





The Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO) is an international organisation dedicated to Franco-German cooperation. Its mission is to bring young people from both countries together. Since 1963, it has given more than 10 million young people from France and Germany an opportunity to participate in exchange programmes.

Whether it is a school exchange or a university project, a placement in the context of vocational training, a sports or cultural encounter, a volunteer role or research work, **every young person from 3 to 35 years of age** has an opportunity to benefit from a programme adapted to their age, desires and needs.

These programmes provide each young person with an occasion to build lasting relationships in the neighbouring country, to discover its language and culture, to become mutually acquainted, and to study, work and to benefit from new experiences.



Our team works in Paris and Berlin – and in Saarbrücken and Strasbourg as well, where 2 FGYO branches are located. Our colleagues are multilingual and work in binational teams.

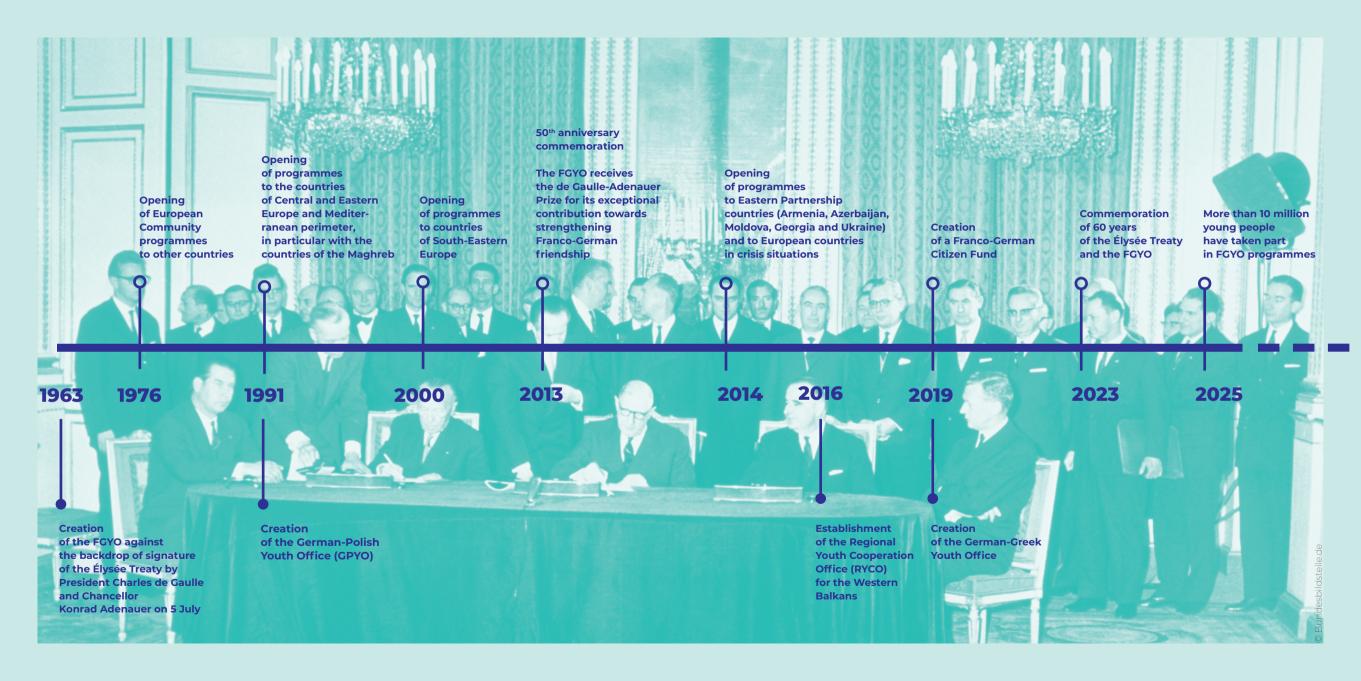
Each year, on average, the FGYO provides support for

8,000 exchanges
(at individual and group levels),
including nearly

300 trinational programmes.

180,000 young people, more than **20%** of whom have less access to mobility programmes.

Its funding comes from government contributions, paid each year in **equal shares** by France and Germany. Additional funding is provided at the European level and by the private sector.





The mission of the FGYO is to bring young people from France and Germany together and to strengthen their mutual understanding; its offer has also evolved in keeping with their expectations and needs.

Enabling each young person to benefit from the experience of mobility and to contribute to a **Europe of diversity** and tolerance

Offering young people a space for expression in which to invigorate **democracy and citizenship**

Fostering linguistic and intercultural learning

Promoting new forms of **eco-friendly** exchange

Supporting the work of **commemoration and peace education**

Intensifying Franco-German cooperation within Europe, specifically through **trinational or multinational projects**



Subsidiarity

This principle consists in entrusting a portion of our budget to a vast network of partners who carry out exchange programmes in accordance with our missions.

Inclusion

Financial difficulties, geographical distance or situations of disability must not constitute a barrier to exchange or mobility. This is why the FGYO encourages the participation of young people with fewer opportunities; these individuals account for more than 20% of the beneficiaries of our programmes.

Inspiration

Franco-German friendship is a sign of hope for young people from other countries. Having often been at war with each other, France and Germany are now united by strong ties and serve as an inspiration to other countries and regions, such as the Western Balkans or the Maghreb.

Reciprocity

We encourage reciprocity in an effort to ensure an equal exchange among young people. A shift in perspective makes a profound contribution towards the development of mutual understanding.



Stronger together as we meet the challenges: It is thanks to its thousands of partners and its many networks that the FGYO can carry out its missions on behalf of young people.

Political and cultural institutions

Youth organisations and associations

Educational institutions and centres for apprenticeship training

Twinning committees

Local offices

Enterprises

Research centres, language institutes, Franco-German institutions

Other partner networks fgyo.org/our-partner-network

