



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

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**EDYN**  
European Democracy Youth Network

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## Vision

We are concerned citizens. We live in European countries with totalitarian histories - from Tallinn to Tirana, from Prague to Baku. We are civic activists, political leaders and journalists, and we share the commitment and willpower to defend the freedoms our parents fought for. We refrain from the policies of hate and division to unite our societies against authoritarian revisionism.

## Mission

EDYN supports young pro-democracy activists, politicians, and journalists from across the political and ideological spectrum, ages 18 to 32, in 23 countries with totalitarian histories. EDYN supports those who refrain from the policies of hate and divisiveness in order to unite their societies against authoritarian threats and extremists.

## EDYN 2022 IN NUMBERS

### MEMBERS:

**553**

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EDYN grew by  
246 members in 2022

### SOCIAL MEDIA:

**2 330 000**

**ACCOUNTS REACHED**



### FUNDRAISING:

**8 NEW PROJECTS**

worth more than

**\$ 260.000**

Introduced for our members

**164**

**PARTICIPATED**

in EDYN trainings and events

**15**

**COUNTRY CHAPTERS**

with own social media presence

**10**

**NEW INTERNATIONAL  
PARTNERSHIPS**

**52**

**ELECTED  
AMBASSADORS**

**32**

**LOCAL CHANNELS**  
on 3 different social media  
platforms



# 1. IMPACT OF EDYN

## 1.1. Institutional impact of EDYN in numbers

### ► Who are our members?

EDYN supports young pro-democracy activists, politicians, and journalists from across the political and ideological spectrum, ages 18 – 32, across 23 countries in Europe that share totalitarian histories. EDYN members refrain from the ideals of hate and divisiveness in order to unite their societies in the face of renewed authoritarian threats and address challenges faced by youth in their countries.

*“At present, some of our members include elected officials in national parliaments and municipalities; hold high-level government positions; represent their countries at the UN and other international fora in their capacity as youth delegates; and reach tens of thousands of people through their social media platforms. Other EDYN members represent established CSOs as well as grassroots movements working for the betterment of their societies in the non-governmental space.”*

Daryna Onyshko, EDYN president

2022 was a year full of success for the EDYN. In 2022 alone, 12% of EDYN members were highly politically engaged and ran for office in their countries, 40% of EDYN members were involved in local political party efforts, and 75 % EDYN members were active in civic life.

In 2023, 12.5% of members will announce their candidacy for public office, while 34% of members announced their consideration for running. 90% of members also plan on being civically engaged in 2023. The efforts of EDYN continue to grow with each active year and, in 2024, these numbers are only expected to increase.

### ► Role of EDYN in Professional Development

#### EDYN's contribution to professional development

- 39% said EDYN substantially helped advance their professional development (compared to 15% in 2022)
- 34% said EDYN was somewhat helpful in advancing their professional development (compared to 35% in 2022)
- 27% said EDYN wasn't much help or was no help in advancing their professional development (compared to 50% in 2022)

#### EDYN's contribution to career and personal prospects

- 54% said EDYN has contributed greatly to their career and personal prospects (compared to 20% in 2022)

- ▶ 29% said EDYN has contributed somewhat to their career and personal prospects (compared to 55% in 2022 )
- ▶ 17% said EDYN hasn't contributed much or at all to their career and personal prospects (compared to 25% in 2022 )

### Comparison of EDYN to similar networks

- ▶ 70% think that EDYN greatly outweighs similar networks (compared to 60% in 2022)
- ▶ 23% think that EDYN is similar to other networks (compared to 30% in 2022)
- ▶ 7% think that EDYN is worse than other similar networks (compared to 10% in 2022)

## 2. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

### 2.1. EDYN HQ

In 2022, [EDYN HQ](#) in Bratislava, Slovakia further developed its capacity and scope of work. From having three employees in 2021, the EDYN HQ team grew to five full-time employees and one part-time employee in 2023. The role of the EDYN HQ continues to adapt as both the institution and the network expand. The scope of EDYN HQ includes a variety of responsibilities. EDYN HQ manages all internal processes for the network, including, but not limited to: managing the elections of the EDYN President, the Leadership Council (LC), and Ambassadors; selecting representatives from EDYN for all international opportunities; recruiting members to the network; and managing the Membership Engagement Fund. EDYN HQ also organizes several events at its office in Bratislava, where, in 2022, HQ welcomed more than 40 EDYN members. In addition to events located in Slovakia, EDYN HQ co-organized an event in Brussels with 15 members, requiring members to travel from multiple countries of origin. On the communication front, EDYN HQ organizes all network-wide external communications, including the administration of EDYN's digital platforms, such as on- and offline campaigns and advocacy efforts. Regarding strategic partnerships, EDYN HQ is building valuable partnerships with different organizations in both the USA and Europe, resulting in new activities worth USD 260,000 that EDYN members can benefit from in addition to the already-anticipated financial support provided by USAID via NDI and IRI.

### 2.2. Board of Trustees

EDYN is an independent non-profit organization registered in Slovakia. It is governed by a [Board of Trustees](#) consisting of four outstanding members: Jonas Rollet, Tamala Longaberger, Kathryn Walt Hall, and Rye Barcott. Jonas Rollet currently serves as the Chair of the Board. Given the organization's impressive growth, it was determined that EDYN would benefit from an expansion of the Board's membership to include a diverse array of members who can assist in EDYN's multifaceted development in the coming years. To spearhead the Board's expansion, current member, Tamala Longaberger, will lead the newly-created Nominations Committee.

### 2.3. NDI, IRI and USAID

In 2022, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the International Republican Institute (IRI) continued to play a significant role in the growth of the EDYN network and in the institutional development of EDYN HQ. As the beneficiaries of the USAID grant, the Institutes ensure funding for EDYN Country Chapters as well as for EDYN HQ. Their continuous cooperation with EDYN HQ provides the HQ with guidance, expertise, and experience. Additionally, NDI and IRI have offices in many EDYN countries, allowing their local field offices to play a major role in the development of EDYN Country Chapters, while also supporting individual EDYN members and local recruitment processes. In regards to the recruitment process, a key role of the Institutes lies in ensuring diversity of the membership base, as EDYN HQ does not possess the capacity at this moment to ensure such diversity. Throughout 2022, IRI and NDI organized leadership workshops in four EDYN countries, in addition to organizing a Trainer of Trainers session and the EDYN Annual Conference. The Annual Conference brought more than 50 EDYN Ambassadors to Budapest, Hungary, to exchange best practices, form new coalitions and plan the next year's activities.



