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## JOINT COUNCIL ON YOUTH (CMJ)

### 37<sup>th</sup> meeting

17-18 October 2017  
European Youth Centre, Strasbourg  
Plenary Room

### List of decisions

#### 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

[CMJ\(2017\)OJ37 rev3 + annotated agenda + programme](#)

##### **Decision:**

*The Joint Council on Youth adopted the agenda of its 37<sup>th</sup> meeting, as it appears in document CMJ(2016)OJ37 rev3.*

#### Information

#### 2. Latest developments in the Council of Europe youth sector:

##### 2.1. Address by the Director General of Democracy

##### **Decision:**

*The Joint Council on Youth took note of the address by the Director General of Democracy.*

##### 2.2. Reports

- 2.2.1. 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Council on Youth (Budapest, 17-19 March 2017)  
[CMJ\(2017\)PV36prov](#)
- 2.2.2. Bureaux of the CDEJ, CCJ and joint meetings (Budapest, 8-9 June 2017)  
[CDEJ/BUR\(2017\)PV1prov](#), [CCJ/BUR\(2017\)PV40prov](#), [CDEJCCJ/BUR\(2017\)PV1prov](#)
- 2.2.3. 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Programming Committee on Youth (Budapest, 8-9 June 2017)  
[CPJ\(2017\)PV37](#)
- 2.2.4. Report of the Gender Equality Rapporteur [CMJ\(2017\)25](#)
- 2.2.5. Report of the Rapporteur on Roma Issues [CMJ\(2017\)26](#)

##### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth took note of the following reports:*

- 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMJ (CMJ(2017)PV36);
- meetings of the CDEJ and CCJ Bureaux, and joint meeting of the Bureaux (CDEJ/BUR(2017)PV1, CCJ/BUR(2017)PV40, CDEJCCJ/BUR(2017)PV1 respectively);
- 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CPJ (CPJ(2017)PV37);
- Gender Equality Rapporteur (CMJ(2017)25);

- *Rapporteur on Roma Issues (CMJ(2017)26) and encouraged member states to support the Roma Youth Action Plan with voluntary contributions.*

### 3. Extension of the mandate of the chair and vice-chair of the Programming Committee on Youth [CMJ\(2017\)27](#)

#### **Decision:**

*The Joint Council on Youth decided to prolong the mandate of the outgoing chair and vice-chair of the Programming Committee on Youth until the first meeting of the newly constituted committee in June 2018, in order that they may deal with the applications for pilot activities submitted to the European Youth Foundation, as well as with special requests linked to other grant categories.*

#### **Policy discussions**

### 4. Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth: state of play and perspectives for the 2018 grant agreement [CMJ\(2017\)24](#)

#### **Decision:**

*The Joint Council on Youth took note of the implementation of the 2017 programme of activities of the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth and of its preliminary draft work plan for 2018, as it appears in document CMJ(2017)24.*

### 5. Priorities 2016-17: state of implementation and final stocktaking (Priority Focus Groups)

#### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth:*

- *welcomed the successful implementation of the three priorities of the 2016-17 “Youth for Democracy” Programme;*
- *took stock of the main successes and challenges faced when implementing these priorities;*
- *took note of the lessons learned that should be taken into account when implementing the new priorities of the 2018-19 Programme and Budget;*
- *took note of the information provided in document CMJ(2017)19 on the state of implementation of Priority 1 of the 2016-17 Programme and Budget (“Advancing democratic citizenship through innovative forms of youth participation”) and:*
  - *endorsed the declaration of the Conference “Learning to live together: a shared commitment to democracy” and instructed the secretariat to ensure its implementation in the Youth Department’s programme of activities, together with the measures resulting from the 3rd Compass Forum on Human Rights Education adopted at its 36th meeting;*
  - *appointed Uwe FINKE-TIMPE (Germany, CDEJ) and Natascha SKJALDGAARD (WOSM, CCJ) to represent the co-management bodies at the meeting of the Management Committee of the Agreement with the Russian Federation;*
  - *appointed Mr Juozas MELDZIUKAS (Lithuania, CDEJ) and Karolis ZEMAITIS (Lijot, CCJ) to represent the co-management bodies at the meeting of the Management Committee of the Agreement with Ukraine;*

