

**Question for written answer E-001167/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Funding packages for measures relating to youth, education, culture and sport.

Investments included in the funding packages for measures relating to education, training, youth, culture and sport are almost exclusively project-based. A smaller amount is earmarked for meetings and policy makers.

The recent pan-European campaign, involving over 150 youth organisations, networks and associations and entitled 'Life beyond EU Funding. Imagining a Different Role for Youth Organisations in Europe'¹, is calling for an increase in operational funding as a percentage of the total amount available for youth. According to the signatories, less than 2% of the annual budget is earmarked for the operational funding of the bodies concerned. An increase in such funding is now being sought to help them carry out research, needs analysis and field work and assess the impact of their initiatives. Secondly, it will help them to pay salaries, rent and operating costs, thereby improving their ability to provide services and develop their skills in this area.

In view of the social and economic fallout of the pandemic:

1. Can the Commission say what increase is being earmarked for NGO operational funding for the period 2021-2027 and how it is being determined?
2. Is provision being made for evaluation and assessment of the various funding channels regarding their effectiveness?

¹ <https://interaliaproject.com/life-beyond-eu-funding-join-now-support-our-campaign/>