



Extended Call for candidates

Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth 2022-2023

DEADLINE: 15 March 2021 (17:00 CET)

Call for nominations from both NYCs and INGYOs for candidates with genders other than male-identified.

Every two years, Member Organisations of the European Youth Forum nominate candidates for the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) (AC) of the Council of Europe.

How can you take part?

During the Council of Members I-21 (COMEM) / Extraordinary General Assembly of the Youth Forum taking place online on 17-18 April 2021, Member Organisations will elect **13 representatives among INGYOs** and **7 representatives among NYCs**, to be proposed by the European Youth Forum in for the 2022-2023 mandate of the AC

Candidates are nominated by a Member Organisation. Ideally, they should register and take part as delegates in the Council of Members in April 2021, as it will be the opportunity for them to present their vision for the Advisory Council! Nevertheless, attendance is not mandatory to be eligible for elections.

What else should you keep in mind?

The election process shall be open, democratic and transparent. The Code of Conduct of the European Youth Forum will be in force for the whole elections and campaigning process, and any complaints will be treated confidentially.

There will be spaces for candidates ahead of the Online Council of Members to engage and promote their candidature.

In this call for nominations you will find all the necessary information regarding the election process. Should you have any further questions, please contact governance@youthforum.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Elborn'.

Joe Elborn
Secretary-General

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON YOUTH

The Council of Europe Youth Department's work is based on the co-management system, which is a partnership between non-governmental youth organisations and governments. The co-management system allows the Youth Department to have representatives from non-governmental youth organisations working together with government officials to establish the work priorities of the youth sector and make recommendations for future budgets and programmes. Such proposals are then adopted by the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe's decision-making body.

In this context, the Advisory Council on Youth, the non-governmental partner in the co-management system, also has the task of formulating **opinions and proposals** regarding youth questions within the Council of Europe (please see Annex I '*The Role of the AC*' for further information).

The Advisory Council is composed of 30 members:

- 13 representatives of international non-governmental youth organisations (INGYOs) and 7 representatives of national youth councils (NYCs) **designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the European Youth Forum.**
- 10 representatives of non-governmental youth organisations or networks **not members of the European Youth Forum**, designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the Council of Europe's Secretary General.

Role and responsibilities of the European Youth Forum

In this context, the European Youth Forum is responsible towards the Advisory Council and Member Organisations of:

- Organising democratic elections for the 20 representatives nominated by the European Youth Forum;
- Closely following the work of the Advisory Council, and ensuring a proper coordination among the AC and the European Youth Forum;
- Sharing its expertise and information with the members of the Advisory Council and supporting their work in between the meetings;
- Update the AC on the latest processes within the Youth Forum through ad hoc meetings;
- Disseminating and promoting the work of the Advisory Council and the Council of Europe's youth sector among the Youth Forum membership.

For more information on the co-management system, please follow the link <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/co-management>.

CRITERIA

MANDATE

The mandate of the Advisory Council on Youth elected at the Council of Members in April 2021 will run from **1st January 2022 until 31st December 2023**. Please note that the Advisory Council is requested to extend its Bureau's mandate up to the first plenary meetings of the following mandate, that is to say to March 2024, to ensure continuity of its business.

Individuals elected to the Advisory Council represent their nominating organisations and share the values of the European Youth Forum. They are committed to actively contribute to the work of the Council of Europe Youth's Department, as well as to an active participation and a good cooperation among themselves and with the European Youth Forum.

It is important to note that the Advisory Council on Youth is a subordinate body of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, the Organisation's executive body composed of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States, represented on a daily basis by their ambassadors, or permanent representatives. The Advisory Council's task is to advise the Committee of Ministers on youth issues. Those standing for election to the Advisory Council should be aware of the implications of their role in this institution: they will have two hats, one as an activist in their own organisation/network, the other as an Advisory Council member and therefore an adviser to an institutional body.