- *took note of the information provided in document CMJ(2017)20 on the state of implementation of Priority 2 of the 2016-17 Programme and Budget (“Autonomy of young people and their access to rights”);*
- *took note of the information provided in document CMJ(2017)21 on the state of implementation of Priority 3 of the 2016-17 Programme and Budget (“Promoting inclusive and peaceful societies”) and:*
  - *welcomed and took note of the Fez Declaration of the 6th Euro-Arab Youth Forum;*
  - *thanked the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Morocco for hosting and co-organising the activity;*
  - *appointed Peter Paczuk (CDEJ) and Natascha Skjaldgaard (CCJ) to follow-up Euro-Arab co-operation matters in 2018.*
- *examined the follow-up to be given to the study on new and innovative forms of youth participation in decision-making processes and took the decisions listed under item 6.2.2. of the current meeting;*
- *examined the situation of unaccompanied minors and minors in transition to adulthood and took the decisions listed under item 6.3.1. of the current meeting.*

## **6. Priorities 2018-19: discussion on preparation (plenary) [CMJ\(2017\)1](#)**

### **Priority 1: Access to rights**

- 6.1.1. Information/exchange on the implementation of Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 (Enter! Recommendation), in view of a future review

No decision.

- 6.1.2. Guidelines on the implementation of Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people’s access to rights (follow-up to the seminar on access to rights): for decision

#### **Decision:**

*The Joint Council on Youth invited the secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Joint Council on Youth, draft guidelines on the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people’s access to rights, with a view to their adoption at its 38th meeting.*

## **6.2. Priority 2: Youth participation and youth work**

### **6.2.1. Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work:**

- draft roadmap 2018-21 for the dissemination and implementation of the Recommendation: for decision  
[CMJ\(2017\)17](#)
- terms of reference of the high-level ad hoc task force: for decision  
[CMJ\(2017\)18](#)

#### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth adopted:*

- *the roadmap 2018-21 for the dissemination and implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work (CMJ(2017)17);*
- *the terms of reference of the high-level ad hoc task force on youth work (CMJ(2017)18).*

## 6.2.2. Possible follow-up to the study on new and innovative forms of youth participation: for decision

[CMJ\(2017\)23](#)

### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth, in accordance with its previous decisions on the study on new and innovative forms of youth participation in decision-making processes:*

- *took note of the proposals in document CMJ(2017)23, put forward by some CMJ members and based on the recommendations of the study, for specific measures to be implemented;*
- *tasked the Secretariat, with the support of the working group, with compiling information on existing texts and measures which meet these proposals in order to identify any possible gaps;*
- *agreed to re-examine this issue at its 38th meeting, in light of the information provided by the Secretariat.*

## 6.2.3. Presentation of the competencies for democratic culture by the Education Department

No decision.

## 6.3. Priority 3: Peaceful and inclusive societies

### 6.3.1. Young migrants and asylum seekers: situation of unaccompanied refugee minors in transition to adulthood:

[CMJ\(2017\)22](#)

- **exchange of views with the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees**
- **proposal on unaccompanied minors in transition to adulthood presented by the drafting group, with a view to developing a CM recommendation or CMJ policy guidelines: for decision**

### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth:*

- *exchanged views with Ambassador Tomáš Boček, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, on the Council of Europe's Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe (2017-2019) and on the youth sector's possible contribution to this Action Plan;*
- *took note of the proposals for policy guidelines on supporting young refugees and migrants in transition to adulthood put forward by its drafting group (document CMJ(2017)22);*
- *decided to prepare a draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States on supporting young refugees and migrants in transition to adulthood, in particular on the role of youth work and youth policy in this respect;*
- *tasked the drafting group with developing a consolidated draft text, in co-operation with the team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, the Children's Rights Division and other relevant stakeholders, ensuring coherence with and contributing to other relevant aspects of the Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children as necessary;*
- *agreed to examine this consolidated draft text at its 38th meeting, with a view to its adoption by the CMJ.*