## 2.4. EDYN Leadership Council

[The Leadership Council](#) serves as the representative and decision-making body of the network and in 2022 was represented by 12 EDYN Members: Valeriu Dragalin, EDYN President, Moldova; Marie Kikvadze, EDYN Vice-President, Georgia; Donjet Bislimi, EDYN Vice-President, Kosovo; Alexander Reshetkov, Secretary General, Ukraine; Laura Danilas, Estonia; Subhan Hasanli, Azerbaijan; Branislav Josifovic, Serbia; Yahor Levachou, Belarus; Faris Nuhanovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Ramadan Sopoti, Albania; Gjorgji Tasev, North Macedonia; and Cristina Voroneanu, Moldova. The Leadership Council plays a crucial role in representing the organization internationally. The LC, made up of experienced and dedicated individuals, is responsible for communicating the goals and mission of EDYN to a global audience at several international fora, from Brussels to Washington DC. They work to promote the values of depolarization, no hate, and democracy while building partnerships with other organizations sharing the same values. Through their efforts, the LC was able to raise awareness of the EDYN's work and attracted support from a wide range of individuals and organizations throughout 2022.

# 3. GROWTH OF EDYN

## 3.1. Membership through recruitment

In 2022, EDYN experienced a significant increase in the number of members. The network grew from 307 members at the end of 2021 to 553 members by the end of 2022. EDYN HQ organized two main international recruiting rounds, one in the spring and one in the fall, while seven individual country chapters held internal recruitments. To make recruitment easier for prospective members, EDYN worked diligently to streamline the recruitment process by offering online applications. Furthermore, EDYN

prioritized clear, concise, and transparent information about the recruitment process by publishing each step of the process online. Overall, EDYN is pleased with the progress made in membership growth and is confident that 2023 will bring increased numbers, as well.

<b>Country</b>	<b>#of applications</b>	<b># of accepted members</b>	<b># of members at the end of 2022</b>
Albania	49	29	49
Armenia	22	6	13
Azerbaijan	9	6	17
Belarus	8	7	18
BiH	8	8	30
Bulgaria	0	0	0
Croatia	4	4	4
Czech Republic	21	10	16
Estonia	1	1	7
Georgia	30	25	57
Hungary	13	13	18
Kosovo	22	17	37
Latvia	2	2	4
Lithuania	0	0	3
Moldova	45	32	61
Montenegro	6	4	7
North Macedonia	32	25	60
Poland	26	7	18
Romania	16	11	13
Serbia	18	7	18
Slovakia	18	15	23
Slovenia	5	5	5

Ukraine	76	50	81
<b>OVERALL</b>	431	284	553

## 4. INTERNAL PROCESSES AND GOVERNANCE

### 4.1. Institutional changes from the previous year

The 2022 Leadership Council met in Bratislava, Slovakia in March 2022 for the Annual LC Retreat. Updating the [EDYN Charter](#) was one of the primary goals of the retreat, as the Leadership Council hopes to continue engaging in efforts that encourage higher accountability, transparency, and functionality for all members. The most important changes are described below:

#### ► Leadership Council Composition and Elections

The 2022 LC was composed of representatives from each USAID Country Chapter (except for Armenia due to the need to renew the Country Chapter) and 1 representative for all non-USAID countries. Altogether, 12 members made up the LC. This was changed in 2022, and, since the Presidential and LC Elections were in December 2022, the composition of the LC is currently as follows: The LC is composed of fifteen members. The members include one President (not associated with any Country Chapter), eleven Country Chapter representatives, and three representatives from different countries who don't represent any particular Country Chapter, in addition to non-USAID presence countries.

#### ► Ambassadors Elections, Number of Ambassadors, and Eligibility

In the first round of EDYN Ambassador elections, the network showed a major step towards democracy and transparency. Although the elections took place in September 2022, the rules from the new EDYN Charter still apply. Starting in 2023, Ambassador Elections will be held annually in the period between May and June. Each Country Chapter can elect a number of Ambassadors based on the number of members in the Chapter. All Country Chapter members who have been members for more than 6 months have the right to vote for Ambassador candidates from their respective Chapters. The Elections will be online and anonymous.

As the number of Ambassadors was not specified in the original Charter, new rules were added in 2022 to dictate the number of Ambassadors and to determine their eligibility to run. As of 2022, each Country Chapter can now elect one Ambassador per seven Country Chapter members. (i.e. if a Country Chapter accounts for sixteen members, it can elect two Ambassadors.) All EDYN Members who have been members for more than 6 months are eligible to run for the position of Ambassador.

### 4.2. Ambassadors' elections

In 2022, the first-ever series of EDYN Ambassador elections took place in September. The elections proved to be an important step forward in achieving more accountability within the network. This meant that EDYN members voted for their own representatives – the Ambassadors – within their Country Chapters. The process, timeline, rules, and procedures were developed by the 2022 representatives of the Leadership Council and the Election Committee and are enshrined in both the EDYN Charter and EDYN Elections Committee Guidelines.

The stipulations for becoming an Ambassador are simple: any individual who has held membership for more than six months and who is not yet 33 can run, only if the Country Chapter they are running to represent has open Ambassador positions. The same stipulations regarding membership length and age apply to eligibility to vote for Ambassadors, as well. This does not apply to countries that are currently ineligible for an Ambassador.

The number of Ambassadors within each Country Chapter is determined by the number of members in that particular Country Chapter. For every 7 members, there is 1 Ambassador. In 2022, only those EDYN members voted whose Country Chapters were entitled to have at least one Ambassador. The Ambassador Elections were held in 17 countries and altogether 52 Ambassadors were voted in. The voter turnout was 69%.

<b>NUMBER OF EDYN AMBASSADORS 2022 BY COUNTRY CHAPTER</b>	
Albania	4
Azerbaijan	1
Belarus	2
BiH	3
Czech Republic	1
Estonia	1
Georgia	6
Hungary	1
Kosovo	4
Moldova	6
Montenegro	1
North Macedonia	6
Poland	2
Romania	1
Serbia	2
Slovakia	2
Ukraine	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>



### 4.3. Presidential and Leadership Council Elections

The 2023 Leadership Council consists of 14 members, with each EDYN USAID Country Chapter being eligible to have one representative, and all non-USAID Country Chapters together having three representatives. The Leadership Council Elections together with the Elections of the EDYN President for 2023 took place at the beginning of December 2022. The process includes current EDYN Ambassadors



nominating other Ambassadors for positions in the LC or for the Presidency of EDYN. There were two candidates for the President: Daryna Onyshko from EDYN Poland and Malik Sakic from EDYN Bosnia and Herzegovina. Daryna Onyshko won with 28 votes, while Malik Sakic had 19 votes. The turnout in the Presidential elections was 92%. The turnout in the LC election was 94% on average.