The members of the Advisory Council elected by the Youth Forum should:

- Have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the draft priorities of the youth sector of the Council of Europe for 2022-2023, the functioning of the Council of Europe, and willingness to update this knowledge throughout the whole mandate;
- Actively participate in the Advisory Council, Joint Council and Programming Committee -if elected as Programming Committee member- as well as in the follow-up between meetings¹;
- At the beginning of each two-year term of office, actively participate in the training course organised for the whole Advisory Council by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe in January.
- Contribute to the good exchange of information and cooperation between the Advisory Council and the European Youth Forum;
- Actively contribute to disseminating information related to the work of the Advisory Council and the Council of Europe, including towards the membership of the Youth Forum.

¹ Please note that in case for any reason the elected member cannot participate in such statutory meetings, the Council of Europe Youth Department and the European Youth Forum shall be informed well in advance and a substitute nominated to take part.

CRITERIA FOR ELECTIONS

According to Article 3.3 of the Statutes of the European Youth Forum, full Member Organisations have the right to present candidates for external structures. Among the full Member Organisations, only those who have full membership rights can present candidates to run for the elections. Therefore, only **Full Member Organisations that have paid their 2020 membership fees** can nominate candidates for the Advisory Council elections at COMEM I-21.

Profile of the candidates and nominating organisations

- To be nominated by a full Member Organisation of the Youth Forum, with full membership rights (i.e. having paid their 2020 membership fees);
- To be committed to ensure a strong representation and active participation within the Advisory Council based on the mandate of the nominating organisation and the shared values of the Youth Forum;
- To have experience in working on the 4 draft strategic priorities of the Council of Europe youth sector for 2022-2023² and the co-management system;
- To demonstrate organisational knowledge and understanding of the Council of Europe bodies and processes, and to highlight their contribution, in particular in the field of youth, through activities with the Council of Europe youth sector, European Youth Foundation, European Youth Centres and/or other bodies within the Council of Europe.
- To have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the Youth Forum's positions and policies and demonstrate organisational ability to contribute to the work of the Advisory Council;
- Nominating organisations should be committed to support their representatives during the whole mandate, in order to ensure their participation in all meetings of the Advisory Council, the Joint Council and the Programming Committee on Youth -should their representative be elected to this body;
- Should be under the age of 36 for the duration of the mandate.

Criteria for the extended call:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure (Article 6.2), it is established that:

"For any election or nomination where more than 60% of the candidates are from only one gender, the Board should re-open the call for a minimum of 10 calendar days for additional candidates of underrepresented genders." Therefore, **nominations will be accepted from both NYCs and INGYOs for candidates with genders other than male-identified.**

² The four draft strategic priorities for 2022-2023 are: Revitalising pluralistic democracy, Young people's access to rights, Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies and Youth Work, and are fully reflecting the four thematic priorities of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/youth-strategy-2030>. The draft priorities are available in the Annex II of this call.

IMPORTANT: Nominating organisations should ensure that the individuals representing them are able to take on the full responsibilities of the position. Individuals **must** be able to attend scheduled meetings linked to their functions as Advisory Council members.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe ratifies the list of nominated individuals elected to the Advisory Council. Only after this ratification process elected individuals are confirmed as members of the Advisory Council. In case of a resignation of a member of the Advisory Council, the nominating organisation must ensure an adequate handover towards the substitute, thus allowing effective continuity of the work. A Member Organisation may only replace its representative once in the course of the two-year mandate. If the second representative also steps down, the next individual on the reserve list³ will take their place on the Advisory Council.

TIMELINE TOWARDS THE ELECTIONS

05 March	- Publication of the extension of the call for candidates for the Advisory Council on Youth
15 March 17:00 CET	- Deadline for candidates to submit applications
16-19 March	- Publication of candidates video and applications on the AC elections webpage
31 March	- Informal online presentation of candidates
17-18 April	Online Council of Members I-21 / Extraordinary General Assembly - Candidates debate - Elections

HOW TO APPLY

Complete applications will contain the following (please read all requirements carefully):

- A **letter from the nominating organisation**, stating the name of the candidate and the position for which the candidate is being nominated, on official-headed paper, with a stamp of the nominating organisation in .pdf format; and
- The **application form** (in both .doc and .pdf format), which contains separate sections addressed to either the individual candidate or the nominating organisation.

