

## **Selection Criteria for Generation Connect Youth Envoys for Europe**

### **1. Compulsory requirements:**

**1.1 Age:** Must be between 18 and 25 years old as of 1 of October 2023.

**1.2 Education:** Candidates can apply from different background and degrees including those from informal education (without recognised educational degrees) if they can prove their knowledge and/or specific interest in ICTs, reflected in the implementation of the projects/activities they have led and/or played a significant role in.

**1.3 Commitment/Dedication:** Candidates are required to express and provide evidence of their personal dedication and participation, as of the application date, in the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for educational, socio-economic advancement, or youth empowerment. This dedication can be showcased in numerous ways, such as gaining and disseminating knowledge, taking part in local initiatives, or designing, developing, and implementing (including ongoing) specific actions or impactful projects at a community, national, regional, or global level.

**1.4 Achievements:** Candidates may present in their application the examples of their achievements or outcomes (if any) from their previous and/or ongoing activities and/or projects using ICTs towards educational, and /or socio-economic advancement.

### **2. Applicants' assets in the selection process:**

**2.1 Education:** STEM, Social & Human Sciences and Law studies represent an asset considering that these background studies will enable understanding and facilitate the involvement of selected young leaders in the work of ITU relevant to ICTs and reflected in the regional initiatives.

**2.2 Volunteer Work:** Evidence of previous volunteer work to support educational and/or socio-economic outcomes at the community level. it is an asset.

**2.3 Interest in SDGs and/or UN-related work for equal and equitable digital inclusion and/or empowerment of youth through ICTs:** Candidates who display their commitment and dedication towards the execution of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and related global commitments for non-discriminatory inclusion, such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and who express a readiness to contribute to UN and/or global activities that aim for equal and equitable participation in digital societies, economies, and environments of all people, are highly valued.

**2.4 Focus on Vulnerable Groups:** Candidates who clearly demonstrate in their applications their dedication and actions towards helping vulnerable groups, such as persons with disabilities, migrants, illiterates and those from remote areas or communities. This demonstration of commitment is viewed as a significant advantage.

### **3. Application process:**

**3.1** The above selection criteria (including both compulsory requirements and assets in the evaluation process) will be announced.

**3.2** In addition to usual application data [name, age, gender, country of nationality, country of residence, ITU region, academic background, contact details and short biography], youth will be required to provide their motivation and reasons that made them eligible for this selection in one of the UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and/or Spanish).

**3.3** Pre-Selection process will be accomplished at the regional level.

**3.4** Selection process proposal will be accomplished by the ITU Focal Points on Youth (at Regional and Global level) jointly and ITU Taskforce on Youth (TBC if yet in force) and submitted for validation to the Regional Directors.

**3.5** The Selected youth will be presented by the Regional Directors to ITU Member States for their final validation.