The 2023 Leadership Council members are: Daryna Onyshko, EDYN President, Poland; Enrik Keco, EDYN Vice-President, Albania; Salome Mgeladze, EDYN Vice-President, Georgia; Tudor Arnaut, Secretary General, Moldova; Viktoryia Andrukovich, Belarus; Laura Danilas, Estonia; Nikola Kandic, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Zulfiyya Mehdiyeva, Azerbaijan; Loretta Pinke, Slovakia; Saska Radujkov, Serbia; Jana Soukupova, Czech Republic; and Gjorgji Tasev, North Macedonia.

## 5. INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### 5.1. International opportunities

As EDYN grows and evolves, it is able to provide more activities and opportunities to all members. In 2022, in addition to the Country Chapter activities, EDYN organized several in-person activities internationally. These activities included trainings for capacity building, workshops, conferences, a trip to Brussels, and a scholarship at Oxford. EDYN offers these expert-led trainings and educational opportunities to equip members with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in their country's political and civic spheres. Through these opportunities, EDYN offers a platform for exchanging good practices, experiences, and knowledge amongst its members, establishing high-level connections from its extended network of European and American political leaders, experts, and academics.

*"To me, the international opportunities where I can travel is the biggest value that EDYN brings."*

EDYN Member in the Pulse Survey

*"EDYN workshops are always fruitful, interesting, and pleasant at the same time."*

EDYN Member at Alumni Workshop



## 5.2. Statistics

In 2022, EDYN offered 13 international opportunities to its members in 8 countries. Nine of those events were organized or partly organized by EDYN HQ, and five took place at the EDYN HQ in Bratislava. There were 357 applicants to these events, and 164 EDYN members from 19 countries had the opportunity to participate in at least one of these international events. For most of the events, the number of applicants highly exceeded the number that could participate in the event.



EDYN 2022 INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY	City, Country	Date	Organized by	# of applicants	# of selected participants	Note
LC Retreat	Bratislava, Slovakia	31 March - April 3	EDYN HQ/NDI/IRI	12	12	by invitation
Oxford 2022	Oxford, UK	25 March - 3 April	EDYN HQ	39	2	
Project Management Skills Training	Budva, Montenegro	5-8 May	NDI	48	15	
Political Campaigning Training	Bratislava, Slovakia	26-29 May	EDYN HQ	46	12	



Communication Skills Training	Sarajevo, BiH	23-26 June	IRI	18	15	
Project Monitoring Training	Bucharest, Romania	8-11 September	NDI	38	15	
Leadership Skills Training	Tirana, Albania	15-18 September	NDI	26	15	
Alumni Workshop	Bratislava, Slovakia	9-11 September	EDYN HQ	5	5	by invitation
EDYN/NATO Workshop	Bratislava, Slovakia	8-11 September	EDYN HQ	7	7	by invitation
Countering disinformation Expert event 1	Bratislava, Slovakia	6 October	EDYN HQ	21	5	
Countering disinformation Expert event 2	Brussels, Belgium	24 October	EDYN HQ	21	5	
Annual Conference	Budapest, Hungary	10-12 November	NDI/IRI/EDYN HQ	50	50	by invitation
Political Twinning trip	Brussels, Belgium	3-8 December	EDYN HQ	26	6	
TOTAL				357	164	



After each event, an evaluation form was distributed amongst the participants to better understand their experience and to evaluate the quality of the event, including its logistics, organization, content, and speakers. The overall satisfaction with the events was as follows:

EDYN EVENTS 2022 EVALUATIONS	
Name and place of the event	average among participants with general satisfaction with the event
LC Retreat Bratislava	9.7
Project Management Training Budva	8.7
Political Campaigning Training Bratislava	9.8
Communication Skills Training Sarajevo	8.8
Project Monitoring Training Bucharest	9.3
Leadership Skills Training Tirana	N/A
Alumni Workshop Bratislava	9.5
EDYN/NATO Workshop Bratislava	8.8
Fighting Disinformation Bratislava/Brussels	8.8
Annual Conference Budapest	9
<b>OVERALL AVERAGE</b>	<b>9.2</b>

*"Brainstorming we had in groups at this training was really inspirational and the new stuff we learned from members from different countries I will be able to use in my professional life."*

EDYN Member at EDYN/NATO Workshop

*"I loved the training from the beginning to the ending. Group was great to work with, the team spirit was present at all times, and this was an unique opportunity to learn some valuable skills while having some fun. Great people to work with."*

EDYN Member and participant at Leadership Skills training

*Maybe I would have shortened some theoretical aspects in order to have more time for practical and group tasks as well as for discussing the results.*

EDYN Member and participant in Leadership Skills training

*The most valuable part was establishing contact with people at training. For current and future cooperation. At the same time, I have improved my ability to communicate and deepen relationships with new people. I need these qualities in politics every day.*

EDYN Member and participant in Project Management training

## 6. COUNTRY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### 6.1. Growth and activities of Country Chapters



[EDYN Country Chapters](#) have grown significantly in 2022 due to a variety of factors. The number of applications received in 2022 – 431 applications from 21 countries - highly exceeded the goals set for 2022 and was a great success. North Macedonia, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova continued experiencing extraordinary growth throughout 2022, but EDYN's largest achievement regarding Country Chapters remains the continuous development of new Chapters. These include Slovakia, Romania, Croatia and Slovenia - all growing to expand the EDYN network at large. Despite these successes, in 2022, EDYN did not succeed in the further development of the Baltic Country Chapters (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania) and the establishment of the Bulgarian Country Chapter. This will remain a challenge for 2023.

In 2022, EDYN Country Chapters made a significant impact in their respective countries by successfully completing 58 projects. These initiatives were carried out in collaboration with local NDI and IRI field offices, ensuring that the benefits of the projects reached our members and local communities effectively. In addition to the projects, the Network's members also participated in numerous conferences and workshops organized by partners and cooperating organizations. Throughout the year, the members also had the opportunity to meet with important partners, such as government officials, Ambassadors etc. These meetings were crucial in both strengthening existing partnerships and forming new ones.