All documents must be submitted to the Youth Forum Secretariat by email (to governance@youthforum.org), in compliance with the above-mentioned requirements, before **Monday 15 March 2021 at 17:00 CET.**

³ Reserve list (1 list per pillar:NYC/INGYOs) is a list of organisations and their candidates which were not elected and will be annexed to the elected members list, so the Committee of Ministers ratifying the elected members of the AC are aware of which organisations are on the reserve list. The order in the reserve list is established according to the outcomes of the election results.

Please note that, together with their applications, candidates are also entitled to send:

- **Supporting letter** from other Member Organisations endorsing their nomination. Supporting organisations' names will be published with the list of candidates.
- **Short video** presenting their candidacy. The video should be short and concise, of about 1-2 minutes maximum, and we recommend it to be horizontal, with good sound, and containing subtitles. Please note that the Youth Forum Secretariat will not edit the videos, we will only publish them.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

ELECTION PROCESS

Individuals nominated by Member Organisations will be elected during the COMEM of April 2021, under the rules established by the Rules of Procedure of the European Youth Forum:

Members can nominate several candidates for different working structures within one mandate.

For any election or nomination where more than 60% of candidates are from only one gender, the Board should re-open the call for a minimum of 10 calendar days for additional candidates of underrepresented genders.

Candidates for all elections must be nominated by a member enjoying all the rights according to its membership status.

All elections/ratifications shall be by secret ballot under supervision of the Secretary-General and of the President. Two observers, one from each pillar, are assisting and observing the elections/ratification at all times.

If more than one ballot is necessary to decide between candidates, the following procedure shall be used: in each of the subsequent ballots, voting shall take place with at least one candidate less than the previous ballots. This will be the result of:

- *Either one or more candidates being elected, or*
- *The withdrawal of one or more candidates, or*
- *The elimination of the candidate with the least number of votes.*

If two candidates with the highest number of votes for the same position have the same number of votes, a second ballot will take place. If there is still a tie in the votes following the second ballot, the candidate will be selected on the basis of a draw between the two.

To be elected, the candidate shall achieve a threshold of one third of the votes cast of the NYCs and one third of the INGYO. This one third is computed on the basis of the votes cast by NYCs and INGYOs which are present, not counting abstentions.

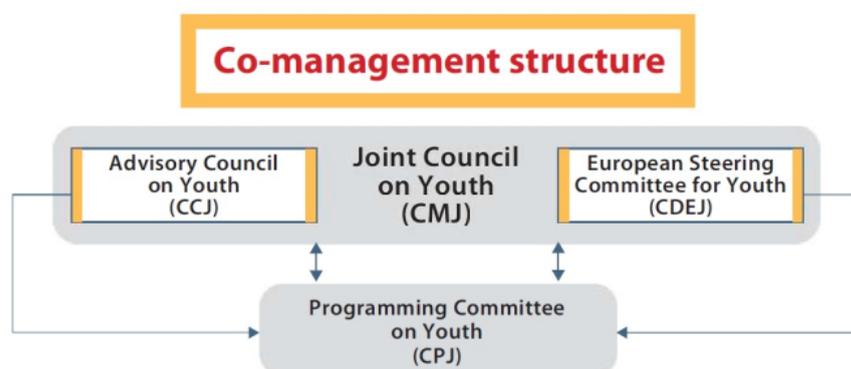
ANNEX I

Role of the Advisory Council on Youth

The Advisory Council on Youth (AC) is composed of thirty members:

- Thirteen representatives of international non-governmental youth organisations (INGYOs) designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the European Youth Forum;
- Seven representatives of national youth councils properly constituted in the states parties to the [European Cultural Convention](#), and other states which participate in the activities of the programme of the Youth Department, designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the European Youth Forum;
- Ten representatives of non-governmental youth organisations or networks not members of the European Youth Forum, designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the Council of Europe's Secretary General.

The AC is the non-governmental partner in the co-managed bodies of the youth sector of the Council of Europe. It has the task of formulating opinions and policy proposals on questions concerning youth dealt with within the Council of Europe.



