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Youth campaign for human rights online

Follow-Up Group

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Room 5.1

Terms of reference of the
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As revised by the Joint Council on Youth
Budapest, March 2014

The current terms of reference for the Follow-up Group were reviewed and adopted at the 30th meeting of the Joint Council on Youth.

The group has the status of a working group of the Joint Council. Its meetings and functioning are paid from the programme of the activities of the project *Young People Combating Hate Speech Online*.

The group has played a crucial role in the preparation and launching of the campaign and its members are highly committed activists and advocates for the campaign.

The new composition of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) called for a revision or confirmation of the representatives of youth organisations.

The developments of the campaign at European and national level invited also a reflection about the role of other key campaign partners in the Follow-up Group, such as the online activists and moderators, national campaign committees, European NGOs and other strategic partners.

Role

The Follow-up Group, based on the guidelines given by the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ), shall in particular:

- i. in the respect of the role and decisions of the Programming Committee on Youth, oversee the preparation and implementation of the European-level campaign activities and instruments (including Internet-based ones)
- ii. make proposals for other Campaign-related activities, notably in cooperation with other international organisations
- iii. advise on support of and action to be taken in relation to national campaign committees (criteria for setting up and recognition, institutional support), and on procedures and criteria for support and recognition of activities carried out by partners at the European, national and local level

- iv. make recommendations on ways to link the campaign with other Council of Europe initiatives related to hate speech and anti-discrimination
- v. advise national partners, governmental and non-governmental, when they devise and organise activities at national level in the context of the Campaign and co-ordinate in this connection the network of actors working on this issue at national (and local and regional) level
- vi. prepare evaluation criteria for the Campaign and conduct an evaluation of activities organised in connection with the Campaign
- vii. advise the CMJ and other Council of Europe bodies concerned as to how to follow up the Campaign within the Council of Europe as a whole and in particular in the youth sector
- viii. report to the CMJ on progress in the implementation of the campaign and recommend decisions where appropriate.

Composition

The membership of the group should, as far as possible, reflect a balanced geographical distribution.

Members

The Follow-up Group shall comprise 6 members from the Council of Europe youth statutory bodies, as follows:

- 3 members representing the European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ)
- 3 members representing the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ)

Observers

- European Youth Forum
- European Youth Information and Counselling Agency
- European Youth Card Association
- The EEA Norway Grants (NGO programme)
- One representative of the online activists and moderators
- One member of the Steering Committee on Educational Policy and Practice

The members of the follow-up group may further co-opt up to a maximum of 4 observers.

Expenses

The Council of Europe budget will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of the meetings of the Follow-up Group.

Duration of the mandate

The group shall function until the closing and evaluation of the European campaign, i.e. until October 2015 (last meeting of the CMJ within the 2014-2015 programme).