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FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AND
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH POLICY
FOR 2014-2018

2014

Introduction

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (hereinafter: the Ministry) and the Council of Europe (hereinafter: the CoE), named together as the Parties, reaffirming their commitment to the ideals and principles of human rights and democracy:

- wishing to develop current and future forms of cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe in the field of youth policy;
- pursuing the interests of further developing fruitful cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe in the field of youth policy;
- striving to support the development of youth policy in the Russian Federation and Europe;
- taking into account the successful experience of the joint activities in 2013, of the Framework programmes for cooperation in the field of youth policy 2006-2008 and 2008-2013 and of the Joint Action Plan in 2003-2005;
- in line with Committee of Ministers Resolution (2008)23 on the youth policy of the Council of Europe adopted in November 2008, the Declaration of the 8th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth adopted in October 2008 "The future of the Council of Europe youth policy: AGENDA 2020" and the Action Plan adopted at the Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the member States of the Council of Europe in May 2005;
- based on universally recognised principles and norms of international law, regulations of the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe regulating the activities in the field of youth policy;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1. Aims and priority areas of cooperation

1.1. The Framework Programme aims to further develop the youth policy in the Russian Federation, the cooperation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy, and the participation of the Russian Federation in the Council of Europe work in the youth field. The implementation of these aims will promote direct involvement of young people, youth work specialists and create favourable conditions for the all-round development of young people, their self-fulfilment and the forging of active citizenship as well as of responsibility among young people. The Parties will cooperate in the following priority areas:

1.1.1. *Social inclusion of young people:*

- a) developing the creative potential of young people;
- b) encouraging youth mobility;
- c) informing young people of potential opportunities for development and of joint programmes and projects of the Parties;
- d) informing the youth associations in the Russian Federation and other Council of Europe member States of the implementation of Council of Europe activities in the field of youth policy;
- e) disseminating information on current youth problems and negotiating conceptual approaches for resolving them;
- f) assisting reciprocal development of the training system for specialists in youth work and youth leaders;
- g) integrating disadvantaged young people in social life;

1.1.2. Human rights, democracy and democratic citizenship:

- a) familiarising young people with human rights education in accordance with the universally recognised human rights principles and values shared by both Parties;
- b) promoting education aimed at empowering young people to realise their democratic rights and responsibilities in society;
- c) supporting international volunteer programmes.

1.1.3. Intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity:

- a) developing intercultural dialogue and inter-ethnic unity;
- b) supporting dialogue and mutual understanding between generations;
- c) supporting special projects and encouraging the learning and propagation among European youth of the Russian language and of other European languages in the Russian Federation;
- d) improving mutual understanding through the study by young people of historical processes on the continent.

1.1.4. Youth work, non-formal education and transition of young people to working life:

- a) assisting with training in youth work and exchanges of information on youth policy aimed at supporting youth employability;
- b) developing the quality and influence of youth work and informal education, particularly their role in fostering the social and economic autonomy of young people;
- c) promoting dialogue between society, including non-governmental organisations, business, particularly with a view to form social responsibility of businesses;
- d) promoting access of young people to autonomy and to labour market, working with students and graduates and supporting them in their transition from education to work;
- e) exchanging knowledge and experience with a view to promoting the swift transition of young people to autonomy and employability.

Article 2. Management and decision-making

2.1. The Parties to the Framework Programme shall carry out joint activities in line with the priority areas for cooperation listed in Article 1, by devising and implementing joint projects and activities for each upcoming period.

In this connection, an Action plan for 2014-2015 will be adopted within the framework of the present Framework Programme, to be followed by similar action plans for the subsequent periods (hereinafter: the Action plan).

2.2. Action plan activities may take place in the Russian Federation, in other Council of Europe member States, or in any other country agreed by the Parties.

2.3. The Parties shall form a Management committee (hereinafter: the Committee) for the preparation and running of the Action plan.

The Committee shall comprise an equal number of representatives of each Party.

Committee members on the Ministry side shall comprise representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs, and the National Youth Council of Russia and, on the CoE side, shall comprise representatives of the Directorate General of Democracy (DGII) and of the Joint Council on Youth.

Representatives of the European Youth Forum and other strategic partners may be invited to attend committee meetings in the capacity of observers by decision of the Parties.

The Committee shall be chaired in turn by representatives of the Russian Federation and the CoE.

All decisions taken within the Committee shall be agreed by the Parties.

The Committee shall prepare and adopt the Action plan for the upcoming period and, where necessary, make changes and additions to the current Action plan as well as evaluation of activities of the Action plan.

The venue of committee meetings shall alternate between the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe official premises in France or Hungary, or any other country by mutual agreement of the Parties.

