



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
OF THE YOUTH SOUNDING BOARD FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION IN TIMOR-LESTE**

Note that there is no registration or application fee in this procedure.

BACKGROUND

Youth participation is about creating opportunities and empowering young people to be involved in decision-making processes and supporting them in exercising active citizenship. Involving youth in decision-making can not only contribute to making policies and programmes more relevant to them and thereby more sustainable, but it can also foster engagement between youths and the communities in which they live. The Youth Action Plan in European Union external action (2022-2027) is the EU's main policy framework for strategic partnerships with young people around the world. It aims at enhancing youth participation and empowerment in the EU's external action policies. One of the flagship commitments of the EU's Youth Action Plan is the creation of youth advisory structures in EU Delegations (EUDs), groups of young people that play an advisory role and help make EU action more participatory, relevant and effective for young people in EU partner countries.

The EUD Timor-Leste aims to establish such a Youth Sounding Board (YSB) for the European Union in Timor-Leste for 2025-2026, to provide it with a youth perspective on policies and actions relevant to the EU-Timor-Leste relations. The YSB is expected to contribute and influence EU external action and international partnerships.

Membership of the YSB is for a period of two years. It is unremunerated but members' expenses for participation are covered. Membership offers interesting opportunities for personal growth and networking and is expected to take approximately 6 to 10 days per year. Members are expected to commit to be available for at least two meetings in Dili per year.

Ten youth representatives from Timor-Leste will be selected as the first ever members of the Youth Sounding Board (YSB) for the European Union in Timor-Leste, and invited to Dili for an official kick-off meeting with the Ambassador of the European Union to Timor-Leste, H.E. Mr Marc Fiedrich.

WHO CAN APPLY

Applicants must at a minimum:

- Be nationals of Timor-Leste
- Be residents of Timor-Leste
- Be aged 18 to 25 years
- Be open and articulate communicators
- Have excellent command of Tetum
- Have a demonstrable interest in membership through relevant educational and/ or professional experience
- Be available for indicatively at least 6 days per year

For selection, it would be an advantage to:



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- Have experience in community and/ or youth engagement
- Have good command of English
- Represent a specific youth community (e.g. in terms of municipality, ethnicity, religion, people with disabilities, and the LGBTIQ+ community, etc.

HOW TO APPLY

Each applicant must submit:

- Their Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- An application letter (maximum 500 words) which must at least provide answers to these two questions: 'why do you want to join the YSB?' and 'what contribution would you make to the YSB if selected?'

These documents must be submitted by email no later than 19th November 2025, 23.59 Dili time via: DELEGATION-TIMOR-LESTE-OPS@eeas.europa.eu

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Members will be selected following a documents-based assessment and, if required by the EUD, online or in-person interviews. In addition to this, elements that will also be considered in the assessment and selection process include:

- The aim to have at least 50% female membership in the YSB.
- The aim to have a YSB that is representative of the diversity of Timor-Leste in terms of various characteristics including geographical origin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, physical ability, etc.