### 6.3.2. Legacy of the No Hate Speech Movement Campaign: for discussion

CMJ(2017)29

#### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth:*

- welcomed the information on the possible follow-up to the work on hate speech resulting from the Council of Europe's youth campaign (document CMJ(2017)29);
- asked the secretariat to inform all national stakeholders, in particular the governmental bodies represented on the CDEJ, about the plans of the Council of Europe and means available to follow-up and support the national campaigns in 2018;
- agreed to examine the conclusions of the Campaign at its 39<sup>th</sup> meeting (15-17 October 2018), and to forward them and any proposals for follow-up to the Committee of Ministers;
- thanked the members of the Follow-up Group for their work throughout the Campaign, and for their additional commitment during its extension in 2016 and 2017.

### 6.3.3. Presentation of the North-South Centre and exchange of views on possible future co-operation

#### 7. Priorities for pilot activities to be supported by the European Youth Foundation in 2018

CMJ(2017)28

#### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth:*

- took note of the information in document CMJ(2017)28;
- approved the proposal for priorities for EYF-supported pilot activities in 2018 therein.

#### 8. CMJ thematic debates:

##### 8.1. follow-up to the thematic debate on co-management

CDEJCCJ/BUR(2017)PV1 prov

#### **Decision:**

*The Joint Council on Youth adopted the follow-up measures to the thematic debate on co-management proposed by the CDEJ and CCJ Bureaux (document CDEJCCJ/BUR(2017)PV1).*

##### 8.2. future thematic debate

#### **Decision:**

*The Joint Council on Youth decided to organise its next thematic debate at its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting (March 2018) on the topic of "shrinking space for civil society and youth organisations: contemporary challenges and solutions".*

## 9. Council of Europe strategy on youth policy

### 9.1. evaluation of Agenda 2020

[CMJ\(2017\)16](#), [CMJ\(2017\)PV36 appendices \(appendix 8\)](#)

Informal exchange of views with the Head of the Evaluation Division, Directorate of Internal Oversight, on the possible scope and methodology of the evaluation

#### **Decisions:**

*The Joint Council on Youth:*

- *informally exchanged views with a representative of the Directorate of Internal Oversight on a possible evaluation of Agenda 2020;*
- *on this basis, agreed not to request a large-scale evaluation of Agenda 2020 from the Directorate of Internal Oversight;*
- *agreed that the future “Youth Agenda 2030” should be based on the existing self-assessment and lessons learned from the Agenda 2020;*
- *decided to request the Directorate of Internal Oversight’s advice on the development of an evaluable “Youth Agenda 2030”;*
- *tasked the Secretariat with updating the roadmap for the development of a Council of Europe “Youth Agenda 2030” accordingly (CMJ(2017)4 final 2).*

### 9.2. towards a Council of Europe youth strategy 2020-30

[CMJ\(2017\)4](#)

Initial discussion on the consultative meeting (objectives, format, participants)

No decision.

## 10. Any other business

*The Joint Council on Youth adopted the following letter to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe:*

1. *The Joint Council on Youth expresses concern at the decision by the Russian Federation to withhold payment of its contribution as a reaction to the ongoing situation in the Parliamentary Assembly, and its impact both on activities scheduled for 2017 and the Expected Results foreseen for the youth programme in the Programme and Budget 2016-2017 agreed by the Committee of Ministers Deputies by consensus on 30 November 2015;*
2. *Furthermore, the Joint Council on Youth regrets that further detrimental effects on the Council of Europe's support to young people across Europe will arise from the pause in disbursements from the European Youth Foundation and the postponement of the use of receipts gained through the activities of the European Youth Centres;*
3. *The Joint Council on Youth expresses the view that the youth sector should not shoulder a disproportionate burden of the savings required;*
4. *The Joint Council on Youth expresses the hope that, in the negotiation of the Programme and Budget 2018-2019, the youth sector will be resourced at a level allowing it to achieve the ambitious goals set out.*

## 11. Venues and dates of the meetings in 2018-19

### ***Decisions:***

*The Joint Council on Youth agreed to hold:*

- *its first meeting of 2019 in Budapest in March 2019 (exact date to be set at a later stage);*
- *its second meeting of 2019 in Strasbourg in October 2019 (exact date to be set at a later stage).*