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Taking Stock of Needs and Progress in Youth-led Energy Projects

RES Foundation is happy to once again collaborate with EYE and YOUNGO Energy Working Group to share the progress and identify needs from a bottoms-up and top-down perspective of young professionals engaged in the UNFCCC process and beyond.

RES Foundation is working on the grassroots level in the Western Balkan region and in Serbia to ensure that no one gets left behind in the just transition. Right now, transport poverty and decarbonization remain key challenges, particularly for young people, low-income households and rural communities. We want to strengthen the evidence base by producing data-driven insights and policy frameworks to uplift these communities in collaboration with ministries and cities, nationally. We also call for the expansion of public support for private energy efficiency improvements facilitated by stronger oversight. This oversight should come from a new generation of public good agents; students, young engineers, journalists and local representatives. Empowering youth to take ownership over the monitoring of public investments, is essential to build trust and a resilient climate governance framework. This is why we see the future as a network of citizen energy communities, where people are no longer passive consumers but active energy citizens, co-owning and co-leading the energy transition. We are happy to announce that the identified points of priority will soon be implemented through projects we are launching in the upcoming period.

The YOUNGO Energy Working Group, the official energy interface of the UNFCCC youth constituency, drives youth advocacy for equitable energy systems across climate negotiations. A key priority is the campaign for the establishment of a dedicated energy negotiation track, streamlining fragmented mechanisms into a unified system for clean energy cooperation. The group also advances its campaign *GST 2.0 3F (Fast, Fair & Furthurance)*, a youth-driven vision for embedding speed, equity, and future-readiness into the next Global Stocktake. The Virtual COP (VCOP30) exemplifies its innovative approach. Co-organized with EYE and YOUNGO, VCOP30 became the first-ever youth-designed Metaverse COP simulation, held on 12 October 2025. Bringing together over 2,000 participants from over 68 countries in a 12-hour, multi-time-zone digital format, it redefined accessibility and demonstrated how technology can broaden global climate engagement. A unified demand emerged - **a youth-inclusive reporting mechanism integrated into GST 2.0, enabling recognised inputs from youth-implemented climate and energy actions** in the form of a three-part mechanism, amplified through a collaboration with the Youth Climate Centre in the form of a youth-driven statement which can be found [here](#).



European Young Engineers (EYE), representing more than 500,000 young engineering professionals across 34 organizations, calls on global leaders to place engineers at the heart of climate and energy governance. As countries raise their ambitions, technical expertise can translate climate targets into real, safe, and scalable systems across energy, mobility, cities, and industry. EYE urges the international community to move beyond symbolic youth representation and adopt formal structures that integrate young technical experts into policy processes. Feasibility, systems thinking, and safety are essential for credible pathways to net-zero—and engineers bring precisely these competencies. EYE also aligns with initiatives empowering youth-led clean energy transitions, including the Global Youth Energy Alliance and the Youth Energy Handbook, which provide critical tools for young professionals shaping the future of sustainable energy. Parties and institutions must engage engineers—especially young engineers—early and meaningfully in designing climate and energy pathways. Ambition becomes reality only when grounded in engineering expertise.

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