### ► ALBANIA

EDYN Albania is a large, developed Country Chapter with 4 Ambassadors. In the beginning of 2022, EDYN Albania became a member of the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF). ALF is an international organization working within the Mediterranean to promote intercultural and civil society dialogue in the face of growing mistrust and polarization. In partnership with ALF, EDYN organized a roundtable with government representatives, NGOs, and other stakeholders to address the phenomenon of "Brain Drain" in March 2022. As a member of the ALF, EDYN Albania applied for a small grant for events and will be able to organize an event surrounding the #nohategeneration campaign in 2023.



Another activity in collaboration with ALF was in November for media and polarization, and one of the best journalists in Albania was invited. EDYN Albania organized two team-building activities: The first, in February, to draft the Strategic Plan for 2022, and the second one in June to decide on the future of the chapter regarding the registration as an NGO. All members agreed that the future of the chapter should include registration as an NGO, so the chapter can apply for funds to develop projects independently. EDYN Albania was also a partner for the Week of Integrity, an annual multi-stakeholder initiative that facilitates knowledge sharing about integrity, anti-corruption, and transparency,, organized by the International Chamber of Commerce, Kingdom of Netherlands, and Ministry of Justice. This year EDYN was part of three activities: developing a policy paper and roundtable presentation on student integrity and ethics within scientific research, sponsoring a national debate final round, and participating in a workshop about integrity within scientific research. The workshop was led in collaboration with the Justice Faculty and the University of New York in Tirana.

For the third year, EDYN Albania organized the National Debate. This year, the slogan of the National Debate was: "Challenges of the new generation". The purpose of this activity, in addition to the engagement of young people and the creation of a diverse and useful network for all, is to create a culture of proper debate amongst younger generations. Through this activity, EDYN Albania hopes to increase argumentative skills, communication skills, critical thinking, and teamwork among its participants. EDYN Albania also initiated a monthly book club, an initiative to encourage members to be part of activities and discussions on different areas. Chosen books are about politics, leadership, and more. Stepping away from the academic side of EDYN, the Country Chapter also brings youth together through its "Volleyball Championship". The goal of this initiative is to put different political parties and civil society groups together in a unique way to create a collaborative and casual environment. In September, EDYN Albania also organized a Project Writing training to improve and raise members' skills in proposal writing. The training was very useful, and participants drafted a project proposal for applying to US Small Grants through USAID. Also in this training, EDYN members split into groups to draft and apply for the Membership Engagement Fund.

### ► BELARUS

Due to current geopolitical circumstances, Belarus' Country Chapter members are spread across different countries, which makes it more difficult to meet and organize activities. Since 2022, the Chapter has been represented by 2 Ambassadors and the Country Chapter has developed a plan of activities. The activities included the Non-violence Resistance School and a study of the ideological preferences of Belarusian youth, but the Chapter has not started to implement these activities and will need special support from EDYN HQ, NDI, and IRI to begin implementing them. In spring 2022, EDYN Belarus supported a petition to the EU institutions for Belarus to join the EU together with Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia. In the summer, EDYN Belarus participated in the **New Belarus Conference in Vilnius, organized by the Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya.**

### ► BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Although EDYN Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) met at the beginning of 2022 for a strategic planning event and an external associate helped to create the strategic areas and plans for the year, the Country Chapter did not manage to put the plan in action. This changed in October when general elections were organized in the country.

EDYN BiH launched a big government campaign with the goal to encourage young people to use their right to vote. The successful campaign reached 275k people on Facebook and 193k on Instagram. The Country Chapter elected three Ambassadors in 2022 who will lead the activities in 2023.



### ► CZECH REPUBLIC

EDYN Czech Republic is a gradually growing Country Chapter with 1 Ambassador driving their activities. The Czech chapter managed to make EDYN part of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union. They were able to engage a group of EDYN members from the Western Balkan countries during the High-Level Civil Society Conference on Youth Policy in the Western Balkans organized by the European Economic and Social Committee – European Commission in Prague in September of 2022. The Country Chapter also managed to assure the presence of two representatives of EDYN - Jana Soukupová and Aleksandar Karatosho (EDYN North Macedonia) - at conference organized in October 2022 called The Europe of Tomorrow: Gender Equality and the Economy – Young generation, diversity, inclusion, and business. Moreover, EDYN Ambassador Jana Soukupová also presented the outcomes of the chapter's annual work at the EU-Western Balkans Summit in December 2022, which was held in Brussels. Soukupová participated in the panel "Before and After the EU: Building Better Democracies and Economic Prosperity".

EDYN Czech Republic joined and helped to fund a project created by EDYN Ukraine called Project EDYN2EDYN, aimed at collecting much-needed humanitarian aid. They created a fundraising campaign and a collection of material goods. With the fundraised money, they were able to order sleeping bags and tactical clothing, which were delivered to Ukrainians.

In 2021 - a project supported by EDYN Czech Republic, and organized by the organization Youth Speak Up! and student bands, created a new student Anthem called "Samet" (Velvet), dedicated to the celebration of the Velvet Revolution. In 2022, EDYN Czech Republic published a video from the first public concert of the song in commemoration of the 17th of November.

### ► GEORGIA

EDYN Georgia is one of the biggest Country Chapters with 6 Ambassadors. At the beginning of 2022, EDYN Georgia prepared the 2022-2024 strategy and 2022 Action plan. In June, EDYN Georgia organized a 2-day Workshop and team building exercise focused on topics of great importance to youth engagement and empowerment: inclusion, fighting against disinformation, and effective activity planning and implementation tools. In July, the Strategic Analysis think-tank, in partnership with EDYN Georgia, held a conference on European integration: Georgia's Perspective, Path, and Future Steps. The discussion aimed to use the opportunity of the assembled young leaders and experts from Georgia to gather their ideas, suggestions, and recommendations on the future of Georgia in regards to European



inclusion. EDYN Georgia also held a two-day conference titled, "Together Towards the EU". The main goal of the conference was to gather EDYN Georgia's members and organize the conference on youth and political activism. Another workshop focused on monitoring and evaluation covered the activities organized and implemented within the year and collection of the data and lessons learned in 2022.