According to its current terms of reference, the AC has the following tasks:

- To contribute to the effective mainstreaming of youth policies in the Council of Europe programme of activities by formulating opinions and proposals on general or specific questions concerning youth in the Council of Europe; where appropriate, to address these opinions and proposals to the Committee of Ministers or other bodies of the Council of Europe. The Advisory Council on Youth may also be invited by the Committee of Ministers to formulate opinions on general or specific questions concerning youth policy;
- To formulate opinions and proposals concerning the priorities, expected results and budget allocations for the youth sector;
- To promote the Council of Europe's youth policies within the Organisation and beyond;

- To designate for two years, it's the CCJ members who shall be invited to represent it in the Programming Committee on Youth (CPJ), the co-management body in charge of establishing the programme of activities of the youth sector.

The terms of reference are adopted every two years.

The AC is a subordinate body of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers, thus, being a part of the institution of the Council of Europe, its role is bound by the above mentioned terms of reference. In many instances the Members of the AC are representing not only the AC but also the Council of Europe itself, thus, it is expected that their actions are in line with the mandate of the Council of Europe, including the role it plays in the matters of its Member States.

The AC elects a Bureau, made up of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and three other members, who meet in between the plenary sessions of the AC (twice a year).

During its first meeting in March 2022, the Advisory Council will elect its Bureau (5 representatives) from among its members and allocates the different portfolios to its members. The Bureau prepares the meetings of the Advisory Council and, in cooperation with the Bureau of the European Steering Committee for Youth, the meeting of the Joint Council. The Bureau also oversees the implementation of policy and programme decisions.

The co-management system of the Council of Europe allows the Advisory Council on Youth to work on an equal footing with government representatives in the framework of the Joint Council on Youth, as well as in the Programming Committee of Youth.

The Joint Council on Youth brings together twice a year the governmental representatives from the Council of Europe Member States (from the European Steering Committee for Youth) and the Advisory Council. The Joint Council is the body establishing the youth sector's priorities, objectives and budget envelopes. Its decisions guide the work of the Programming Committee. The Joint Council aims to take its decisions by consensus rather than by vote.

The Programming Committee is composed of 8 governmental representatives and 8 representatives of non-governmental youth organisations, elected from among the members of the Advisory Council at its first meeting. The Committee is responsible for establishing, monitoring and evaluating the programmes of the European Youth Centres and the allocation of grants of the European Youth Foundation in line with the policy guidelines agreed by the Joint Council and adopted by the Committee of Ministers. It also monitors the programmes' implementation.

During the past years the AC has made important contributions to the priority fields of work of the Council of Europe, notably by developing innovative proposals in response to topical issues. For example, it was at the origin of the campaign "No Hate Speech Movement" which empowered online activists to take action against hate speech on line and to promote and defend human rights on line. The AC was also instrumental in the drafting of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2017\)4](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on youth work, Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)7](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on young people's access to rights and Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2015\)3](#) on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights.

The Advisory Council co-operates with other sectors of the Council of Europe; the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE); the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; and the Commissioner of Human Rights.

The overall programme of the youth sector is implemented bearing in mind the importance of taking the youth dimension better into consideration in other activity sectors of the Council of Europe. This implies in particular:

- the participation of representatives of the statutory bodies of the youth sector in a number of intergovernmental steering committees and other working structures of the Council of Europe;
- consultation of the Advisory Council on Youth by the Committee of Ministers or by subordinated intergovernmental committees, regarding legal texts which have a specific impact on young people;
- the active cooperation of the youth sector with other sectors of the Council of Europe and its participation in the multidisciplinary programmes of the Organisation.

The members of the Advisory Council remain in permanent contact in between the statutory meetings (through various expert/working groups), which develops a spirit of cooperation and a collective approach to the issues at stake.

The Advisory Council normally holds two plenary sessions a year. In addition, it is invited to send representatives to a variety of activities to bring their expertise or to present the co-management system. They report back on the outcomes and conclusions of these activities in order that this knowledge can inform the CCJ's work. Some of these activities are of a statutory nature (Programming Committee on Youth, [Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card](#), Joint Coordinating Committee with [ERYICA](#), Management Board of the [Partnership](#) between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the field of youth, Executive Committee of the [North-South Centre](#). Others are of a more ad hoc nature (hearings of the [Parliamentary Assembly](#), [Congress](#) (youth) sessions, events of the [Conference of the INGOs](#), European Social Cohesion Platform, conferences organised by other Council of Europe sectors, working/expert groups on specific issues).

ANNEX II

Please note, the proposed draft priorities will be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption in November 2021 and are subject to change.

