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on Education for Sustainable Development**

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**Draft activity plan for the Youth Platform in the region for the period
2021–2025**

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Education for sustainable development and youth: update on the activities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Education for Sustainable Development Youth Platform held since the previous meeting:

An activity plan for the Youth Platform in the region for the period 2021–2025

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1. Following the decision taken at the Steering Committee's sixteenth meeting, the coordinator of the UNECE ESD Youth Platform will present to the Steering Committee an activity plan for the Youth Platform in the region for the period 2021–2025 for approval.
2. The draft activity plan for the Youth Platform in the region for the period 2021–2025 is provided below.

Draft activity plan for the UNECE ESD Youth Platform for the period 2021–2025

Following the launch of the UNECE ESD Youth Platform in 2020, the members of the platform have actively participated in shaping the future activities and priorities of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD, helping to shape the new strategy for the post 2022 period. At the same time, the platform has advanced its work to ensure that its activities actively contribute to the UNECE Strategy for ESD.

To better clarify the role and objectives of the Youth Platform, a specific strategy for the youth platform was created. This strategy is intrinsically linked with the broader UNECE Strategy for ESD and should not be seen as a separate document but as a complementary one which outlines its broader objectives, vision and mission.

As part of the development of this strategy several activities are foreseen in the coming years focused on four main topics or activity strands:

1. Programme activities: These include activities related to awareness raising and capacity building, such as trainings, workshops and participation in international fora
2. Fundraising: These activities are aimed mainly at ensuring the financial viability of programme activities as well as supporting the day-to-day activities of the platform, such as travel and accommodation costs for members.
3. Strengthening our own network: These activities aim to improve the shortcomings in the network, aiming at increasing understanding of our work and objectives as well as ensuring members contribute to them.
4. Communication / advocacy: These activities aim to empower young people to have an active say in policy and implementation of third parties [governments, INGOs, etc.]

To make this possible, the Youth Platform will establish activity plans for each strand through the work plans, led by members from the youth network, with support of the coordinator.

In 2022, the activities will be concentrated on the following:

1. The UNECE Steering Committee on ESD publication on Youth – expected launch in October 2022, with a side event at the Ministerial meeting in Cyprus
2. Development of a Resource Mobilization Strategy / Approach
3. Definition of a multi-year work plan for each of the strands described above.