



# **REPORT**

## **OF THE BOARD**

### **2024/2025**

Dear friends from Kolping Youth Europe,

The year 2024 marked another significant chapter for Kolping Youth Europe. Building on the progress of the last few years, we continue to strengthen our collaboration, foster new initiatives and maintain a strong connection with our members across Europe.

In addition, the Kolping Youth met in Villach, Austria, for the annual European Youth Week in Summer 2024. The participants focused on Environment and how to maintain a better understanding of Nature Protection.

In this report, you can find information about the following topics:

## **1. EVENTS**

## **2. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

## **3. INTERNAL ORGANISATION**

## **4. COOPERATION**

## **5. ORGANISATION OF THE BOARD**

All your ideas on how we can improve our work are more than welcome. Feel free to tell us your suggestions and recommendations for the future. Also, there are plenty of opportunities how you can support Kolping Youth Europe as a volunteer. Please contact us if you are interested!

Best regards,

Your board of Kolping Youth Europe

## 1. Events

### 1.1 72 hours campaign and Continental Conference 2024

In April 2024, Kolping Youth participated in the 72-Hour Campaign in Timisoara, gaining firsthand insight into the challenges faced by young people with disabilities. Participants learned how to support those in difficult situations.

In parallel, Kolping Youth Europe also hosted in the Continental Conference, where the board members presented the previous year's work to Kolping Youth members. A detailed article about this event is available on our website ([link](#)), and a video can be watched on our YouTube account ([link](#)).

### 1.2 European Youth Week 2024

During European Youth Week in August 2024, Kolping Youth members attended a camp in Austria focused on environmental protection. They engaged in activities promoting sustainability and environmental awareness, including hands-on training in bike repair skills. Participants explored scenic landscapes and gained valuable experiences that will inspire them to implement sustainable practices in their local communities.

All participants gained experiences that may inspire them later in their place of residence. A detailed article is available on our website ([link](#)) as well as a digital toolbox that was developed during the event ([link](#)).

### 1.3 Continental Conference 2025

From May 2-4, 2025, Kolping will celebrate its 175th anniversary with the Continental Conference in Cologne. The event will include the election of new board members for Kolping Youth Europe and Kolping Europe, as well as reports from the outgoing board on their activities over the past year.

Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to explore Cologne and its cultural landmarks. ([see link](#)).

### 1.4 European Youth Week 2025

The next European Youth Week will take place from August 7-13, 2025, in Timisoara, Romania. For more details, do not hesitate to contact us via email, Instagram, or Facebook. ([see link](#))!



## 2. Public Relations

### 2.1 Social Media

Kolping Youth Europe has its own social media profiles – the Instagram page is active since March 2020 and 460+ people follow our news on it (“ky\_europe”).

At the same time, our Facebook page is active with 900+ followers (“Kolping Youth Europe” - <https://www.facebook.com/kolpingyouth europe> ).

You can always support our social media channels, by liking and sharing posts and inviting people to follow our activities.

We will continue to simultaneously share posts on Instagram and Facebook to reach as many members as possible.

### 2.2. Website

On the website, you can find different sections such as news, about us, events, newsletter, and our contact information.

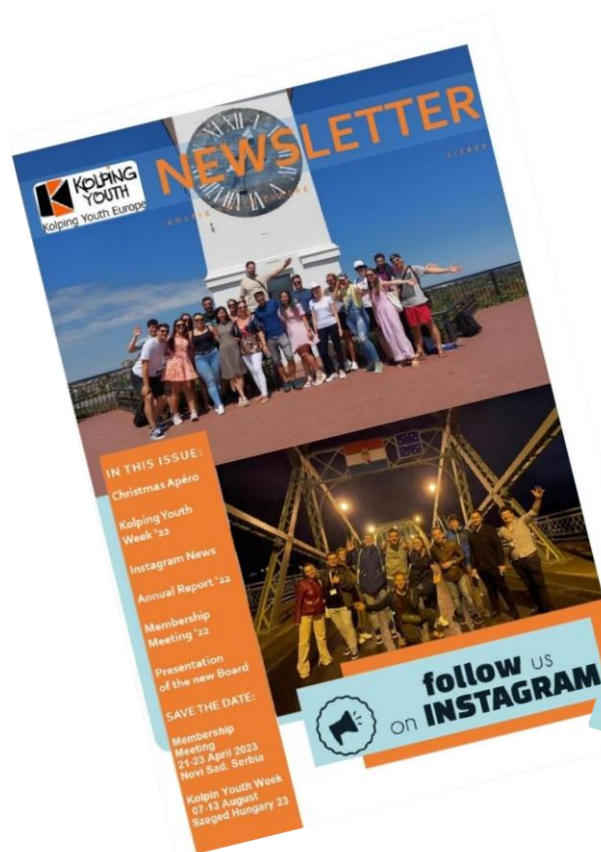
Since September 2024, we have published articles about:

- European Youth Week 2024 (see section 1.2)
- The Continental Conference 2024 (see section 1.1)
- Our Annual Report 2023/2024
- Continental Conference 2025 and
- European Youth Week 2025

We aim to add some diversity to our content, and we are inviting you to help us with that: Share with us your news from your national Kolping Societies and we will be happy to publish them on our website and across our social media channels.

