Kolping YouthEurope



REPORT 2025-2026

Dear Kolping Youth friends from across Europe,

2025 was a significant year for Kolping Youth Europe. We are glad to have met and connected with new people from different Kolping Youth groups during the European Youth Weeks and the 2026 Continental Conference. 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 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

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1. Events

1.1 Continental Conference 2025 and election of the new board

In May 2025, Kolping Youth Europe gathered in Cologne, Germany, for the Continental Conference. The previous board members and delegates from each country presented their yearly work. The board underwent major changes, with 5 new members elected during the Conference. A detailed article is available on our website (link).

1.2 Kolping Germany Jubilee

The Jubilee events marking 175 years of Kolping in Germany intersected with the 2025 Continental Conference, so that we were able to celebrate alongside Kolping Germany and Kolping Europe. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore Cologne, the city with the most importance for our organisation.

1.3 European Youth Week 2025

During European Youth Week in August 2025, Kolping Youth members attended a workcamp in Romania, where the central theme was working together towards the common good. They engaged in activities promoting local tourism, workshops, and team-building activities. Participants got to see important Romanian landmarks and gained valuable skills, both soft and hard.
Some of the young Kolping members present were inspired to implement similar projects in their local communities. A detailed article is available on our website (link)

1.4 Continental Conference 2026

The annual Continental Conference will take place from May 29 to 31, 2026, in Lamego, Portugal. For more details, do not hesitate to contact us via email, Instagram, or Facebook.(see invitation)!

1.4 European Youth Week 2026

The next European Youth Week will take place from August 7-13, 2026, in Vác, Hungary. For more details, do not hesitate to contact us via email, Instagram, or Facebook.(see invitation)!

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2. Public Relations

2.1 Social Media

Kolping Youth Europe has its own social media profiles – the Instagram page has been active since March 2020, and 590+ 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/kolpingyoutheurope).

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, an "About Us" section, events, our newsletter, and contact information.

Since October 2025, we have published articles about:

European Youth Week 2025 (see section 1.3)

The 57th Walk for Peace

Continental Conference 2026

European Youth Week 2026

We aim to diversify our content, and we invite you to help us: share news from your national Kolping Societies, and we will be happy to publish them on our website and across our social media channels.

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2.3 Newsletter

We sent out our most current newsletter in March 2026 via email to our subscribers. In addition, we regularly updated the website with new articles (https://kolpingyoutheurope.com/).





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3. Internal Organization

3.1 Board of Kolping Youth Europe

The current Board of Kolping Youth Europe was elected at the Continental Conference 2025 in Cologne, Germany:

Dorina Kiffer (Hungary/Switzerland)

Jakob Lutzmayer (Austria)

Adrian Kirchner (Germany/Austria)

Blanka Komáromi (Hungary)

Nataliia Pukhnata (Ukraine)

Luis Saavedra (Portugal)

Iulia Gabor (Romania)

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 2028 and new elections will be held to elect new Board members.

3.2 Funding

In 2025, the European Youth Week was financially supported by Kolping Romania, Kolping Europe, Kolping Switzerland and Renovabis.

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 2025/2026 were stored.

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4. Cooperation

4.1 National Kolping Societies

For Kolping Youth Europe, it is important to have good communication with all national Kolping Societies. Intensive cooperation took place with Kolping Youth Romania for the Continental Conference 2024 and Youth Week 2025.

Furthermore, we are extremely grateful for Kolping Switzerland's and Kolping Germany's financial support for the Youth Week. We thank all national societies for their contributions and look forward to continue our partnerships.

4.2 Kolping Europe

Since 2025, the following people have been elected board members of Kolping Europe:

Patrycja Kwapik (Poland, President)

Lina Kalibataite (Austria, Vice-President)

Istvan Gödri (Romania, European Praeses)

Erich Reischmann (Switzerland, European Secretary)

Martina Messner (South Tyrol)

Martin Weber (Kolping Germany)

Mateja Oprčkal (Kolping Slovenia)

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 in the same place and during the same week. The commonly adopted statute strengthens the collaboration between the two organizations.

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Two board members represent Kolping Youth Europe in the board of Kolping Europe. Dorina Kiffer and Jakob Lutzmayer held this responsibility in 2025/2026 and participated in several online meetings to prepare for the Continental Assembly and the Continental Conference. In addition to the event program, internal Kolping Europe processes were discussed.

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







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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)**
Continental Conference	Dorina, Jakob
Youth Week	Iulia, Blanka
Public relations	
Website	Jakob, Dorina
Social Media: Visuals	Luis
Social Media: Texts	Iulia, Nataliia, Dorina
Social Media: Videos	Luis, Iulia
Newsletter: Layout	Nataliia
Content management	Dorina, Nataliia, Jakob, Adrian

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Internal organization	
Board meetings: Agenda, moderation	Dorina, Adrian, Iulia
Board meetings: Notetaking, protocols	Adrian, Jakob, Dorina
Funding: Grant management	Dorina, Iulia
pCloud: Data management	Dorina, Jakob
Finances	Dorina, Jakob
Representation and cooperation	
Kolping Europa	Dorina, Jakob, Adrian (Backup), Luis
COMECE Youth Platform	Iulia, Adrian

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