### ► MOLDOVA

EDYN Moldova is one of the largest and most active Country Chapters, as it has 6 Ambassadors. In 2022, the Country Chapter organized three trainings for regional youth. The participants gained competencies related to public speaking and became even more open to engaging comfortably with their communities and local authorities. Additionally, another advocacy training for youth was conducted within the Advocacy for Youth School, with one campaign created by the youth participants being selected for full financial support in 2023.. Moreover, EDYN Moldova developed and recorded an online course for youth organizations, which will be finalized in early 2023. The course will be open for all members of young associations that EDYN is in contact with and other Moldovan youth organizations. The Country Chapter also managed to get onto the list of stakeholders for the development of the new strategy for youth by the Moldovan Ministry of Education and Research. Due to the war in Ukraine, the Country Chapter changed the concept of EDYN Talks from internal activities to external events aimed at promoting the UNICEF fundraiser for Ukraine. The first event was organized in May on digital journalism, and the second event was conducted in July on the acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

### ► NORTH MACEDONIA

EDYN North Macedonia (MKD) is one of the most developed and active Country Chapters with six Ambassadors. The Country Chapter has been working on a variety of online campaigns for international days, such as International Day of Mother's Tongue and International Women's Day. To introduce youth to EDYN, the MKD chapter also created a series of social media campaigns, like "Everywhere with EDYN" and "Meet the EDYN team in North Macedonia." After the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the chapter also led the "Stop Killing Ukraine" campaign, where all EDYN MKD members firmly condemned Russian aggression on Ukrainian sovereignty. The chapter also publishes a monthly newsletter to engage potential members and stakeholders.





The members of the Country Chapter also participated in different high level meetings, such as with representatives of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the RYCO Local Branch Office in North Macedonia, the U.S. Embassy in North Macedonia, the USAID Mission to North Macedonia, and others. The members of the chapter conducted two Membership Engagement Fund projects: "Young Leaders Role Models" and "My Eco, Your Eco – Green is always a good idea!". The aim of the "Young Leaders Role Models" project was to bring democracy closer to young people so that they can become leaders and tackle initiatives in their communities. The activity included an online Leadership Academy with eminent trainers on the following topics: Political youth activism, democracy, civic engagement, and leadership of the 21st century with the focus on social entrepreneurship. The "My Eco, Your Eco-Green is always a good idea!" project was aimed at encouraging and supporting youth participation, especially for EDYN members, in environmental protection and the fight against climate change in a local context. It included a clean-up action in Mavrovo, where EDYN MKD members cleaned and collected garbage, participated in one-day workshop on environment protection, and contributed to the Podcast #GREENTALKS.

The members of EDYN MKD participated in several international events. For example, Luka Krzaloski, at the invitation of the Youth Council in the Republic of Croatia, represented the EDYN network in order to establish mutual cooperation and expand the network in the Western Balkans region. The event was attended by youth representatives from all counties in Croatia, senior representatives of the Government, and the Assembly of Croatia. Another member, Elmas Hasanovic, participated in the McCain Global Leaders 2022 program in Warsaw, Poland, organized by the McCain Institute in the United States.

The Country Chapter also organized a number of different trainings, debates and workshops throughout the year. The first training was an intensive and comprehensive training on public speaking with Snezana Lupevska, a communication expert, renowned journalist and producer. EDYN MKD members had the opportunity to strengthen their capacities of how to deal with fake news, how to behave in front of the camera, in public appearances, in interviews, in debates, and how to create PR strategies. Another training focused on leadership, where members strengthened their capacities and learned about self-knowledge, organizational culture, logic levels on influence, group leadership profiles, communication, Meta programs to assist with leadership development, and styles of leadership. The third training was dedicated to effective communication skills and was moderated by Bojan Kordalov, focusing on strengthening skills of effective message development.



The fourth training focused on negotiation as a tool for successful lobbying and was led by Lulzim Haziri. As part of EDYN Training of Trainers program, EDYN members Luka Krzhaloski and Marija Bandulova, with Saska Radujkov from EDYN Serbia and Dorilda Kaculi from EDYN Albania, held an intensive two-day training in Skopje from EDYN members from MKD.

EDYN MKD also organized a debate on the topic, "Access to Employment Measures and the Reduction of Youth Unemployment", led by EDYN Ambassador Monika Zajkova, where MPs, representatives of state institutions, NGOs, and EDYN members discussed youth employment and measures that affect young people in MKD. EDYN members also attended a roundtable on the topic, "Youth's Priorities as a Priority of the Youth Political Wings". Experiences were shared and youth leaders learned how to overcome their challenges. To round out the chapter's event participation for the year, EDYN MKD members participated in an open discussion on current political issues in the world and upcoming challenges and activities related to the EDYN MKD network with Christopher Brennan, Director of IRI in MKD, and Ilina Mangova, Deputy Director of IRI MKD.

The Country Chapter conducted an activity with the support of the Tourism Promotion and Support Agency under the motto "Retweet a meal", dedicated to helping socially less fortunate people. Last but not least, the Country Chapter successfully completed involvement in project activities within the green monitor project, where EDYN members have been involved in collecting, analyzing and processing information for the needs of the project.





## ► POLAND

EDYN Poland is a developed Country Chapter with two ambassadors, including Daryna Onyshko, who was elected EDYN President for 2023. Although the Country Chapter receives many applications in the recruitment rounds, its focus when selecting members is on diversity.

The members of the Country Chapter met several times in 2022 in order to establish strategic goals for their activities. One of these sessions focused on personal branding and project management. Professional trainer, Artur Wieczorkowski, led a workshop on planning social campaigns where members worked on a case study and developed a campaign for increasing the participation of youth voters in Poland's next parliamentary elections. In August, EDYN Poland organized and attended a workshop on strategic thinking, persuasion, and negotiation with Joshua Burgin. In the month of August, members of EDYN Poland finalized a draft concept note for a regional conference entitled "EDYN: Uniting Youth Voices for the EU." With this activity, the Polish chapter seeks to assist EDYN chapters of Eastern Partnership countries with their EU advocacy and provide a platform to exchange experiences about democracy and EU integration and voice youth perspectives.

EDYN Poland member, Hubert Tadych, engaged with other members from Poland, Albania, and Ukraine to attend one of the biggest conferences for youth, "Campus Polska", in Olsztyn from August 26-30, 2023. At the conference, the chapter organized a meeting with EDYN members and other youth interested in joining the network with the Executive Director of EDYN, Michal Kovacs, who spoke on one of the panels. In September, EDYN Poland partnered with the NGO Academy of Civic Knowledge to organize a civic bootcamp – a three-day event for high school students aimed at sharing knowledge in civic education and exposing them to democratic decision-making processes and geopolitical analysis.