The Committee shall meet at least once a year.

Article 3. Principles and types of activities

3.1. When devising the next Action plan the Parties shall:

- follow the main thrusts of youth policy of the Russian Federation and documents determining the thrust of youth policy in Europe;
- proceed on the basis of the requirements and initiatives of both Parties;
- encompass the subject areas in which the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation have the corresponding experience;
- determine the order of priority for implementing long-term projects and systemic decisions;
- take into account the funding available within the limits of the budget capabilities of both Parties.

3.2. Considering the aims and priority areas of cooperation, the Parties shall carry out the following types of activity:

- joint activities aimed at exchanges of experience in the youth policy field with the involvement of both Parties' experts in the spheres of legislation, information exchange, student and youth self-governance;
- exchanges, traineeships, training courses, seminars, conferences, forums;
- activities for representatives of non-governmental youth organisations and federal, regional and local executive bodies in order to develop and strengthen the partnership between them;
- intercultural dialogue and language courses and activities for the learning and propagation of the Russian language in Europe and of other European foreign languages in the Russian Federation;
- joint youth initiatives and programmes;
- joint research and planning to promote the development of innovations and effectiveness of youth policy.

Article 4. Funding sources

4.1. Each Party shall finance projects, subject to the availability of human and financial resources and in line with Russian Federation legislation and Council of Europe norms and its budget and programme.

Priority will be given to projects funded under the present Framework Programme in the cooperation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the youth field, in the respect of co-management and of the role of the Programming Committee on Youth of the CoE.

4.2. Each Party may exercise independent supervision of the resources it allocates to activities carried out under the present Framework Programme.

4.3. Each Party shall independently determine the currency in which financial support shall be provided to participants in projects implemented under the present Framework Programme in accordance with Russian Federation legislation and Council of Europe norms.

Article 5. Final Provisions

5.1. Amendments and additions may be made to the present Framework Programme by mutual consent of the Parties.

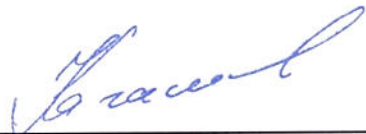
5.2. The present Framework Programme shall enter into force on the day of its signature and be applicable for five years. Either Party may terminate the present Framework Programme at any time by sending written notice thereof to the other Party no less than six months before the intended date of termination.

5.3. Any joint activities not completed by the time the present Framework Programme is terminated may be continued until completion by agreement of the Parties in accordance with the provisions of the present Framework Programme.

5.4. Any questions or disputes relating to the implementation of the present Framework Programme shall be resolved through negotiation and mutual agreement between the Parties.

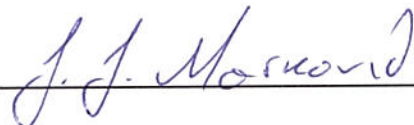
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ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2014-2015

in order to implement the Framework Programme between the Ministry of Education and Science of The Russian Federation and the Council of Europe on Cooperation in the field of youth policy

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe, collectively referred to as the Parties,

acting in the interests of further development of mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of youth policy, agree on this Action Plan for 2014 and 2015 to implement their Framework Programme on co-operation in the field of youth policy.

1. Priorities

The Parties agree on the following priority areas of co-operation for 2014-2015:

- 1.1. Promoting youth mobility of young people.
- 1.2. Assistance in the mutual development of non-formal educational programmes for youth organisations and youth leaders.
- 1.3. Informing youth non-governmental organisations of the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe about the implementation of the youth policy of the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe.
- 1.4. Learning democracy, human rights and democratic citizenship.
- 1.5. Promoting intercultural dialogue and solidarity including its interreligious dimension

2. Activities of the Action plan

The Parties in the framework of this Action Plan agree to carry out the following activities.

2.1. Assistance in the mutual development of non-formal education programmes for youth organisations and youth leaders

2.1.1. Joint "50-50" training seminars for specialists from state authorities of the Russian Federation working with young people together with representatives of youth non-governmental organisations.

Brief description: 1 regional training-seminar for specialists in youth work of regions of the Russian Federation (5 working days, 30 participants: 15 state officials and 15 representatives of youth NGO). 1 All-Russian training-seminar for participants from different federal district of the Russian Federation (5 days, 30 participants: 15 state officials and 15 representatives of youth NGO). The

seminars aim at youth policy development with a particular focus on the co-operation between state institutions and non-governmental organisations dealing with young people and youth policy in the Russian Federation as well as at development and strengthening of youth NGOs.

Dates: tbc; 2014, 2015

Venue: Russian Federation; and/or European Youth Centre

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, National Youth Council of Russia and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.1.2. *Long-term training in non-formal education for trainers from the Russian Federation.*

Brief description: The course will improve the competencies of Russian trainers working with young people in the Russian Federation through the non-formal education methodology and approaches of the Council of Europe and their practical application.

