

ETSN Youth Summit 2024: Call for Participation

Are you aged 14-30 years old and interested in participating in the ETSN Youth Summit during the ECHA2024 Conference from 28 – 31 August in Thessaloniki, Greece?

- Contact the Talent Center in your country to express your interest in participating and provide a motivation letter, if necessary.
- The Talent Center will inform you whether you have been selected, and whether you will have financial support for the cost of registration fees, traveling expenses and/or accommodation.
- Each Talent Center will collect the necessary information for the conference registration of its nominated delegates and will forward it to the conference organizers. It is your responsibility to provide the Talent Center with the information outlined below:
 - Title.
 - First, Middle (if applicable) and Last Name.
 - Address, including postal code, city and country.
 - Phone number (including country code) and email address.
 - Invoice details (this refers to the person/organization that pays the conference registration fee).

What is the ETSN Youth Summit?

Once again, after the success in Vienna, Dublin, Porto and the Hague, the ETSN Youth Summit will be held in parallel with the biannual ECHA Conference. This year, the 7th Youth Summit will take place from **28 - 31 August in Thessaloniki, Greece**. The Youth Summit will be organized in collaboration with the [European Talent Support Network \(ETSN\)](#) and the [ETSN Youth Platform](#). The ETSN consists of 26 (Associated) European Talent Centers and more than 450 (Associated) European Talent Points. **Each Talent Center can delegate (on average) 2-5 students** (or youngsters/young adults who don't study anymore) in the age range of 14-30 years old (**for students younger than 18 years a chaperone is needed**).

During the ETSN Youth Summit participants will get the chance to exchange ideas and experiences with a culturally diverse group of participants from countries all over the world. **The topics are related to the summit's main theme: Expanding the horizons of gifted and talented students, challenges that gifted and talented students encounter during their lives, and the people, opportunities, tools and support that help them develop their gifts, talents, and skills** and will be of personal relevance for the participating youngsters and young adults. This will include for example interactive workshops (i.e. short projects or challenges in which they work together to solve problems) or lectures about self awareness, emotional support and personal growth. Participants can also present something in connection with their own country ("lightning talks") and participate in cultural events. Additionally, the participants are invited to join the opening ceremony and international keynote speeches during the ECHA2024 Conference. During the closing ceremony, some of the YS Summit participants will share their experiences with the ECHA2024 conference participants.

Application

Youngsters and young adults who enjoy and are interested in the topics mentioned above can **apply by sending a motivation letter to the (Associated) European Talent Center of their country or Centers can find students/youngsters through advertising the Summit**. Each Talent Center selects

the students/youngsters that will participate in the Youth Summit and registers them through the google form provided (in the body of the email). The responsibility of choosing the selection criteria, collecting the applicants' necessary information and submitting the registration fee for each delegate lies with the Talent Center. The deadline for registration is **Saturday, June 1, 2024**.

Registration

The costs for the Youth Summit are 100 euros per person for the whole program including lunches on the 29th and 30th of August. **Traveling expenses and hotel stay are not included. A list of recommended hotels and hostels can be found on the [ECHA 2024 website](#).** The list is not inclusive; delegates are free to choose their own accommodation. Depending on the possibilities of a Talent Center the registration fee can be (partly) paid by the Talent Center of a given country (preferably), by the student, or the parents/caregivers. You will be informed about this by the Talent Center of your country.