

**A mechanism for the implementation of  
the European Youth Forum Global  
Cooperation Policy**

Global Coordination Cooperation Committee  
(GCCC)

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## 0. Introduction

Nowadays, the conviction is growing of a strong interdependence and, consequently, of the need for solidarity, because development can not be approached in a piecemeal level but in a global one. There is a mutual dependence and intertwined fates of youth worldwide and the need for solidarity and international cooperation between youth organisations all over the world, with the common aim of empowering youth.

In the Youth Forum workplan for 1997-98 , “the Way Forward to Youth Policy”, it is stated:

*“The work of the Interdependence and Solidarity Committee (ISCOM) will be linked to the work of the Global Cooperation coordination Committee, which will co-ordinate the policy and the agenda with the Southern partner organisations<sup>1</sup> on an equal basis (European and Southern members, meeting every 6-9 months). Partners shall be invited to contribute to the debates of the ISCOM”.*

## 1 Global Cooperation Youth Policy<sup>2</sup>

To start a global co-operation policy is an important challenge for the Youth Forum. This new orientation raise important considerations.

Firstly, the concept of global cooperation should be transversal to the several fields of work the EYFO.

Secondly, global co-operation should not be only synonymous of co-operation among regional youth structures but also among their member organisations.

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<sup>1</sup> Reference document: “Protocol for Cooperation among Regional Youth Platforms”, C-ACP/AG/D95-423

<sup>2</sup> Reference document: “Bases for a Global Cooperation Policy”, CP-SOLID/D95-227

Thirdly, global co-operation policy should ensure that objectives and methods, resources and agendas are prioritised in function of a global perception.

Finally, a global co-operation policy should be considered as the basis of a regional co-operation.

In summary, the implementation of a global co-operation (and therefore the mechanisms that make it possible) is a priority for the EYFO due to several reasons, among them because:

- ⇒ The arithmetic sum of the regional co-operation does not give the global co-operation as a result.
- ⇒ A global co-operation policy contribute to maximise resources and to rationalise efforts.

## **2. Aims Of The GCCC**

Taking into consideration the conclusions of the Thematic Event on Interdependence and Solidarity<sup>3</sup> (TEIS) and the Workplan of the Youth Forum, the main aims of the GCCC are:

1. To ensure coherence and coordination of international policies for young people as well as of the agendas of the regional youth platforms.
2. To foster cooperation between European and Southern youth organisations and to ensure South/South cooperation.
3. To exchange information.

## **3. Composition And Periodicity And Mandate Of The GCCC**

The GCCC will be made up by:

- Six representatives of European youth organisations, including two Bureau members

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<sup>3</sup> The TEIS took place in Lisbon, 22-25 February 1996

- Representatives of the following Southern youth platforms:
  - African Youth Network*
  - Arab Youth Union*
  - Asian Students Association*
  - Asian Youth Council*
  - Caribbean Federation of Youth*
  - Latin American Forum*
  - Pacific Youth Council*
  - Panafrican Youth Movement*

The GCCC will meet at least once a year.

The mandate of the GCCC is extinguished when finishes the mandate of the Youth Forum Bureau in the one which was elected. Therefore, the mandate of this committee will expire in October 2000.