The training will be attended by 20 trainers-beginners from the Russian Federation. It consists of two seminars, online homework, as well as the practical application of the knowledge through the organisation of informal learning activities for Russian youth by the training participants in the period between two seminars followed by an evaluation during the second seminar.

Dates: tbc, 2014-2015

Venue: the first seminar in Russian Federation, the second one at the European Youth Centre

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, National Youth Council of Russia and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.1.3. *Training seminars for representatives of youth NGOs and youth leaders during the session of the educational project "Public Diplomacy Corps".*

Brief description: Two-day seminar for youth NGOs and youth leaders from different regions of the Russian Federation and the Commonwealth of Independent States on the Council of Europe youth policy, youth programmes of the Council of Europe and opportunities for co-operation (each seminar – about 50 participants).

Dates: October 2014, April 2015

Venue: Moscow, Russian Federation

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Foundation for International Cooperation, Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.1.4. *Forum for student organisations on promotion of youth work and non-formal education.*

Brief description: Forum for leaders and representatives of student organisations from high schools and universities to promote democratic youth participation of students through non-formal education.

Dates: tbc; 2015

Venue: Tatarstan Republic, Russian Federation

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, National Youth Council of Russia and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.2. Informing Russian youth non-governmental organisations about the Council of Europe and the implementation of its youth policy

2.2.1. Translation into Russian, publishing and dissemination, in printed and digital form, of publications and materials of the Council of Europe relevant for youth policy and youth work

Brief description: Includes the new update version of "Compass" – the manual for human rights education with young people, the manual "Have your say!", materials on access to social rights "Welcome to Dignity land" and selected Training-Kits produced with the partnership between the Council of Europe and European Union.

Dates: 2014-2015 years.

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, National Youth Council of Russia and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.2.2. Russian federal district youth fora.

Brief description: Annually youth forums are held in the six Russian Federation federal districts: Volga District Youth Forum "iVolga" (Samara region), Southern District Youth Forum "Volga" (Volgograd region), Siberian District Youth Forum TIM "Biryusa" (Krasnoyarsk region), Ural District Youth Forum "Utro" (Sverdlovsk region), Far Eastern District Youth Forum "Ostova" (Sakhalin region) and Eastern District Youth Forum "Selias" (Astrakhan region).

The action plan includes the presentation of the Council of Europe and its youth sector, dissemination of materials on the Council of Europe.

Dates: tbc; 2014, 2015 – a maximum of 3 for per a year.

Venue: Samara region, Volgograd region, Krasnoyarsk region, Sverdlovsk region and Astrakhan region, Russian Federation

Responsible: Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.2.3. International youth fora and camps.

Brief description: International Youth Forums "INTERSELIGER" (Tverskaya region) and "Baltic Artek" (Kaliningrad region). Both camps aim to develop youth participation, intercultural dialogue and international youth cooperation.

The action plan includes presentation and the dissemination of materials on the Council of Europe and its youth sector.

Dates: tbc; Summer of 2014 and 2015

Venue: International Youth Forum "INTERSELIGER" (Tverskaya region), International Youth Forum "Baltic Artek" (Kaliningrad region), Russian Federation

Responsible: Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.3. Learning democracy, human rights and democratic citizenship

2.3.1. Seminars on democratic youth participation through youth parliamentarism.

Brief description: Seminars for the members of youth parliaments and representatives of youth NGOs during the PACE sessions (up to 30 participants per seminar). Participants learn how the PACE sessions are conducted, discussed best practices as regards youth participation in the legislative process, youth policy development under the Agenda 2020 and the way to improve the work of youth parliaments. The seminars will have a thematic focus that reflects the priorities of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe and Russian partners.

Dates: January and April, 2014 and April and September 2015.

Venue: Strasbourg, France

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Youth Department and Directorate of Political Advice (tbc) of the Council of Europe, Foundation for International Cooperation, Intergovernmental Foundation for Educational, Scientific and Cultural Cooperation of the CIS countries.

2.3.2. Training course for Human Rights Education.

Brief description: Organisation of 4-day training course for specialists in youth work (30 participants from different subjects of the Russian Federation). The trainings is aimed at development of the competencies of young people to be multipliers and/or trainers in the field of human rights in the national or regional context and in the context of youth dynamism and participation.

Dates: tbc, 2015

Venue: tbc

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Youth Department of the Council of Europe and National Youth Council of Russia.

