



IUSY WORLD CONGRESS

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To: IUSY Member Organisations

Vienna, 12 December 2025

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Courage in Action: Shaping the World We Want

Istanbul, Turkiye | March 26-29 2026

Comrades,

We reach the end of a mandate shaped by unpredictable conflicts, aggressive geopolitical tensions, and a rapidly destabilizing international environment. Throughout these challenges, our young activists have demonstrated exceptional commitment. Wherever rights were threatened or peace was at risk, young people stood on the front lines with courage and clarity.

Today, our generation carries a double responsibility: to defend our values and to actively contribute to designing a future beyond crisis. We face a world in which democracy is under pressure, authoritarianism is advancing, inequalities are deepening, and disinformation seeks to silence entire communities. Yet history teaches us that in moments of crisis, movements rise, and solidarity becomes an unstoppable force.

It is in this spirit, and with great pleasure, that I invite you to the IUSY World Congress, which will be held in Istanbul from 26 to 29 March 2026 in partnership with CHP Youth, under the theme **“*Courage in Action: Shaping the World We Want*”**. This theme reflects our reality and our responsibility. Courage can not remain a slogan; it must become a practice that shapes our decisions, our organizing, our diplomacy, and our collective struggle for justice.

The upcoming Congress is more than a gathering. It is a space to strengthen our bonds, renew our strategies, and articulate a shared vision for a more democratic, just, and peaceful world. It is an opportunity to reclaim trust in politics, inspire hope in our communities, and commit ourselves to shaping the future with unity, determination, and ambition.

We, as young socialists and social democrats, hold the power to turn crisis into change. Our voice, our solidarity, and our action can shift political realities. I call on you to come to Istanbul with determination and concrete proposals. Together, we can identify practical solutions, strengthen our collaboration, and advance policies that reflect our principles

In solidarity,



Hend MGAETH
IUSY President



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Introduction

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming IUSY World Congress, taking place in Istanbul, Turkiye, from **26-29 March 2026**.

We are deeply grateful to our host organization, CHP Youth, whose dedication and energy have made this gathering possible.

01 Registration

1.1. Registration of Delegates

The first deadline for registration for the Congress is **28th of December 2025**.

The second deadline for registration for the Congress is **27th of January 2026**.

All delegates must register online via this link:

<https://forms.gle/89NVMvcTkQ2bYxfi8>

Delegates who require a visa must register by the first deadline, allowing the IUSY team and the hosting organisation to provide visa support letters and ensure sufficient time for the visa process.

After completing the registration, delegates will receive a confirmation letter with further instructions. **Please do not purchase any travel tickets before receiving an official confirmation letter from the IUSY team.**

02 Statutory Requirements

2.1. Right to Vote

Full member organisations are entitled to **two (2) votes** per organisation. To exercise full voting rights, each organisation must have paid its **2026 membership fee** as well as any **outstanding debts**.

Delegations must maintain a **50% (+1) gender balance** across the entire delegation. Organisations that do not meet this requirement will **lose one vote**.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding your organisation's membership fee or outstanding debts, please contact the **Chair of Control Commission** through the **IUSY Secretariat** as soon as possible.



NOTE: The IUSY Control Commission will not approve any agreements on the day of the Congress under any circumstances. All agreements must be arranged in advance by contacting Victoria Faroppa, IUSY Control Commission President, at ccpresident@iusy.org.

The deadline to finalize agreements with the Control Commission is **10 February 2026**.

2.2. Gender Balance

All delegations must comply with the statutory requirement of maintaining a **50% gender balance** across the entire delegation, including additional delegates and Presidium members.

2.3. Size of Delegations

- **Full member organisations** are entitled to send up to **four (4) participants** and may nominate **two (2) additional delegates** who will be subject to a higher participation fee.
- **Observer organisations** are entitled to send up to **two (2) delegates**.
- **Invited organisations (guests)** may send **one (1) delegate**.

Please note that **Presidium members** and **Control Commission members** are **not counted** within their organisations' delegation quotas for the IUSY World Congress; they participate **in addition** to the total number of delegates allowed for their organisations.

03

Participation Fee

Every delegate and guest must pay a participation fee to cover part of the costs of the IUSY World Congress. In the spirit of international solidarity, fees vary by world region.

Participation Fees for Registrations Before the 1st Deadline

Participants from organisations belonging to the European Committee (EU member states, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland)	170€
Participants from other organisations	150€
Extra delegates from European Committee organisations	190€
Guests / Extra delegates from other organisations	170€



Participation Fees for Registrations Before the 2nd and Final Deadline

Participants from organisations belonging to the European Committee (EU member states, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland)	200€
Participants from other organisations	170€
Extra delegates from European Committee organisations	220€
Guests / Extra delegates from other organisations	200€

Payment Confirmation

Please send payment confirmation to the IUSY Secretariat at congress@iusy.org using the subject line:
“[Name of Member Organisation] Participation Fee Congress Confirmation”.

What the Participation Fee Covers

The participation fee includes meals and accommodation for the duration of the event.

By paying the fee, each participant directly contributes to making the IUSY World Congress truly global and ensuring broad participation. The fees help secure the possibility for IUSY to provide travel support to delegations coming from outside Europe.

