

## Mandate of the European Training Strategy Advisory Group

Title	Advisory Group of the European Training Strategy
Duration of the mandate	01.03.2022 – 30.06.2028
Coordinating DG and Unit	Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), Unit B.3 - Youth, Volunteer Solidarity and Traineeships Office. The SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre.
Chair	The European Commission chairs the Advisory Group.

### Membership & Governance

In the Advisory Group, the following representatives of the community of practice can participate:

- At least four Heads of Erasmus+/Youth National Agencies (NAs) or related staff who are working on or are connected to training and learning offers for trainers and youth workers in the framework of capacity-building processes, and in the EU Youth Programmes implementation;
- Two to three Youth Researchers, active in the EU Youth Programmes, familiar with the network of SALTO Resource centres (SALTOs), NAs and Youth Partnership, and with the European Training Strategy;
- Two to three trainers/trainers' representative organisations and platforms, active in the EU Youth Programmes, familiar with the network of SALTO Resource centres (SALTOs) and NAs and with the European Training Strategy;
- Two to three Youth workers' representative organisations and platforms, active in the EU Youth Programmes, familiar with the network of SALTO Resource centres (SALTOs) and NAs and with the European Training Strategy;
- One representative from the Youth Partnership
- One representative from the European Youth Forum
- One representative from the thematic and one from regional SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres, possibly participating in a rotating basis
- One representative from the Solidarity Corps Resource Centre.

Membership in the Advisory Group is upon the nomination by the Directors of the Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps NAs when it comes to NA representatives; and the results of a selection process, steered by SALTO Training and Cooperation and the European Commission, for the expert members not connected to specific institutions. In case over the course of time, the representation of some stakeholder groups substantially decreases, a repeated call may be issued.

The European Commission and SALTO Training and Cooperation share the chair of the Advisory Group; SALTO Training and Cooperation supports its work to ensure contributions and coordination.

The nominated members commit to actively participate in the Advisory Group's meetings and contribute to its outputs.

The work of the Advisory Group will begin on 01.03.2022 and will end on 30.06.2028. The working language of the Advisory Group is English. Therefore, a good knowledge of English is essential.

The Advisory Group can invite external experts or stakeholders working on topics addressed by the European Training Strategy to participate in meetings in order to share views and expertise. With the help of such ad hoc guests, also connections to other relevant sectors should be created, such as education.

In principle, the Advisory meets twice per year, in residential and/or digital formats. Additional online meetings are possible to discuss specific matters. In between the meetings, the members of the Advisory Group may coordinate their work via a dedicated online space restricted to the members of the Advisory Group and/or to other participants invited by the Advisory Group.

Specific subgroups may be created – with possible inclusion of further experts – to gather more specific feedback on certain projects or development areas within the strategy implementation. The work of the subgroups will in such cases provide basis for and feed into the discussions to be held in the ETS Advisory Group.

**Support role in:**

- Promoting and advocating for the EU Youth Programmes as contexts of competence development and capacity building
- Supporting the implementation and further development of the European Training Strategy, by providing expert advice and feedback on its implementation plans. Where relevant, the members contribute with the collective feedback of the stakeholder organisations they represent.
- Providing tools for National Agencies, SALTOs, trainers and youth workers for a successful implementation of their projects with, for National Agencies, with a particular focus on TCA/NET and the Knowledge Management and Staff Training (supports equipping the stakeholders above-mentioned with relevant competences, supports establishing partnerships, etc.)
- Demonstrating the importance and relevance of competence-based approaches (collects and disseminates good practices, collects and maintain reliable statistics, monitors the impact of the European Training Strategy, highlights new project types and approaches related to competence development and capacity-building, etc.)
- Supporting the monitoring of the implementation of the European Training Strategy and advising on directions for areas of specific attention.
- Creating links with other relevant processes in development of youth work and/or youth policies, on European and national levels. This includes the development of the implementation of the EU Youth Programmes in relation to recognition, European Youth Work Agenda and the Bonn Process, as

well as the Strategic National Agencies Cooperation projects, especially those focusing on youth work.

- Dissemination and promotion of the European Training Strategy and other developments related to the competence development and capacity building in (international) youth work.