



BUILDING BRIDGES EVENT

On the 28th November, IFM-SEI is hosting a 1 day event in Brussels, on how youth organisations and NGOs can prosper in challenging situations like funding issues or staff burnout.

Where? Mundo Matonge - Rue d'Edimbourg 26, Brussels, Belgium.

When? 28th November 2025

Time: 9:30 - 16:00 CET

The Building Bridges event is part of the EYF-funded project "Shaping the future: Strengthening resilience in youth NGOs", a project aiming at bringing together NGOs, youth organisations and institutions to shed light on the common challenges they face, and collectively create solutions.





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The main objective of this project is to equip NGOs with the skills and knowledge needed to manage internal crises, build stronger organisational structures and ensure their long-term survival.

We also want to use the Building Bridges event, to elevate the conversation to the institutional and political spheres, sharing the experiences and challenges of youth organisations with the relevant stakeholders, thus advocating to change policies regarding the access to funding.

This event will be a platform to advocate for more accessible funding programmes, ensuring that NGOs and youth organisations can continue their important mission.



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9:00–9:30 Registration

9:30–10:00 Introduction to “Shaping the Future” by IFM–SEI

10:00–11:00 What is the current situation of NGOs and the main challenges they face?–
Presentation of the findings and outcomes from the project

11:00–11.30 Coffee Break



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11:30-12:30 Panel discussion: What do NGOs need to stay alive? - Exploring the role of institutions and how they can address the problems identified

12.30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 World cafe - How can organisations cope internally with the identified issues ?

14:30-15:00 Wrap up

15:00 Final Remarks



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