## ► SERBIA

Although EDYN Serbia did not grow much in 2022, it has two Ambassadors and prepared a plan of activities in early 2022. The first part of the year was dedicated to the work on the GOTV, "Our vote, our future". The campaign included posts on social media about the importance of participation of young people in elections and publishing three texts on the Zoomer platform. In April, EDYN Serbia organized a two-day strategic meeting that produced an update on the social networks communication plan and an agreed upon internal document on members' commitments.

EDYN Members Mirjana Jugović and Saška Radujkov were speakers at the *Youth Activism and Advocacy for Gender Equality* training organized by KOMS Serbia with UN Women. EDYN Serbia Ambassador,

Saska Radujkov, also participated at the Western Balkans Summit 2022 in Sofia, Bulgaria, where she spoke on the panel “Future of the Western Balkans: A Young Political Leaders Roundtable” together with Valbona Halitaj from EDYN Albania. The Country Chapter was also active on social media, as they made a video and post for International Human Solidarity Day and posted on The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

## ► SLOVAKIA

EDYN Slovakia is a fast-growing Country Chapter with many new members and two Ambassadors. In 2022, the chapter focused on capacity building for its members by organizing a training program with one of the leading political communication consultants in Slovakia. In this training, their aim was to improve their communication and debate skills. The chapter also organized a live debate of young politicians, during which they utilized their newly acquired knowledge of political communication to increase youth engagement in public affairs. The Country Chapter managed to grow their social media presence by pointing out the closeness of the Ukrainian people to Slovaks and the importance of supporting Ukraine. This project was later replicated by other EDYN chapters. The Country Chapter also organized a fundraiser for Ukraine.

## ► UKRAINE

EDYN Ukraine is the largest Country Chapter with nine Ambassadors. Due to Russian aggression, the activities of the Country Chapter were fully impacted by the war. One of the main activities has been the Aware Zone Youth Hub, which is an inclusive and accessible platform for young Ukrainians all around the country who have suffered because of military actions in their regions. The platform can be used for developing and collaborating on projects, building their knowledge and skills, implementing activities, and meeting like-minded people. In June 2022, EDYN Ukraine launched a pilot project of the Youth Hub in Mukachevo and plans to open new Hubs in Dnipro and Chernihiv in early 2023. Their team helps NGOs and young people with mental and legal support and provides free space for work and financial support for the implementation of their own initiatives. Aware Zone'- based activities include a “SpivDiia Children” educational project for internally displaced persons, volunteering activities, and training courses on soft skills for youth.





Additionally, several events with high-level international speakers have been conducted, such as the International Aware Youth Forum, meetings of local and relocated NGOs to coordinate joint actions, and more. Since its opening, the Youth Hub has assisted around 6000+ people directly and 30.500+ indirectly, working with 24 partners. Over the year, 50+ news/articles have been written about "AwareZone" or activities that took place within it, in addition to three broadcasts in a single national news marathon, 17 regional video reports and 1000+ mentions on social media.

International Forum - Aware Youth: Local Authorities + Civil Society = Great Achievements for Common Prosperity is another project by EDYN Ukraine organized as part of the Aware Zone. The main idea of the Forum was to share success stories of unity and cooperation between civil society actors and local authorities. During the Forum, participants got more understanding of problems and challenges that the youth sector and local authorities have faced since February 24 and the role that young people are playing in the war. Participants were able to brainstorm the best practices surrounding teamwork during times of crisis, as well. During the Forum, a memorandum of cooperation between Aware Zone and Youth Hub in Rzeszów was signed.

Similarly, EDYN Ukraine organized Aware Volunteer Day, where volunteers made 187 periscopes and packed 70 food kits for Ukrainian defenders. Each package contained a personal drawing and a note from local children. Aware Zone Youth Hub also allocates grants in the total amount of 1,000,000 hryvnias for the implementation of initiatives aimed at the development of civil society and the support of vulnerable population groups. Several initiatives support infrastructure development, while others support people with disabilities. Another focus of The Hub is the non-formal education of youth and sub-granting for the implementation of initiatives. Aware Zone aims to support young people, and help them adapt to the realities of war. On a regular basis, the hub hosts trainings on non-formal education, project management, public speaking, and capacity building for young leaders. The best initiatives from the relocated organizations receive financial support under the Aware Grant.

The Country Chapter also organized a conference focused on asking the question: Is Ukraine heading to the EU? The conference was moderated by the think tank, Strategic Analysis.. This one-day event was organized in Mukachevo, Ukraine and was in-person, broadcasted via a video-conference device so other EDYN Ukraine network members could join online from other parts of the country. The conference was an opportunity to highlight concrete practices and actions that Ukraine can change in order to integrate into the European family as soon as possible.

Other training organized in the Hub included first aid training from the Red Cross Ukraine. Since May, the team has regularly conducted these trainings together with the Ukrainian Red Cross Society. During the 6-hour event, participants learn the basics of first aid, learn to respond quickly to calls, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, carry people, stop bleeding and apply medical tourniquets. Each time the training is set, the Aware Zone team receives more than 40 applications - showcasing the popularity of such training. In addition, participants receive medical tourniquets, which can be used for personal needs.

In September, EDYN Ukraine organized EDYN Camp 2022, where 27 EDYN members participated offline and one online. The primary outcome of the Camp was team building between "old" and "new" members of EDYN. Smaller project teams were formed to continue their work on the new project ideas, check in on existing projects, develop new projects, and gain new skills.

EDYN Ukraine also launched a cooperative project with EDYN Czech Republic under the name EDYN to EDYN. About 2.5 tons of various goods (warm blankets, sleeping bags, medical supplies, water, etc.) were transferred by members to IDP centers and hospitals throughout the country. 15 sets of winter uniforms for a military unit were transferred at the request of our members etc.



## 7. OUTREACH

### 7.1. Statistics

EDYN is thrilled to report that its reach on social media has significantly grown over the past year. The organization has successfully reached 867,103 accounts across four social media channels, which is a marked increase from the previous year's reach of 235,848 accounts. EDYN's Country Chapter profiles have also reached an even greater audience, with a total of 2,327,349 individual accounts.

EDYN's audience has also grown, with 9,203 followers across five social media accounts. The organization ended the year 2022 with 15 country chapters having their own Facebook and Instagram pages, which have a cumulative following of 7,695 individuals. When combined with EDYN's general profiles, the overall following of the network is now 16,898. The data provided in the tables below will give you a more detailed look at EDYN's social media statistics. Overall, EDYN is very pleased with the progress it has made in expanding its reach and audience on social media and looks forward to continued growth in the future.

