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Enter! Youth Meeting 2015

Access to social rights for *all* young people

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PROPOSALS FROM PARTICIPANTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CM RECOMMENDATION ON THE ACCESS TO SOCIAL RIGHTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DISADVANTAGED NEIGHBOURHOODS

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The Enter! Youth Meeting brought together 180 young people active in youth work projects to discuss ways to make the recommendations of the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation on Access of Young people from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods to Social Rights a reality for young people across Europe¹. While the first Enter! Youth Meeting organised in 2011 provided the input of young people to the draft recommendation, the Enter! Youth Meeting 2015 focused on collecting ideas for the implementation of the Recommendation and for the future work of the Council of Europe on social rights.

During the Enter! Youth Meeting 2015 participants discussed in delegations how they can make use of the Recommendation by the Committee of Ministers of the access to social rights of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

Participants provided the following examples of actions regarding how to bring the content of the Recommendation to the local level in their countries:

1. Expanding the services for young people on the local level so that they include the notion of universality of social rights
2. Education about rights for young people, also by using the tools of the Council of Europe (like Enter Dignityland! educational game)
3. Translation of the Recommendation in the national language and in a youth-friendly version
4. Use existing youth councils to raise the issue of social rights on the agenda of youth policy
5. Produce web content, like videos or a web-brochure, for promoting social rights
6. Cooperate with, and lobby the regional or local councils to adopt the Recommendation
7. Information campaigns about social rights in disadvantaged neighbourhoods
8. Organise public consultations with all actors relevant for the topic so as to identify areas of priority from the Recommendation and start actions
9. Create working groups for starting the implementation of Recommendations (at national and local levels), with both governmental and non-governmental partners
10. Create referent groups for collecting data to have a high precision view on the gaps in the implementation of the Recommendation (research)
11. Motivate and train youth centres at the local level to provide friendly services to young people and improve their youth work provision
12. Organise public meetings and demonstrations on social rights
13. Organise solidarity actions and support those who live in extreme social disadvantage conditions
14. Make known the European Social Charter
15. Make sure that youth workers are trained to accompany young people to access their social rights
16. Use sports and leisure activities to support young people to get more aware about their rights

¹ The text of the recommendation is available [here](#).

17. Start a petition for the social rights of the migrants
18. Use storytelling techniques to raise public awareness about the situation of social rights in different contexts
19. Organise anti-discrimination education activities
20. Support young people's access to employment by informing them about opportunities and building their skills (language skills, computer skills etc.) and offering counselling for finding a job
21. Promote volunteering opportunities among young people
22. Developing a narrative about own organisation and its link to social rights
23. Enhance young people's participation in all the discussions on social rights.

Participants were also asked to reflect on how the Council of Europe can support the implementation of the Recommendation. Participants provided the following proposals:

1. INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION

- Send a letter to governments informing them officially about the Recommendation and its contents and provide ideas how governments can support the implementation of the Recommendation
- Support in the official translation of the Recommendation into the different national languages
- Provide experts in any national level discussion related to the Recommendation
- Disseminate educational activities on social rights, particularly the Enter Dignityland

2. POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE TOPIC OF ACCESS TO SOCIAL RIGHTS

- Make sure that the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities keeps the topic of access to social rights for young people on its agenda
- Make sure that the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe takes note of the Recommendation in its work on youth
- Support governments to invest in the quality development of youth work and youth policy
- Ensure that the topic of deinstitutionalisation is tackled in the Council of Europe's agenda on the rights of people with disabilities

3. TRAINING OF YOUTH WORKERS

- Develop models of trainings on access to social rights for the national level, on the basis of the content of the Recommendation
- Continue the training of youth workers, and include in it a specific focus on the Recommendation

4. PROGRESS ON THE RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTATION

- Define a mechanism of checking, every 3 – 4 years, on the progress on the implementation of the Recommendation. For example, the Youth Department could organise every 3-4 years an Enter! Youth Meeting for exchanging practices and for

measuring progress from the local to the European level in the implementation of the Recommendation

5. SUPPORT TO YOUTH PROJECTS

- Continue to support local youth projects through the European Youth Foundation, making sure that the application procedure are inclusive for organisations which work in disadvantaged areas and are often based on the work of volunteers

6. THE YOUTH FRIENDLY RECOMMENDATION

- Produce a video about access to social rights and the contents of the Recommendation, providing also ideas for what people and organisations can do on the local level with it
- Offer more information more widely about the collective complaint mechanism of the European Social Charter and push the governments to adopt the Revised European Social Charter
- Create a youth friendly version of the Recommendation and educational tools to use it to raise young people's awareness about their rights.

7. TOOLS FOR NETWORKING AND PROMOTION OF SOCIAL RIGHTS IN THE WORK OF YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

- Create an online tool for organisation to self-assess how close their work is to promotion of social rights
- Provide a certificate to organisations working constantly on social rights, in order to recognise their work
- Provide support letters to organisations and people that are actively fighting for social rights on the local level, in order to give credibility to their work
- Put together examples of good practices on social rights online.