

Organizers and experts

The conference is organized by APYN with fundings from the EU Youth in Action program.

The conference also invites experts on advocacy and policy making to exchange their own experiences with the participants. These experts will come from various entities such as World Health Organisation (WHO), European Commission (EC), Netherlands' Institute for Alcohol Policy (STAP), Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS), Eurocare Members and the Ministry of Health of Slovenia.

Travel and accomodation costs

70% of travel expenses will only be reimbursed (EU and EFTA countries). The participation fee is 50,00 eur per participant (free for the first 20 participants).

APYN will cover the costs of lodging for the duration of the event.

What is APYN?

The Alcohol Policy Youth Network is a network of youth organizations that works towards the prevention and reduction of alcohol-related harm.

Its mission is to mobilize young people across Europe to raise awareness about alcohol related topics and to become advocates of better alcohol policy on a local, national and international level. APYN conducts research and develops policies on young people and alcohol. All its work is evidence-based.

APYN is non-partisan and independent from any source of tobacco and alcohol industry funding.

See more about the event on
www.apyn.org/conference



Welcome to the First European Alcohol Policy Youth Conference

8th – 14th November 2012

Bled, Slovenia



Goal

The idea of the conference is to bring together 100+ young people from across Europe to build capacity to become advocates of a better alcohol policy in Europe.

Conference aims

- » to raise interest among young people and youth organizations in Europe about alcohol policy,
- » to empower the participants with the necessary skills and capacities in order to actively promote their views on alcohol,
- » to engage with these views in the policy-making, by capacitating them to be of influence next to institutions and authorities, as well as for raising awareness next to their constituencies and partners at the local, national or European levels,
- » to provide the necessary tools and training for participants to be able to conduct community based projects to reduce the alcohol related harm on youth,
- » to bring their own expertise and best practice and exchange them with the rest of the participants, as well as gain more skills on advocacy and policy-making,

Sessions

The conference will have three parallel sessions:

- » Training course for beginners, targeted for people who hasn't started working on alcohol projects yet.
- » Training course for youth researchers (intermediate/advanced), aimed to those willing to work on scientific research regarding alcohol use among youth.
- » Training course on alcohol policy, advocacy and lobbying (advanced), aimed for those willing to influence local, national and international authorities on alcohol policy and advocacy.

The conference will have combination of workshops, plenaries and training sessions on soft skills, delivered by experienced facilitators.

