



## EUROPEAN YOUTH AWARD

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## Improving society digitally: EYA Grand Jury selecting the best digital projects in Cyprus

From September 22-24, 20 international experts with various professional backgrounds will meet at the University of Central Lancashire Cyprus in Larnaca, Cyprus, to share their expertise and experience and to select this year's Winners of the [European Youth Award \(EYA\)](#).

Salzburg, September 16, 2016. The international EYA Online Jury has shortlisted 49 outstanding projects out of 167 submissions for #EYA16. After two online rounds, the top 49 digital projects improving society will be discussed and evaluated in a three days democratic process. Meeting from September 22-24, an especially allocated [Grand Jury](#) of 20 international and Cypriot experts will meet in Larnaca, Cyprus, to select the one to three winners in each of the eight [EYA categories](#).

„This year's European Youth Award offers again an outstanding selection of innovative digital projects using digital communication and IT to improve society and tackle pressing challenges. The passion and willingness to drive positive change for Europe of these young people is remarkable. The international experts of the Grand Jury will provide their time and expertise to select the best projects in the eight categories for #EYA16", says [Peter A. Bruck](#), founder and mastermind of EYA.

A highlight of the EYA Grand Jury meeting will be the open to the public [Expert Forum](#). Held on September 23, it is a unique chance to meet and exchange with the EYA Grand Jury experts and discuss current challenges. The Grand Jury and Expert Forum in Cyprus is hosted by the *Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism*, the *Digital Champion* of the Republic of Cyprus and the University of Central Lancashire Cyprus.

The selected one to three best digital projects per category of 2016 will be invited to the winners event, the [EYA Festival](#), which will take place in Graz from November 30 to December 3. Not only awaits them a pitching slot to present their outstanding solutions on stage, furthermore Europe's unique contest for young and smart digital social start-ups helps them to gain knowledge and prime contacts through a special mentorship program lasting from September till December. The dedicated [mentors](#) are outstanding personalities like Anna Wypior (SAP, Germany); guiding and accompanying the winning teams and providing their business know-how, entrepreneurial expertise and experience.

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### About the European Youth Award (EYA)

Called into life by Prof. Peter A. Bruck, honorary chairman of the International Center for New Media, in 2012, the European Youth Award (EYA) is a leading pan-European competition honouring excellence in the use of Internet and mobile applications for social empowerment. Conducted under the patronage of the Council of Europe, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, EYA as annual contest seeks to motivate young people under the age of 33 to produce socially-valuable digital projects addressing the goals defined by the Council of Europe and Europe 2020.