Payment Deadline

The fee must be transferred by 10th of February 2026 to the IUSY bank account.

If an exception is required, please contact the IUSY Secretariat by 10th of February 2026.



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IUSY Bank Account Details

Bank: BAWAG PSK
Account Number: 05310660380
BLZ Code: 14000
SWIFT Code: BAWAATWW
IBAN Code: AT41 1400 0053 1066 0380

Your delegation will be considered fully registered for the Congress only after the participation fee has been paid.

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Nominations and Deadlines for Candidacies

All **full member organisations of IUSY** that have fulfilled their obligations (including payment of their membership fee) have the right to submit **nominations**.

Nominations shall include:

- Letter of motivation from the candidates, which includes a political project for the period.
- Letter of support from the leadership of the candidates' organisation.
- Presentation with short CV of the candidates (Please do not include the information you don't want to see uploaded at our web page).
- Passport copy for the candidates.

The deadline for submitting nominations for President, Secretary General, Vice-President, Control Commission President, and Member of the Control Commission is **3 March 2026**, and all candidacies for these positions will be published on **10 March 2026**.

05

Political Documents

All member organizations are invited to submit proposals for **Resolutions, Declarations, and Amendments to the IUSY Statutes** according to the following schedule:

- **11 January:** Deadline for submission of Resolutions, Declarations, and Statute Amendments.
- **27 January:** Publishing of Resolutions and Declarations.



- **3 March:** Deadline for amendments to Resolutions and Declarations.
- **17 March:** Deadline for urgent Resolutions and Declarations.

All proposals received will be published on the IUSY website: www.iusy.org.

Important Notes:

1. All documents (Resolutions, Declarations) must be submitted in at least one of the three official IUSY languages: **English, Spanish, or French**. Submissions in more than one language are encouraged to assist the Secretariat.

2. All documents must use the official templates provided. Submissions not following the templates will not be accepted.

3. Documents must **not include incorrect nominations of countries and institutions** or messages that cannot be adopted by IUSY.

The deadline to apply for membership is **11 January 2026**.

07 Logistics

7.1. Visas

All delegates are advised to check with the nearest Consulate or Embassy, to determine whether a visa is required to enter the country. Delegations needing a visa must make the necessary arrangements well in advance and follow the application procedure carefully, requesting regular updates to resolve any potential issues. Please ensure you apply for your visas early and monitor the progress of your application. For delegates needing a visa we strongly encourage them to apply with the first deadline 27th of December 2025.

Delegates requiring a visa will be provided by IUSY and from the hosting organization. To facilitate this, please fill in the registration form accurately and completely.

The deadline for sending visa requests is 10 January.



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7.2. Travel, venue, accommodation, meals

More information regarding travel, venue, accommodation, and meals will be shared along with the confirmation letter after your registration has been received and processed.

Please note that arrivals are foreseen on the 26th of March and departures on the 29th of March.

Important: Please do not purchase any tickets or make travel arrangements before receiving confirmation of your participation from the IUSY Secretariat.

7.3. Travel Reimbursement

IUSY can support travel costs for delegations not from Europe with a fixed maximum amount per delegation.

- A list of reference prices by region and per organisation will be provided.
- The full travel reimbursement is available only for delegations registering before the first deadline.
- After this date, a reduced reimbursement will be applied to all eligible delegations.

Eligibility Requirements:

To claim travel reimbursement, delegations must:

1. Pay their membership fee and any outstanding debts.
2. Respect gender balance within their delegation.
3. Attend 100% of the programme, with no exceptions.

Payment Details:

- All travel reimbursements will be made in Euro via bank transfer after the Congress.
- Exceptions will only be considered for delegations that contact the IUSY Secretariat before the second registration deadline.



7.4. Security and insurance

Kindly note that neither IUSY nor the hosting organizations will be responsible for any health-related or other costs incurred during your stay in Istanbul, turkiye.

We strongly recommend that all delegates obtain travel insurance before departing from their home country.

Additional Information

Preliminary Programme

The detailed programme will be shared at a later stage with all confirmed delegates and guests.

- **23 March, Monday:** Preparations, Arrival of Control Commission
- **24 March, Tuesday:** Arrival of Presidium
- **25 March, Wednesday:** Presidium meeting
- **26 March, Thursday:** Arrival of Congress participants and guests
- **27 March, Friday:** Congress Day 1
- **28 March, Saturday:** Congress Day 2
- **29 May, Sunday:** Departure day

List of Deadlines

28 December 2025

- First deadline for registration and payment of participation fees

11 January 2026

- Deadline for applying for IUSY membership
- Deadline for submission of Resolutions and Declarations by member organizations
- IUSY Statutes amendments



27 January 2026

- Second Deadline for registrations and payment of participation fees
- Publishing resolutions and declarations

10 February 2026

- Deadline of Agreement with CC

3 March 2026

- Deadline for nomination of candidates for: President, Secretary General, Vice-President, Control Commission President and member of Control Commission
- Deadline for amendments to Resolutions and Declarations

10 March 2026

- Publishing candidacies for all positions

17 March 2026

- Deadline for urgent Resolutions & Declarations

Contact

All inquiries related to the IUSY World Congress 2026 should be sent only to: [**congress@iusy.org**](mailto:congress@iusy.org)