## DiscoverEU finance for 18-year-olds (https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu\_fr)

This programme provides money for travel around Europe: up to €251, usually by rail, 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

If you are an EU resident and born between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004, you can apply for a travel pass in the next round of this programme. This opens at 12 noon on Thursday 7 April 2022 and closes at 12 noon on Thursday 21 April 2022.

If you are selected, you can travel for a period of minimum 1 day and up to 30 days between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. (Extra assistance may be provided for people with a disability.)

You can travel alone, or with up to four friends, who must also be eligible.

As a "DiscoverEU Ambassador" you are invited to share your travel experience through social media.

The application rate in France in October 2021 was quite low: in October 2021, there were only 13,092 applications from France for 8,072 travel passes - see graph here.

## To apply:

1/ on 7 April, see the "Apply Now" button on this page: https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu\_en

2/ you need a valid identity card, passport or legal resident card, to give its number online.

3/ you must agree to allow your data to be stored for the DiscoverEU contest and by the EU.

4/ you will need a valid email address, and you must complete an application form about your identity. (Persons with reduced mobility may indicate specific needs).

5/ you will need to participate in a quiz (unless you apply as a group member), with 5 multiple-choice questions about the European Union and on other European Union initiatives for young people. Finally, you will be requested to answer a subsidiary question.

6/ Applicants are asked to give additional information on their travel plans, but this is not binding and will not have any impact on the selection process. Data collected will be used for statistical purposes and as information for the European Commission to improve DiscoverEU.

When the application is completed, you will receive a confirmation email which includes an "application code" and the timetable for selection. This code can be used to invite friends to join the group, and friends do not have to do the quiz or answer the subsidiary question.

## Selection:

There is a quota of travel passes per country.

Applications are selected by answers to the quiz, and then according to the subsidiary question. Non-selected applicants go on a reserve list.

Applicants will be informed by mid-May, and will be contacted by the company managing the programme. They will receive the travel card via a mobile app, which is also used to organise travel.

More information about the rules is available here: <a href="https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu/rules">https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu/rules</a> en