General Reach:	Q1-Q4 2022	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022	Q1-Q4 2022	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021
Facebook Page Reach		15,374	26,248	12,165	13708		23459	19014	19,125	21911
Instagram Reach		11,188	16,973	15,974	12651		1578	1,501	6,446	13538
YouTube Views		1,200	743	613	1300		852	415	1200	2700
Twitter Impressions		15,537	15164	7828	26582		26135	20326	45262	32386
NATO campaign		628,225								
MoD campaign		45,630								
<b>Summarized</b>	<b>867,103</b>	<b>717,154</b>	<b>59,128</b>	<b>36,580</b>	<b>54241</b>	<b>235848</b>	<b>52024</b>	<b>41256</b>	<b>72,033</b>	<b>70535</b>

## 7.2. Advocacy and Communication campaigns

### ► #NOHATEGENERATION campaign in partnership with NATO PD

The #NOHATEGENERATION campaign is a partnership between the European Democracy Youth Network (EDYN) and NATO's Public Diplomacy Division that aims to speak up against violence against women. The campaign brought together EDYN members from Albania, Georgia, Moldova, North Macedonia, and Slovakia under the #NOHATE narrative, with the goal of highlighting the importance of rejecting hate and promoting change through the actions of young politicians and activists.

*"Hatred and its spread, which causes the polarization of society and thus threatens the very foundations of democracy, is one of today's biggest problems. The goal of our campaign with NATO was to point out that it is the generation of young politicians and activists that can be the carriers of change. The very name of the #nohategeneration initiative pointed to the rejection of hate. I'm thrilled that we managed to get young people in five countries united for the cause."*

Valeriu Dragalin, EDYN President 2022

One of the main components of the campaign was a website, <https://edyn.eu/no-hate/>, that was available in six different languages, allowing for accessibility to a diverse audience. Additionally, the campaign included a main campaign video with a voiceover in six different languages and a universal video promoting NATO's values in English. The campaign also utilized social media, with 13 unique posts posted on 13 different social media accounts, and an AR filter available on Facebook and Instagram. The campaign aimed to achieve certain key performance indicators (KPIs) such as gaining 1,000 new followers and reaching 500,000 people. The campaign was successful in achieving these KPIs and even exceeded them, gaining 1,774 new followers (177.4% of the KPI) and reaching 734,852 people (146.9% of the KPI). The results show that the campaign was successful in raising awareness and promoting the message of rejecting hate.

### ► The #FightingDisinformation Campaign

In collaboration with the Slovak Ministry of Defense, this campaign was conducted in October 2022 in response to events focused on sharing knowledge in the fight against disinformation. The campaign was implemented on social media platforms and aimed to educate the public on the differences between disinformation, misinformation and hoaxes, and to provide tools and resources for verifying information. The campaign featured posts created in collaboration with the Slovak Department of Communication and their project "The Elves," which was also presented at the aforementioned events. The campaign reached more than 45,000 people and generated more than 860 interactions. The campaign was successful in reaching its target audience and providing valuable information and tools to help fight disinformation.

## 7.3. Ukraine

This part provides an overview of the various online campaigns that have been launched to support Ukraine, as well as information on the effectiveness of these campaigns. Since the outbreak of Russian invasion of Ukraine, efforts were made for the voice of EDYN to be heard, and a list of activities launched since the aggression began has been compiled below.

- ▶ **(Prior to the start of the war) Statement against Aggression:** The Leadership Council published a statement condemning the invasion and restating their commitment to peace in Europe. Read the full statement [here](#).
- ▶ **Valeriu's address:** As soon as the aggression escalated, the EDYN President, Valeriu Dragalin, addressed our members as well as the international community in a video [here](#).
- ▶ **Factsheet of Putin's Emergency Address:** Shortly after President Vladimir Putin made his emergency address, EDYN compared his words with facts. Read the factsheet [here](#).
- ▶ **How to help Ukraine:** There are multiple ways to provide aid to those in Ukraine. The members of EDYN Ukraine highlighted the country's most important needs. Read the message from the EDYN Ukraine [here](#).
- ▶ **Daily Live streams with Denys Ganzha on Instagram and Alex Reshetkov on Facebook:** The daily live streams provide up-to-date information on what is happening in Ukraine as well as current needs and ways to help. Watch recordings of the streams on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.
- ▶ **Campaign #SupportUkraine:** This campaign began with a video collaboratively produced by EDYN Ukraine and EDYN Slovakia members reaffirming their commitment to shared values. The video reached more than 190k views on TikTok. Following EDYN Slovakia's example, country chapters in the Czech Republic, Belarus and North Macedonia produced videos. With over 294k organic views, this campaign demonstrates how the #EDYNfamily supports each other.
- ▶ **Video addressing the youth of the Russian Federation from EDYN Moldova:** The members of EDYN Moldova addressed the youth of the Russian Federation in a recent video and asked them to act on their shared value—peace.
- ▶ **Campaign #StopKillingUkraine:** The biggest campaign on this topic by EDYN aimed to reach the Russian audience with the message "Stop Killing Ukraine." By showing solidarity with Ukraine, showing the truth of what's happening in Ukraine and by saying no to war, EDYN was asking the Russians to open their eyes and stand up to Putin's inhumane acts. The campaign involved people from around the world taking a picture with a sign saying "Хватит бивать Украину" and posting it with the hashtags #StopKillingUkraine and #нетвойне". To make it easier for people to join, EDYN developed an AR filter that people can use. Watch the [campaign video](#) and find the filter on EDYN's Instagram. EDYN Bosnia and Herzegovina Country Chapter joined the campaign with their own video.
- ▶ **Statement on the inhumane actions in Bucha:** The Leadership Council published a statement on the inhumane actions in Bucha. Read the full statement [here](#).
- ▶ **EDYN Radio:** In partnership with the Council on Youth Affairs under the President of Ukraine, EDYN hosted a live event on Twitter Spaces called EDYN Radio: EU Integration Explained – Ukraine. Our EDYN radio host, Denys Ganzha, discussed the EU Integration of Ukraine with special guests:
  - ▶ Vice-President of the European Parliament, Michal Šimečka;
  - ▶ Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine, Olha Stefanishyna;

Read more and listen to the podcast EDYN made out of it [here](#). In the context of Ukraine's request to join the EU, a filter promoting that they belong to the EU was made. See the AR filter [here](#).



