

European Youth Choir (fka EuroChoir)

cultural exchange through high-level music making with internationally acclaimed conductors

Call for interest to host sessions 2025, 2026 and beyond

The board, youth committee and team of the European Choral Association strategically reviewed the EuroChoir more than 10 years after the merger through which this project was added to the association's cooperation events.

As a result it was decided to:

- change the name from EuroChoir to European Youth Choir from 2025
- redefine the aims of the choir as "cultural exchange through high-level music making with internationally acclaimed conductors"
- give the choir a stronger place among the events of the European Choral Association
- make a plan for several years and attempt to raise EU-funding to support the choir

We are therefore now calling for the interest of organisations / institutions that would like to host the European Youth Choir in 2025 or 2026 (or even 2027 or 2028).

The European Youth Choir is a "cooperation event of the European Choral Association". These events are designed by the European Choral Association and travel between different countries. They have a typical structure which remains the same with some aspects adapted each time. The European Choral Association is involved in the artistic design and the most important decision-making processes and the participation fees include reduced fees for indirect members of European Choral Association as well as for participants from specific country groups (European Choral Association fee system based on a solidarity principle).

The European Youth Choir is the continuation of EuroChoir which started more than 40 years ago as a project of AGECE and became an activity of the European Choral Association after the merger in 2011. Detailed information on the last sessions can be found on www.TheEuroChoir.org.

What does it mean to host a session of the European Youth Choir?

The European Youth Choir

- is a European auditioned project choir
- meets once a year for a summer session, ideally between mid-July and mid-August
- brings together around 50 singers for a session of rehearsals and concerts lasting minimum 10 days including arrival and departure days
- has 2 conductors for each session, chosen by the European Choral Association in agreement with the organisers of the session

Session hosts

- are responsible for the local organisation of the choir (rehearsal session and concerts)
- have to raise funds to cover all costs of the session (staff, accommodation, meals, local transportation, fees, rehearsal and concert venues, scores, communication for the concerts etc.)
- receive participation fees from the selected singers, though these cannot cover the full costs
- keep all income from concerts

The European Choral Association

- supports the organisation of the session with members of the board, youth committee and team
- promotes the European Youth Choir through all its communication channels
- will try to financially support the sessions through European Union funding

If you are interested in hosting a session of the European Youth Choir in 2025, 2026 or beyond, please write to SecretaryGeneral@EuropeanChoralAssociation.org so that we can schedule a meeting to discuss the details.