## 2.3 Newsletter

In this year Kolping Youth Europe did not publish any Newsletter, however the website was regularly updated with new articles (<https://kolpingyouth europe.com/>).



## 3. Internal Organization

### 3.1 Board of Kolping Youth Europe

The current Board of Kolping Youth Europe was elected at the Membership Meeting 2023 in Novi Sad Serbia:

- Sven Messing (Germany)
- Heinz Strässle (Switzerland)
- Dorina Kiffer (Hungary/Switzerland)
- Luis Saavedra (Portugal)
- Nikola Hrubenja (Serbia)
- Agoston Szrenka (Hungary)
- Yulia Savka (Ukraine)

The board meets online every month. Tasks and responsibilities were defined in a common process and divided between the board members (see section 5)

The Board's term of office expires in May 2025 and new elections will be held to elect new Board members.

### 3.2 Funding

In 2024, the European Youth Week was financially supported by Kolping Austria, Kolping Europe, Kolping Switzerland, the Kolping Community Foundation (Kolping Germany) and European Youth Council.

### 3.3 Data management

In 2020, the board of Kolping Youth Europe created a digital archive on pCloud to allow future generations of board members to access and store important documents that will simplify their work. The digital archive was continued, and additional documents related to activities in 2024/2025 were stored.



## 4. Cooperation

### 4.1 National Kolping Societies

For Kolping Youth Europe, it is important to have good communication with all national Kolping Societies. In particular, an intensive cooperation took place with Kolping Youth Austria (Youth Week 2024), and Kolping Youth Romania (Continental Conference 2024).

Furthermore, we are extremely grateful for Kolping Switzerland's, Kolping Germany's and Kolping Austria's financial support for the Youth Week. Nevertheless, we are thankful for Kolping Romani to organizing the Continental Conference in Timisoara. We thank all national societies for their contributions and look forward to continue our partnerships.

### 4.2 Kolping Europe

Since 2021, the following people have been elected board members of Kolping Europe:

- Vasyl Savka (Ukraine, President)
- Renate Draskovits (Austria, Vice-President)
- Istvan Gödri (Romania, European Praeses)
- Erich Reischmann (Switzerland, European Secretary)
- Klaudia Rudersdorf (Germany)
- Martina Messner (South Tyrol)
- Patrycja Kwapik (Poland)
- Anton Salesny (Austria, European Commissioner)

The collaboration between the boards of Kolping Europe and Kolping Youth Europe is excellent, and there is a common understanding of what is needed at the European level of Kolping. Since 2022, the Continental Assembly (Kolping Europe) and the Continental Conference (Kolping Youth Europe) have been organized jointly at the same place. The newly accepted statute was an important step to strengthen the collaboration between both organizations.

Two board members represent Kolping Youth Europe in the board of Kolping Europe. Dorina Kiffer and Sven Messing had this responsible in 2024/2025 and participated in several online meetings for preparing the Continental Assembly, the Continental Conference and the 72 hours campaign. Besides the program of the events, internal processes of Kolping Europe were discussed.

Additional online meetings were scheduled on a case-by-case basis, whenever this was needed.





## 5. Organization of the board

All board members have monthly online meetings to ensure regular communication and continuous work on the different tasks. Responsibilities among all volunteers were divided in the following way:

Events	Main responsible Person(s)
72 hours Campaign & Continental Conference 2024	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH) & Sven Messing (DE)
Youth Week 2024	KYE with Kolping Austria (Christina Wieser, Jakob Lutzmayer)
Public relations	
Website	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH) & Heinz Strässle (CH)
Social Media: Visuals	Luís Saavedra (PT)
Social Media: Texts	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH)
Social Media: Videos	Luis Saavedra (PT)
Newsletter: Layout	Lead: Nikola Hrubenja (SRB); Support: Luis Saavedra (PT) & Heinz Strässle (CH)
Content management	Agoston Szrenka (HU) & Sven Messing (DE)
Internal organization	
Board meetings: Agenda, moderation	Nikola Hrubenja (SRB), Heinz Strässle (CH) & Sven Messing (DE)
Board meetings: Notetaking, protocols	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH), Agoston Szrenka (HU), Heinz Strässle (CH) & Sven Messing (DE)
Funding: Grants	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH), Agoston Szrenka (HU), Heinz Strässle (CH) & Sven Messing (DE)
pCloud: Data management	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH) & Heinz Strässle (CH)
Finances	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH), Heinz Strässle (CH) & Sven Messing (DE)
New Statute	Heinz Strässle (CH) & Sven Messing (DE)
New Logo	Luís Saavedra (PT)
Representation and cooperation	
Kolping Europa	Dorina Kiffer (HU/CH) & Sven Messing (DE)
COMECE Youth Platform	-

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