**Humanitarian Fundraiser in collaboration with UNICEF:** EDYN partnered with UNICEF and created the EDYN Humanitarian Fundraiser for children in Ukraine. Read more in the article [here](#).

**Stories from EDYN Ukraine:** Multiple activities of the EDYN Ukraine members have been covered on the EDYN social media. Alex Reshetov had the opportunity to meet with the President of the European Parliament and two of our members contributed with an article documenting their experience in the war. See the articles [here](#).

**AwareYouth Forum, Mukachevo, Ukraine:** EDYN Ukraine held a two-day international semi-digital conference to discuss various aspects of how to move forward after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The live streams are available on EDYN's Facebook.

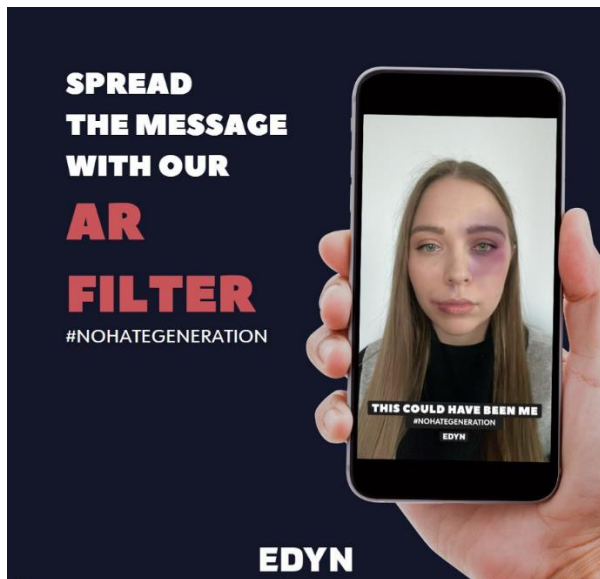
## 8. PARTNERSHIPS AND FUNDRAISING

In 2022, EDYN deepened and established new partnerships across a wide range of organizations, NGOs, think tanks, and institutions throughout Europe and the US, including:

- **University of Oxford Blavatnik School of Government:** Supported the Spring 2022 Rising Public Leaders Program;



- **NATO:** Funded EDYN's "*We Are the No Hate Generation*" social media campaign;



- **American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL):** Following EDYN HQ's week-long Political Twinning trip to Brussel and Paris for 16 young American and European politicians, the ACYPL will organize a political exchange trip for 8 EDYN members to the US in 2023;



- **Slovak Ministry of Defense:** Contributed to EDYN's panel discussions on disinformation in Bratislava;



- **Strategic Analysis Roadshow Research Project:** Focused on highlighting and elevating the youth's voice across the Western Balkans, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. EDYN ensured the project's main findings and recommendations would reach relevant EU institutions and stakeholders by having EDYN members represent and discuss it at fora such as the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)'s Conference on Youth Policy in the Western Balkans (Prague, September 2022 and FoE's Western Balkans Summit (Brussels, December 2022);



- **European Commission (DG INTPA) and the European Partnership for Democracy:** In the context of the Summit for Democracy's Youth Political and Civic Engagement Cohort, helped with the preparation of the official Summit for Democracy Handbook of Youth Participation;
- **Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies:** Contributed to EDYN's closed-door panel discussion on disinformation in Brussels;
- **Konrad Adenauer Foundation:** Contributed to EDYN's open-door panel discussion on disinformation in Brussels and sponsored 14 LC members to participate in their 5-day *"Promoting the youth priorities from Western Balkans and Eastern European countries"* event in Strasbourg.





## 9. SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY

In 2022, the European Commission and the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) launched the Youth Political and Civic Engagement Cohort as part of the Summit for Democracy's Year of Action. The Summit for Democracy (S4D)'s Youth Political and Civic Engagement Cohort is one of several multi-stakeholder platforms that was launched by the Biden Administration to advance good governance and democratic renewal around the world.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, EDYN's Executive Director, Michal Kovacs, and EDYN's then President, Valeriu Dragalin, participated in the official launch of the Youth Political and Civic Engagement Cohort in Brussels, which also occurred on the same day as the International Day of Democracy. EDYN is also one of the co-leaders of the Cohort, along with the European Commission, the governments of Nepal and Ghana, the EPD, and AfricTivistes. As part of the leadership group, EDYN HQ has spearheaded efforts to create a S4D Youth Cohort Handbook with case studies from each Cohort member, which are NGOs working to empower youth across the world. The case studies showcase practices that can then be replicated by other youth organizations as well to identify enabling factors for governments to support the type of initiatives.

## 10. EDYN AWARD

The EDYN Award, given by EDYN, is the highest recognition to individuals and organizations whose extraordinary work aligns with EDYN's mission to defend freedom and fundamental human rights, refrain from hate speech in all forms, collaborate across the ideological and political spectrum, and create a more inclusive, transparent, accountable, ethical, and environmentally conscious society. In 2022, the inaugural award was given to one EDYN member and one Country Chapter. The following members were selected as the finalists for the EDYN Award out of seven nominees: Cristina Voroneanu from EDYN Moldova, Dejana Stosic from EDYN Serbia, Salome Mgeladze from EDYN Georgia and Serhiy Ikonnikov from EDYN Ukraine.



All four finalists had very inspiring stories and hard work behind them. The winner of the EDYN Award 2022 was Serhiy Ikonnikov from EDYN Ukraine, who is currently still fighting in the war in Ukraine. Since the war broke out, Serhiy was one of those who immediately became a volunteer during the very first of

the war. He decided to protect and fight for his country and he received the most votes from EDYN Ambassadors in the Award voting at the EDYN Annual Conference in Budapest.

*"I am also very proud to be a part of the European Democracy Youth Network and to share their values inside the Armed Forces of Ukraine."*

Serhiy Ikonnikov, EDYN Award 2022 laureate

The EDYN Award for a Country Chapter went to EDYN Ukraine and was decided by the members of the EDYN Leadership Council. EDYN Ukraine did not stop its activities and projects even after the war started, and its members stayed active and they have shown immense courage and bravery in the face of war. They have also provided much-needed aid and support to those affected by the conflict. Our members in EDYN Ukraine have shown their strength and commitment to freedom and justice and that is why the Leadership Council decided to give the EDYN Award to the Ukrainian Country Chapter.

The EDYN Award Ceremony took place in November 2022 during EDYN Annual Membership Conference in Budapest, Hungary.

