

Young Academy of Europe

The young voice on research in Europe



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Activities and Aims

- **Science Policy**

Act as a voice (as yet unheard) for young researchers by actively reaching out to policy makers in an attempt to influence science policy and contribute to the development of a European science agenda for the coming decades (Long Range Plans, Roadmaps, etc.).

- **Networking**

Strengthen the solidarity and networking of exceptional young researchers in Europe in order to create a pool of information, pass on experience, give feedback, and provide active support to colleagues across Europe and next generations of leading scientists (built up identity; towards European Research Area).

- **Interdisciplinary exchange**

Functioning as a European platform fostering interdisciplinary and international scientific exchange, collaboration, and knowledge transfer amongst its members and beyond borders.

- **Science Communication**

Encourage young scientists to communicate their research to the general public in Europe, in particular scientific and scholarly issues which affect society, quality of life and standards of living (e.g. ESOF).



“Historical review”

- **National ERC-StG holder meetings** organised by the German Research Foundation (DFG), Potsdam (since 2010)
- **AE P&E Section Committee Board meeting**, chair László Csernai, Darmstadt (Mar. 2011)
- **Letter of intent** to AE President Lars Walløe and ERC-SC President Helga Nowotny (May 2011)
- **YAE Kick-off meeting** during AE AGC in Paris (Sep. 2011); **Steering Committee** of initial members formed
- Informal meeting with Helga Nowotny (ERC), Paris (Oct. 2011)
- **Negotiations with AE** (Spring/Summer 2012)
- **AE agreed to affiliation with YAE**, Bergen (Sep. 2012)
- **YAE established**



Organisation and Governance

- YAE is a **multidisciplinary and pan European not-for-profit organisation** of individual scientists and scholars, who are experts and leaders in their respective fields.
- YAE has a Board, a Council and is divided into **three Domains**: SH, LS and PE
- **Members of the YAE Board and Council** are selected from among its members representing the three Domains.
- Affiliation with **Academia Europaea (AE)**



Founding Board and Council Members

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Starting period

- YAE is aiming for 100 initial members, which will be selected from the pool of ERC-StG awardees.
- After starting period of one year, the YAE will be opened to active grant holders of other prestigious European and national awards for **bottom-up (self-)nominations**.
- Aiming for about 100 new members per year to have about 500 YAE members after 5 years
- Members become alumni 5 years after admission

