



**United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Steering Committee  
on Education for Sustainable Development**

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**Draft outline of possible activities and side events on “Youth and Education for Sustainable Development” to be organized during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference**

**Item 6 (b):**

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:

Possible activities and side events on “Youth and Education for Sustainable Development” that could be organized during the forthcoming Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

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<sup>1</sup> This information document was not formally edited

1. The Steering Committee will be informed about the possible activities and side events on “Youth and ESD” that could be organized during the forthcoming Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference.
2. The draft outline of possible activities and side events on “Youth and Education for Sustainable Development” is provided below.

**Draft outline of possible activities and side events on “Youth and Education for Sustainable Development” to be organized during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference**

With the upcoming Ministerial Conference in Cyprus, the youth platform aims to take a central role. On one hand, the youth platform wishes to contribute to the organizational / planning aspects, engaging as many youth organizations as possible; on the other it hopes to play a leading role ensuring meaningful youth participation through the organization of at least one side event, described hereunder.

**Side event:** Launch of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD publication on youth ‘Engaging young people to implement ESD in the UNECE Region - Good practices on the engagement of youth in education for sustainable development’.

**Description:** The side event will serve as the official launch and dissemination event for the publication and will include the participation of various contributors to discuss the importance and relevance of youth engagement in the implementation of ESD in the region, including the best practices. The aim of this side event is to mobilize other young people to promote and implement activities related to ESD and to activate decision makers for including young people in their institutional processes. The launch of the publication aims to be the kickstart of various other activities in the region linked to the new implementation framework of UNECE Strategy for ESD for 2022-2030 and will bring together different stakeholders active on the topic.

If possible, the Youth Platform would also advocate for a pre-conference meeting for young delegates to help them with preparation of the planned activities in the framework of the Ministerial Conference, and to bring a joint stance to the meeting, including a possible joint statement that can be endorsed next to the official statement of the Ministerial Conference – to ensure sufficient support and momentum for the upcoming decade.