2.3.3. Seminar on youth policy and youth work in the Russian Federation.

Brief description: Seminar for the participants from member-states of the Council of Europe (up to 20 people) with the participation of Russian experts in the field of youth policy, representatives of governmental authorities responsible for youth policy and biggest Russian youth organisations (up to 10 experts). The aim of the seminar is to develop the understanding among European partners of problems and realities of youth policy and youth work in the Russian Federation.

Dates: tbc, 2015

Venue: Russian Federation

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, National Youth Council of Russia, Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.3.4. *Training for activists of the campaign "No Hate Speech Movement" on using Bookmarks and human rights education.*

Brief description: 4-day training course for 30 participants (20 Russian and 10 CIS countries participants) in the framework of the campaign "No Hate Speech Movement", for youth leaders and activists of youth NGOs involved in the national campaign's implementation in the regions of the Russian Federation and CIS-countries.

Dates: tbc, 2014

Venue: Russian Federation

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, National Youth Council of Russia and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.3.5. *Seminar in the Council of Europe "Remembrance and learning from World War II", dedicated to the Anniversary of the end of World War II.*

Brief description: Two seminars for 50 participants - representatives of youth NGOs from Council of Europe member states and CIS member states aimed at a deeper common understanding of the values and role of the Council of Europe in promoting peace in the continent and exploring the role of remembrance in human rights education and peace-building.

The programme will include discussions on the role of the civil society (including youth organisations) promoting remembrance of historical events in the context of peace and human rights education and resulting in common actions amongst the participants for commemorating the end of World War II, at international and national levels, taking into account the values, standards and educational resources of the Council of Europe.

Dates: 2014 tbc; April-May 2015

Venue: Strasbourg (France); Russian Federation

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Foundation for International Cooperation, National Youth Council of Russia, Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.4. Promoting cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, solidarity and interreligious harmony

2.4.1. *VI and VII International Youth Camp "Dialogue" (continuation of the Kazan Action Plan).*

Brief description: International Youth Camp "Dialogue" is held annually and brings together over 200 participants-representatives of youth and ethno cultural public organisations from different regions of the Russian Federation, participants from the member-states of the Council of Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States who actively involved in implementation of international and inter-ethnic youth projects. The aim of the "Dialogue" is to

develop of intercultural dialogue and interaction between the young people of the Russian Federation, member-states of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Council of Europe regardless of ethnic, religious, linguistic, cultural and national differences.

Dates: June 2014; 2015

Venue: Kaluga region, Russian Federation

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency on Youth Affairs, Ministry on Culture of the Russian Federation, National Youth Council of Russia, Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.4.2. ***II and III International Youth Forum "For understanding in the Caucasus".***

Brief description: 3-day Forum on intercultural dialogue and development of co-operation between youth communities of the Russian Federation and the countries of the Caucasus region (with up to 70 participants-representatives of youth organisations and young leaders). The main task is to increase participation of the youth of the Caucasus region in the international society.

Dates: tbc; 2014, 2015

Venue: North Caucasus Federal District, Russian Federation

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, National Youth Council of Russia, Directorate of Political Advice (tbc) and Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.4.3. ***Course on Intercultural dialogue and learning of Russian language for youth leaders of Council of Europe member states.***

Brief description: two weeks intercultural dialogue and Russian language course for 30 representatives of youth NGOs from the Council of Europe countries. Participants will also learn about the youth policy's implementation in the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe.

Dates: July-August 2014, 2015

Venue: Russian University of Peoples' Friendship

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Youth Department of the Council of Europe, Russian University of Peoples' Friendship.

2.4.4. ***Black Sea Youth Forum.***

Brief description: The Black Sea Youth Forum is a platform for the development of intercultural dialogue between the countries of the Black Sea region, networking and building strong partnerships between youth organisations in the region (up to 50 participants).

Dates: tbc; 2015

Venue: tbc

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, National Youth Council of Russia, Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.5. Organisational arrangements for cooperation

2.5.1. *Meeting of the Management Committee for the preparation and running of the present Action plan.*

Brief description: Evaluation meeting on cooperation in the sphere of youth policy

Dates: January-February 2014, 2015

Venue: Moscow (Russian Federation), Strasbourg (France)

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Agency for Youth Affairs, National Youth Council of Russia, Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

2.5.2. *Evaluation meeting on the realisation of the Youth Camp "Dialogue".*

Brief description: In 2013 the International Youth Camp "Dialogue" was held for the fifth time. The Joint Council on Youth on the Council of Europe took decision to make evaluation of the camp and to develop further cooperation.

Dates: tbc, 2014

Venue: tbc

Responsible: Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, National Youth Council of Russia, Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

3. Responsibility for the organisation of the activities

For the purposes of implementation of this Action Plan, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation may delegate the organisation of activities to specific partners in coordination with, and with the agreement of, the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.