Draft priorities of the Council of Europe's youth sector for 2022-2023 "Youth for Democracy" 2022-23

Priority 1: Revitalising pluralistic democracy

Expected result 1

"Youth organisations and member States have increased their capacity to develop youth policy and youth work for the democratic participation of young people."

The sustainability of the Council of Europe's core values relies also on the creativity, competences, social commitment, and contribution of young people as well as on their confidence in the future. Youth policies and youth work practice must support young people to realise their full potential as autonomous members of society, enabling them to develop life plans and exercise their democratic citizenship. Special attention will be paid to young people's participation in political processes. Throughout this priority, the participation of young people with disabilities and inclusive youth work will be promoted.

Key guiding reference documents:

- *First thematic priority of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030;*⁴
- *Committee of Ministers' declaration, adopted at its 129th Session (Helsinki, May 2019): reference to a "meaningful and transparent dialogue with civil society at all levels";*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)11 on the need to strengthen the protection and the promotion of civil society space in Europe;*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)14 on the legal status of non-governmental organisations in Europe;*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation Rec(2006)14 on citizenship and participation of young people in public life;*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2006)1 on the role of national youth councils in youth policy development;*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2004)13 on the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life;*
- *Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 2192 (2017) on youth against corruption;*
- *Congress Resolution 386 (2015) Bringing down barriers to youth participation: adopting a lingua franca for local and regional authorities and young people;*
- *Congress Resolution 387 (2015) Voting at 16 – Consequences on youth participation at local and regional level;*
- *Congress Resolution 346 (2012) Youth and democracy: the changing face of youth political engagement;*
- *Conference of INGOs roadmap for youth participation (2018-21).*

Programme orientations for expected result 1:

⁴ See Appendix II for the expected outcomes related to each thematic priority.

- Advocating a sustainable enabling environment in which young people can exercise their right to assemble and to freely form, join and be active in associations;
- Advancing young people's participation in political processes;
- Advocating the importance of an expanding space for youth civil society organisations in order that they may develop and flourish;
- Supporting youth participation in artificial intelligence and Internet governance processes;
- Supporting member States and youth organisations to implement the principles of the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life; further disseminating the "Have your say" manual to public authorities and the non-governmental sector;
- Supporting the capacity of youth organisations to participate and facilitate participation of young people in decision-making processes at local level, with renewed focus on youth organisations which work with young people in rural areas, from minorities, or vulnerable groups;
- Supporting youth policy actors to understand and influence the impact of artificial intelligence on young people;
- Supporting youth policy actors to understand and address the impact of emerging trends such as the climate crisis and environmental degradation on young people and democracy.

Priority 2: Young people's access to rights

Expected result 2

"Young people and youth organisations have increased their capacity to access their rights and advocate for human rights and citizenship education."

Young people's access to rights depends on their capacity to exercise them, which presupposes knowledge of them and being able to advocate them. The promotion of access to rights for all young people will be pursued with member States and youth organisations through measures to support the implementation (at local, regional, national and European levels) of the Committee of Ministers' recommendations CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights and CM/Rec(2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights. Special attention will be paid to the continuation of the Human Rights Education Youth Programme both on- and offline, the review of the implementation of the EDC/HRE Charter, as well as any evaluation of and latest developments by the Council of Europe in the Internet and media literacy fields.

Key guiding reference documents:

- *Second thematic priority of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030;*⁵
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights;*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (ENTER! Recommendation);*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)7 on the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education;*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)10 on developing and promoting digital citizenship education;*

⁵ See Appendix II for the expected outcomes related to each thematic priority.

- *Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 2015 (2013) on young people's access to fundamental rights;*
- *Congress Resolution 319 (2010) on the integration of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods;*
- *Congress Resolution 442 (2019) on social rights of young people: the role of local and regional authorities;*
- *Congress Resolution 414 (2017) Forever young? The role of youth policies and youth work at local and regional levels in supporting young people's transition to autonomy and working life;*
- *Draft Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2022-27;*
- *Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture.*

Programme orientations for expected result 2:

- Implementing the roadmap on the dissemination of Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights and its first five-year review;
- Implementing support measures to member States, local authorities and youth organisations to follow-up the conclusions of the review of Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (ENTER! Recommendation);
- Continuing the Human Rights Education Youth Programme, and reviewing the implementation of the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education;
- Supporting and developing information, data and media literacy with children and young people;
- Increasing the understanding and addressing the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people and the exercise of social rights, including physical and mental health;
- Mainstreaming rights-based approaches in youth policies, programmes and projects.

