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Boosting the creativity of students and postdoctoral researchers alike, the Young Minds Project is an initiative of the European Physical Society to promote the next generation of leaders in physics by creating an environment where young physicists assume an active role. After 5 years, Young Minds counts more than 30 Sections in 19 countries. International networking, young researchers involvement with the scientific community, promotion of science among local communities-these should be the goals of every young researcher in Europe. Of course, these highly rewarding activities are time consuming and the focus of most young minds is on getting their research tasks done, being it in the lab or in front of a computer. But strong institutional support, with departments and national societies, can be a decisive factor in encouraging young physicists to take an active part in outreach. Through the Young Minds Project, EPS aims to encourage all active young scientists, from undergraduates to postdoctoral researchers, to organize local Young Minds Sections that will collaborate to develop scientific, networking and outreach activities. The YMP encourages the interaction amongst Sections and students through various levels of international networking: one- to-one exchanges between Young Minds Sections; European-level student conferences; and interaction with the student groups of other organizations.

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