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Outcomes of the first meeting and of the subsequent work of the ad hoc group on youth

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Young people within the Steering Committee

- Individuals aged between 18 and 30
- Individuals under the age of 18 where guardianship and national laws make it possible
- Representatives of youth led organizations up to the age of 35
- Individuals and representatives should be linked to local / national / regional organizations and mechanisms linked to ESD
- Youth Representatives are expected to seek input from young people in the UNECE region who represent a broad spectrum of individuals
- **Recommendation: Nominate current members of the Ad-hoc Group on youth to the Steering Committee meeting in October**

Youth within the Strategic Framework

- For the purpose of the strategy and as a target group of the UNECE ESD Steering Committee young people refers to every individual up to the age of 35
- This broad definition is used so as to take into account the varying definitions and aspects of a person's life in their transition towards adulthood. This definition does not aim to refer to young people as a homogenous group but rather as a group that is faced with a specific set of challenges within society
- Specific Recommendations for the different Strands of the Strategic Framework were formulated

Youth engagement at the (Inter)national level for ESD

- The establishment of a youth network / youth working group within institutions
- Holding regular meetings with youth
- Ensuring delegation processes to (inter)national meetings are more democratic
- Drafting basic TORs and minimum requirements for 'meaningful youth participation'
- Appointing youth focal points within organizations to work and liaise with networks
- Provision of (digital) platforms for engagement and sharing of best practices such as mailing lists
- Avoid creating parallel structures to those that already exist but rather integrating and improving them
- The working and cooperating mechanisms should be continuous and where possible be formalized within the system / organization.
- Whilst time and money are important factors in enabling youth participation, engagement and ideas are the main drivers.

Update on Youth Meeting scheduled for
end of this year in Cyprus

Resource Mobilization