Priority 3: Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies

Expected result 3

"Youth workers and young people have gained knowledge and skills to work on peace-building and intercultural dialogue to prevent and combat discrimination, exclusion and violent extremism."

Preventing and counteracting discrimination, to allow the democratic participation of all young people, remain central to the Council of Europe's youth policy and a permanent concern of its partners. These are necessary steps to strengthen social cohesion and respect for diversity. A specific focus is also needed on developing intercultural competences and detecting, preventing and combating all forms of discrimination on the grounds of Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights, taking an intersectional approach, especially through youth mobility.

The lives of too many young people are still shaped by armed conflicts and their consequences. Youth organisations and youth workers play an important role in supporting young people in these situations and in promoting the application of the Council of Europe's standards and experiences across the member States. Youth organisations and youth workers also play a role in supporting intercultural dialogue with neighbouring regions and involving young people in confidence-building and conflict-transformation activities in the

spirit of the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security and of the Council of Europe White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue.

Key guiding reference documents:

- *Third thematic priority of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030;*⁶
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)4 on supporting young refugees in transition to adulthood;*
- *Parliamentary Assembly draft resolution on strengthening the role of young people in the prevention and resolution of conflicts;*
- *Congress Resolution 366 (2014) on empowering Roma youth through participation: effective policy design at local and regional levels;*
- *Council of Europe White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue;*
- *Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-23;*
- *Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-23;*
- *Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities;*
- *Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Travellers Inclusion (2020-25).*

Programme orientations for expected result 3:

Combating all forms of discrimination, racism and exclusion, including structural forms, with a specific focus on:

- Roma youth participation and combating antigypsyism;
- social inclusion of young refugees and their transition from childhood to adulthood;
- multiple discrimination on the grounds of Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights and intersectionality (including gender equality, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability).

Enabling young people to promote peaceful societies by providing them with opportunities to play an active role in:

- intercultural dialogue;
- peacebuilding and conflict transformation;
- co-operation with neighbouring and other world regions, especially through youth mobility programmes and opportunities for intercultural learning;
- convening institutions, representative bodies, community groups and the wider society for dialogue;
- volunteering and solidarity actions at local, national and regional and international levels.

Mainstreaming inclusiveness, equality and intersectionality.

Enhancing the inclusion and participation of young people in the rural communities.

Priority 4: Youth work

Expected result 4

“Youth organisations and member States have increased their capacity to strengthen, recognise and advance youth work policies and practices, notably through a European youth work agenda.”

⁶ See Appendix II for the expected outcomes related to each thematic priority.

Youth work as a social practice makes an important contribution to active citizenship and youth participation by providing opportunities to acquire the values, attitudes, skills, knowledge and critical understanding required for effective civic engagement and social action in democratic culture. In this respect, special attention will be paid to the dissemination of Council of Europe standards in relation to the training of youth workers and to the quality of youth work provisions.

Key guiding reference documents:

- *Fourth thematic priority of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030;*⁷
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work;*
- *Committee of Ministers' Recommendation Rec(2003)8 on the promotion and recognition of non-formal education/learning of young people;*
- *Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio;*
- *Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres: [criteria and procedure; role, value and impact of youth centres](#);*
- *Quality standards in education and training activities of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.*

Programme orientations for expected result 4:

- pursuing the dissemination and implementation of Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work and promoting a European youth work agenda;
- supporting the access to⁸ quality development and recognition of youth work and non-formal education and learning and their dissemination to member States (e.g. through the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres and the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio);
- pursuing quality development and innovation (including digitalisation) in the capacity-building activities of the Youth Department.

⁷ See Appendix II for the expected outcomes related to each thematic priority.

⁸ New for 2022-23.

ANNEX III

List of previous members of the AC

The European Youth Forum encourages its Member Organisations to make sure these elections represent the diversity of the platform, as well as diversity of opinions and young people. It is in this diversity where we find our strength.

