emphasis on rural advocacy and will bring rural issues to discussion in other parts of civil society and among decision makers. This is supported by a special interest board member with focus on European youth policy.

RYEurope is a member of the **European Youth Forum (YFJ)** and this is our main channel to advocate our interests on European level. YFJ is an organisation uniting 104 National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations. YFJ works through its various bodies, commissions and task forces towards the European Union, Council of Europe, United Nations and other policy makers to promote issues affecting young Europeans.

In 2018, we took part in the General assembly in Novi Sad in November and were active in

YFJ through participating in working groups. Here our Funding and Education Manager Pia Winstén was elected as a member of YFJ's Financial Control Commission (FCC). In 2018 YFJ went through the process of the Structured Dialogue, and the outcome of the process were the 11 Youth Goals. For us at Rural Youth Europe, the 6th youth goal is the one we will keep working on – "Moving rural youth forward".

In 2018 we gave rural perspective in youthwork in various expert events, as well as to the youth perspective to various rural networks.



RYEurope participated in a Council of Europe Youth strategy event and **The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)** networking event in Brussels.

We were involved in the **Rural Youth Project** (www.ruralyouthproject.com) by spreading the project survey and its results. RYEurope also took part in DiscoverEU Stakeholders meeting in Brussels, Belgium. DiscoverEU is an initiative of the European Union that gives young people the opportunity to travel around Europe.

The European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA) is a partner organisation of RYEurope, mainly dealing with agricultural issues and policies on a European level. They lobby the European Commission on behalf of young farmers in Europe. We had representation at the General Assembly of CEJA in Slovenia. This gave us a chance to join discussion about how the Future CAP (EU common agricultural policy) can help generational renewal in agriculture to take place.

RYEurope maintained good working relations with the **Youth Department of the Council of Europe**. The European Youth Centres in Strasbourg and Budapest are residential centres of the CoE Youth Department. In 2018 RYEurope held a study session "Play your part!" in Budapest jointly with European Confederation of Youth Clubs (ECYC) in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) of the Council of Europe provided grants for administrative expenses and for the work plan 2018. Activities that were included in the Work plan were the Grand Preparatory Meeting and Training, local study visits, the Rally "World of opportunities" and the Autumn Seminar "Media crossroads". The work plan also included an end of the year publication to disseminate the learning outcomes of the work plan.

In 2018, RYEurope benefited from the **Erasmus+ programme** as provided by the European Union, through an operational grant.

In 2018, RYEurope continued having good relations with its partners **International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth (MIJARC)** and **European IFYE Alumni Association International Farm Youth Exchanges (IFYE)**.

Furthermore, RYEurope has established contacts with rural youth associations in South Tyrol (Italy) and Netherlands regarding possible future cooperation or membership.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Our main social media channel is Facebook supported by Instagram and twitter.

The monthly e-news share information about our activities and the work in our member and partner organisations as well as share valuable information and links to other stakeholders.

The end of the year publication highlighted the theme of the year which was Youth Participa-

tion, and how the topic was addressed at our various activities. It also shared examples of the Local Study Visit that the participants made to prepare for our international activities.

Our website plays host to a learning platform where we add new methods and share links to existing ones. We add material to the platform based on the activities we carry out.

IMPACT AND DISSEMINATION

The impact of the 2018 work was based in increased capacity of the member organisations and the young people involved in those organisations.

All our activities had specific plans on how the participants can multiply what they learnt in their organisation and community.

Our activities interacted with local social events and we did sessions together with local stakeholders.

Rural Youth Project of the Year competition worked as dissemination of good practice.

RYEurope Board and Secretariat give upon request its members consultation on both rural interest coverage and international cooperation.

The impacts were:

- The youth of the member organisations got training, opportunities of personal development and understanding of the European dimension of rural issues.
- The member organisations gained experience of being hosting and sending organisations for European events, and experience of project management to arrange other European projects among themselves or with other partners.
- Local interaction during the activities brought intercultural communication to the activities' hosting community and gives visibility to RYEurope and European programmes.
- The member organisations' agenda was brought to European level via RYEurope's membership in European Youth Forum; and
- Increased emphasis of rural advocacy brought rural issues to discussion also in other parts of the civil society and among decision makers.

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