



4th European meeting of young adults with albinism

Apply to participate in the 4th YPA!

The YPA is a meeting of young adults with albinism aged between 18 and 30 coming from the different countries represented in [Albinism Europe](#), the network of European Organizations of persons with albinism. It is traditionally organized **at the same place and time as the European Days of Albinism (EDA)**, which is an international conference including scientific sessions for researchers and clinicians and a work meeting of Albinism Europe. **The next YPA meeting will take place in France in less than 4 months. Don't lose the opportunity to lose such a unique experience! Apply to be a one of the 4th YPA participants!**

Where and when

The 4YPA will take place in Bordeaux, France April 1st - 5th, 2020 during the 5th EDA. It will gather about 30 young adults (up to 3 participants per country). Participants are expected to come from France, Italy, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Finland, Spain, Turkey, UK & Ireland and Germany.

The 4YPA and 5EDA are organized by [Genespoir](#), the French albinism association in collaboration with Albinism Europe.

Program

The YPA program is generally put together in the few months before the event. It is based on a very flexible format, every meeting including new activities as well as recurrent activities. The heart of the YPA meetings is the **encounters, interactions and sharing of experience** among young Europeans with albinism. A team made of past YPA participants and leaders of albinism associations is currently working on the 4YPA program.

The 1YPA meeting was held in Valencia, Spain, in 2014 (www.albinismo.es/2EDA/youth.php). The 2YPA took place in 2016 in Milan, Italy (www.youthalbinism.eu/). The 3YPA was organized in Norway, near Oslo, in March 2018.

Go visit the 5EDA website to find out more about the previous EDA conferences and YPA meetings: Seda.albinism.eu.

Arrival and departure days

Arrival day is Wednesday 1st April. Every participant should arrive at the conference hotel before dinner on that day.

Departure day is Sunday 5th April. No specific activity will be scheduled on that day. The participants will therefore be free to catch any convenient plane (or train) to fly back home on that day, no matter if it is in the morning, the afternoon or the evening.

Accommodation

All the 4YPA and 5EDA participants (young adults, association leaders and scientists) will be staying in the same hotel, which is also the conference venue. YPA participants will be accommodated in shared rooms with a maximum of 3 persons per room in separate beds.

Participation fees

The amount of the 4YPA participation fees is 100€. It is the same for all participants. Full payment is required for your registration to be confirmed by the organizers. The following expenses will be covered by the organizers:

- Transportation fees (train and plane tickets from your home town to Bordeaux)
- 4-night accommodation in shared hotel rooms
- All meals from dinner on Wednesday April 1st to breakfast on Sunday April 5th.
- All activities included in the official YPA program.

Candidature requirements

To be a candidate in the 4YPA you need to meet the following requirements.

- ✓ You are a young adult with albinism aged between 18 and 30 years old (you were born between April 6th, 1990 and March 31st, 2002).
- ✓ You are sure to be free from April 1st to April 5th, 2020.
- ✓ You are a member of your country's albinism association, and this association is one of [the ten Albinism Europe associations](#).
- ✓ You have not participated in more than one previous YPA event
- ✓ You feel comfortable exchanging in English with people from other countries. This point is extremely important. With a level of English too low you would risk facing difficulties in following the YPA program of activities, being able to participate in group discussions and not benefiting fully from the experience.
- ✓ You don't mind sharing a hotel room with up to 2 other YPA participants (separate beds).
- ✓ You are an active person ready to get the most out of a unique opportunity to live for a few days together with many other young European adults with albinism. You are interested in meeting, exchanging, discovering, sharing experiences and much more.

Selection process

Each national albinism association is responsible for selecting its country's 4YPA participants.

To be a candidate, follow the instructions given by your national association.

The names of the selected candidates should be sent by your association to Genespoir no later than January 15th.

