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Sovereign Youth – Supporting Memberships & Network Partnerships

1. Purpose of the Supporting Membership

The supporting membership is not primarily financial.

Its purpose is the strategic development of a European youth and education network.

Supporting members contribute through:

- Know-how
- Reach and visibility
- Infrastructure
- Networks and contacts
- Selective, project-based financial support

Supporting membership complements but does not replace active membership.

2. Role of Regular Members

Regular members form the active core of the organization.

In the short term, they are engaged through:

- Participation in workshops and project groups
- Hands-on work in concrete education and practice-oriented projects
- Taking responsibility instead of passive membership
- Building competencies in technology, organization, and European cooperation

👉 Supporting members enable this work — they do not steer it.

3. Core Principles

- Network before money
- Education and implementation instead of activism
- Pro-European, freedom-oriented, and responsibility-based
- Transparency and political independence
- Promotion of performance, initiative, and practice

4. Target Group of Supporting Members

- Entrepreneurs and self-employed professionals
- Experts from education, IT, business, and media
- Initiatives, associations, and think tanks
- Academics and practitioners
- European-minded individuals with a freedom-oriented mindset

5. Forms of Support

Modular – no paywall model

5.1 Ideational Support

- Mentoring (1:1 or group-based)
- Talks, impulses, and workshops
- Sparring for projects and ideas

5.2 Network Support

- Connections to companies, initiatives, and media
- Invitations to partner formats
- Joint events and workshops (also across locations)

5.3 Infrastructure Support

- Use of spaces (e.g. coworking spaces, studios, event locations)
- Technical infrastructure (streaming, tools, platforms)

5.4 Financial Support (Optional)

- Voluntary contributions
- Project-based support
- No mandatory fees, no purchasable influence

6. Supporting Membership ≠ Influence

- No content control
- No political affiliation or appropriation
- No formal decision-making rights

→ Supporting members enable — they do not govern.

7. Value for Supporting Members

- Visibility as supporters of youth and education
- Access to an ambitious young European community
- Early access to projects and talent
- Co-creation instead of traditional sponsorship
- Invitations to selected internal formats

8. Short-Term Goals (0–12 Months)

- Building a Europe-wide support and partner network
- Cooperation with coworking spaces, education initiatives, and associations
- Pilot workshops (even without fixed locations)
- First formats via existing partner structures

9. Mid-Term Perspective (1–3 Years)

- Establishment of a stable European support network
- Regular joint education and practice-oriented formats
- Deeper cooperation with partners and infrastructure providers

- Recurring project formats with clear responsibility
- Development of an independent European Youth Think Tank

The Youth Think Tank aims to:

- Bundle young expertise in technology, education, economy, and society
- Develop applied analyses, impulses, and project proposals
- Structurally involve high-performing young people

 The think tank is a practical working format, not a discussion club.

10. Long-Term Vision (3+ Years)

- A sustainable, Europe-wide education initiative
- A recognized European youth think tank
- Physical locations only where structurally justified
- European education, exchange, and project programs
- Long-term empowerment of responsible and self-organized young people