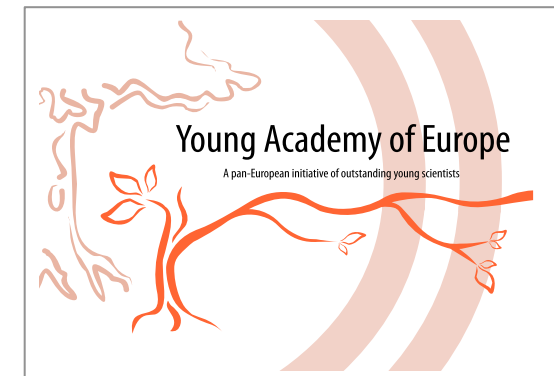
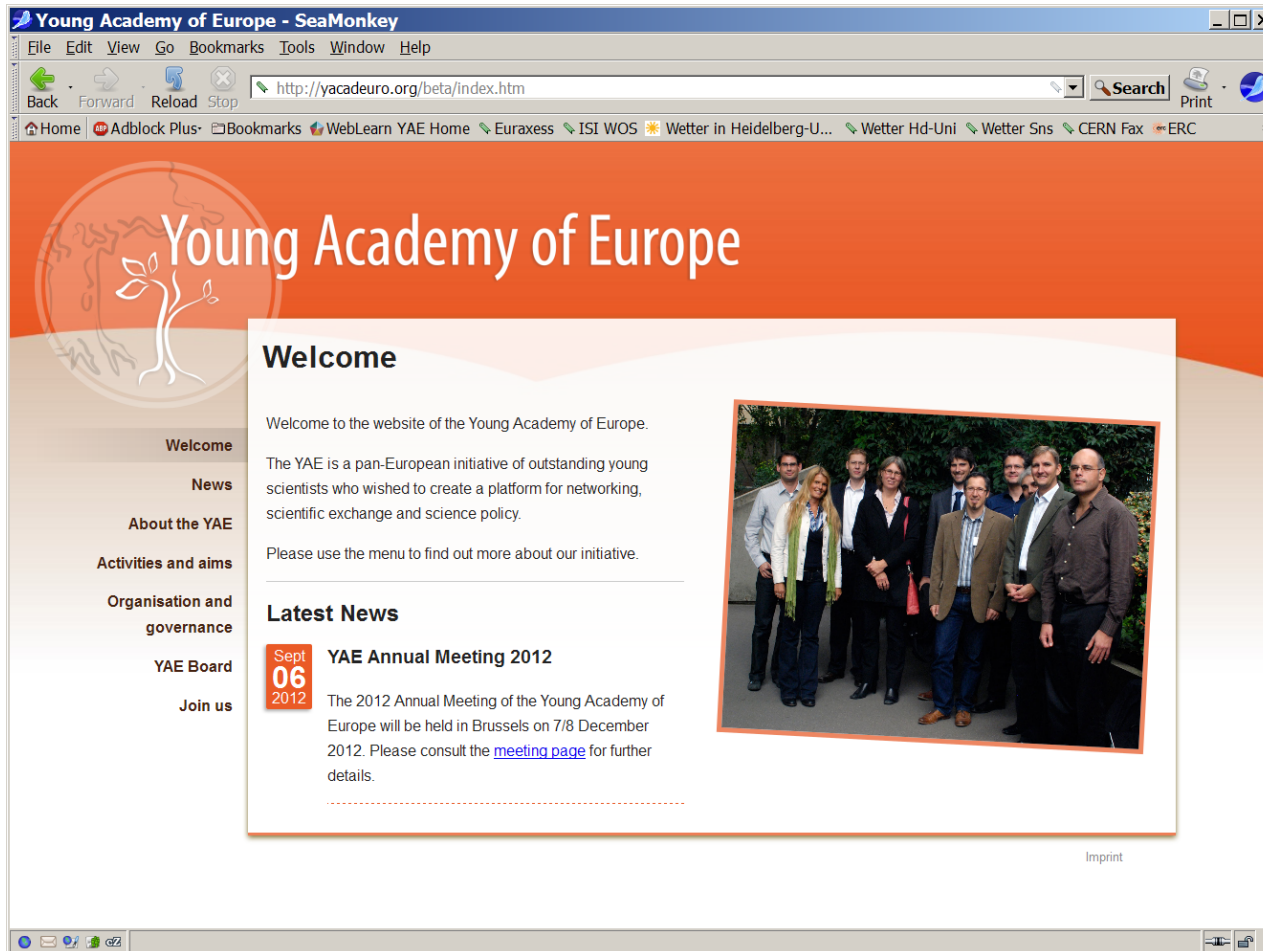


Membership Eligibility Criteria

- Target group are outstanding young scientists in Europe, as judged by peers (e.g. indicated by ERC-StG or equivalent prestigious national research grant or award), who
 - obtained their PhD within the last 15 years
 - have leadership abilities (e.g. group leader)
 - have a wide interest in science and science policy on European level
- Admission is subject to **continuous active membership**
- Applications consist of
 - brief cv (two pages max.)
 - expression of interest and a statement of participation in one of the YAE activities (one page max.)
 - letters of support of two members of the YAE or AE from different countries (one page max.)



YAE website: www.yacadeuro.org



Brochure

Past and upcoming events

- Dedicated session at the **Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF)** in Dublin (July 2012)



- YAE delegation at **Falling Walls Circle** in Berlin on 10 November 2012



- **First YAE Annual Meeting** in Brussels on 7-8 December 2012, hosted by COST



Secure the EU research budget for a future-oriented Europe!

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How you can help

Signatures since
23 Oct. 2012

149.882

6 last hour

127 last 24 hours

Cities

Signatures Total *)	
Albania	32
Argentina	112
Australia	427
Austria	4734
Belarus	21
Belgium	10024
Bosnia-Herzegovina	113
Brasil	204
Bulgaria	887
Canada	448
China	359

Priority for the research budget is crucial for achieving economic prosperity and solutions for global challenges. Read the [text of the petition](#) and voice your concerns on the EU budget to the heads of states or governments.

[Sign the petition - and invite others to join!](#)

This petition reflects the mobilisation of research communities, including younger scientists, the members of learned societies and of concerned citizens. It complements the [open letter of 44 European Nobel Laureates and 6 Fields Medallists](#) recently published in the major European newspapers.



ERC Starting Grant holders, organised in the [Young Academy of Europe](#), are some of the first signatories of the petition.

The petition is coordinated by the [Initiative for Science in Europe \(ISE\)](#).



Website: www.no-cuts-on-research.eu

Please sign the petition to secure the future budget for research and innovation Horizon 2020



15 Nov. 2012: Handover of the first 140.000 signatures to

- President, European Parliament **Martin Schulz**
- President, European Council **Herman van Rompuy**
- President, European Commission **José Manuel Barroso**



YAE representative





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Thank you very much for
your attention!