Check the list below to see which of our Member Organisations have been members of the Advisory Council on Youth in the last three mandates:

2020-2021	
NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS	
<i>Nominating organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>
BYC - British Youth Council	Pegah Moulana
DNK - German National Committee for International Youth Work	Sebastian Vogt
LSU - National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations	Alice Bergholtz
KOMS - Serbian National Youth Council	Mila Lukić
KNZ - National Youth Council of Malta	Sean Ellul
ÖJV - National Council of Austria	Sarah-Anna Awad
CTR - Romanian National Youth Council	Mihai Dragoş
INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS	
<i>Nominating organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>
EDS - European Democrat Students	Georgios Chatzigeorgiou
EFIL - European Federation for Intercultural Learning	Emilia Gagrcin
ESN - Erasmus Student Network	Patricia Goncalves/Irina Veselinovic
ESU - European Students' Union	Jakub Grodecki
WOSM - World Organisation of the Scout Movement	Natascha Skjaldgaard
IFLRY - International Federation of Liberal Youth	Andrea Ugrinoska
JEF - Young European Federalists	Leonie Martin
IGLYO - The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-gender & Queer Youth and Student Organisation	Marine Kurtanidze
YEU - Youth for Exchange and Understanding	Nami Isaki

YEN - Youth of European Nationalities	Pia Šlogar
OBESSU - Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions	Sara Þöll Finnbogadóttir
AEGEE - European Students' Forum	Spyros Papadatos
ALLIANCE - Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations	Tilemachos Boni

2018-2019	
NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS	
<i>Nominating organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>
BYC - British Youth Council	Pegah Moulana
DNK - German National Committee for International Youth Work	Sebastian Vogt
LSU - National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations	Anja Olin Pape
LUF - Icelandic Youth Council	Laufey Maria Johansdottir/Rut Einarsdóttir
MMH - Croatian Youth Network	Marko Boko
NCYOG - National Council of Youth Organizations of Georgia	Eka Tsvariani
OJV - Austrian National Youth Council	David Neuber
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EFIL - European Federation for Intercultural Learning	Emilia Gagrcin
ESN - Erasmus Student Network	Valentin Dupouey/Patricia Goncalves
ESU - European Students' Union	Lea Meister
FYEG - Federation of Youth European Greens	Kaca Pavlovic
IFLRY - International Federation of Liberal Youth	Andrea Ugrinoska
IFM-SEI - International Falcon Movement- Socialist Educational International	Carly Walker-Dawson
IGLYO - The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-gender & Queer Youth and Student Organisation	Elin Liljenbladh
OBESSU - Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions	Larissa Nenning

WAGGGS - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts	Alice Barbieri
WOSM - World Organisation of the Scout Movement	Natascha Skjaldgaard
YEN - Youth of European Nationalities	Matic Germovsek Znidarsic//Pia Slogar
YEU - Youth for Exchange and Understanding	Matej Manevski

2016-2017	
NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS	
<i>Nominating organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>
CRDM - Czech Youth Council	Jan Husak
DNYS - Dutch National Youth Council	Christel De Lange
LIJOT - Lithuanian Youth Council	Karolis Zemaitis
LNU - Norwegian Youth Council	Magnus Ofstad Malnes
LSU - National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations	Anja Olin Pape
MMH - Croatian Youth Network	Marko Boko
OJV - Austrian National Youth Council	Carmen Fischer/David Neuber
INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS	
<i>Nominating organisation</i>	<i>Name</i>
AEGEE - European Students' Forum	Marko Grdosic
EFIL - European Federation for Intercultural Learning	Charlotte Klinting/Emilia Gagrcin
ESN - Erasmus Student Network	Valentin Dupouey
ESU - European Students' Union	Liva Vikmane
IFLRY - International Federation of Liberal Youth	Andrea Ugrinoska
IGLYO - The International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans-gender & Queer Youth and Student Organisation	Elin Liljenblad
IUSY - International Union of Socialist Youth	Ana Pirtskhalava
TEJO - World Esperanto Youth Organisation	Oleksandra 'Sasha' Kovyazina
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YMCA - Young Men's Christian Association	Tinna Ros Steinsdottir