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(1) Campaigning for Human Rights online



Follow up group meeting

At the 11th meeting of the [Follow up Group](#) of the NHSM on 20-21 October in Strasbourg, success factors for national campaigns were reviewed with the aim to provide further guidance on future initiatives in 2017 and gathering of data. The [Action Days 2017](#) were adopted at the meeting.

Action Days for Human Rights online

The next [Action Day](#) will take place on 10 December under the theme 'Hate is not an opinion'. The day calls for standing up for human rights of others online and mobilising youth to denounce hate speech through human rights education. Join the [actions](#) and support the day on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The previous [Action Day](#) on countering [Anti-Semitic Hate Speech](#) was organised on 9 November in cooperation with [European Union of Jewish Students](#), the [Media Diversity Institute](#), the [Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe](#) and [European Network against Racism](#). Activists and partners posted flagged hate speech and submitted counter arguments on hate speech watch. Workshops and public events took place across Europe, e.g. a living Library at a Jewish community centre in [Lithuania](#) and a remembrance gathering in [Malta](#). Also a [powerful video message](#) was recorded at the World Forum for Democracy.

New ECRI monitoring reports

European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) published monitoring reports on [Armenia](#), [Turkey](#) and the [United Kingdom](#) which, inter alia, include legislative and other responses to hate speech.

MED Forum 2016

The NHS participated at the [MED FORUM 2016](#) on 23-26 October in Malta, hosted by the [Anna Lindh Foundation](#). During the event several speakers highlighted the role of young people in combating extremism and hate speech and emphasis was given on intercultural and citizenship education as an important tool to overcome growing disenchantment of young people and the risks of radicalisation. The National Campaign Coordinator in Malta, [Agenzija Zghazagh](#) encouraged the participants to become partners and activists of the Campaign. Outcomes of the Forum can be found [here](#).

International seminar on Hate Speech

An [international seminar on hate speech](#) was organised with the [Finnish League for Human Rights](#) and in co-operation with the [Human Rights Centre](#) and the [Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Finland](#) on 29 November. The seminar brought together experts, authorities, politicians, policy makers and media representatives, as well as people from different groups targeted by hate speech and looked at the

phenomenon through national and international legislation and from human rights perspective. Read more [here](#)

Regional Bookmarks trainings

A regional training course on combating hate speech through human rights education was organised on 14-18 November in Moscow with participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Ukraine and different regions of the Russian Federation.

Another Bookmark regional training will be organised on 10-14 Dec in Bucharest, gathering educators from Romania, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. The event is co-organised with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Romania and the Romanian National Campaign Committee.

These regional trainings aim at empowering youth workers and educators to use Bookmarks in national courses, workshops and curricula, and encourage cooperation and support the implementation of national campaigns. Read more [here](#)

Luxembourg

The NHS Campaign in Luxembourg was [launched](#) on 8 October in the presence of Anne Barasseur, former president of PACE and Ambassador of the No Hate Speech Movement of the Council of Europe. Over 70 participants from various organisations from the youth and social sector participated in the event. More info [here](#)

Norway

Over 100 representatives from youth organisations and governmental agencies participated in the [youth conference "Stopp Hatt Prat"](#) on 14 October in Oslo. The outcomes of the meeting contributed to the [national action plan on hate speech](#) that was launched by the Norwegian government in November.

At the conference on hate crime organised by [Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombudsperson](#) on 9 November, the Norwegian Campaign Coordinator met with President of the Norwegian Parliament, with representatives of the Ministry of Children and Equality and the Norwegian Ombudsperson, all expressing strong support for the NHSM and its future actions in 2017.

Another Norwegian conference on hate speech targeting persons with disabilities was also organised on 2 December.

France

The French government's [Interministerial Delegation for Fight Against Racism and Discrimination](#) has informed the Council of Europe of their decision to join the campaign. The campaign in France will be coordinated by the *Ligue Internationale contre la Racisme et l'Antisémitisme* ([LICRA](#)).

National Training Courses in Austria and Ukraine

A national training course titled "Get up, stand up! Human Rights education against Hate Speech" was held in Vienna on 28 Oct to 1 Nov.

The NHS Campaign in Ukraine organised training on bookmarks, with support from the [EYF](#) on 21-25 November in Zhytomyr, Ukraine. The course focus on reconciliation processes and conflict transformation

(2) Council of Europe – main developments

For up-to-date CoE news please check the [CoE website](#) and the [CoE Journal](#).

This year's [World Forum for Democracy](#) (WFD) focused on the relationship between education and democracy. During 7 to 9 November academics, politicians, practitioners and young people from all over the world attended the Forum in Strasbourg to discuss how education can help bridge the social divide and become a real asset for our diverse democracies. The forum was attended by Marko Grdošić, Chair of the [Advisory Council on Youth](#), Anja Olin Pape, Vice-Chair, who co-moderated two plenary sessions together with the [Deputy Secretary General](#), Gabriella Battaini-Dragni, and the [President of Parliamentary Assembly](#), Pedro Agramunt. Read more [here](#)

A youth delegation of 75 young people from 50 countries (28 from non-Council of Europe member States and 47 from Council of Europe member States) also participated in the 2016 [World Forum for Democracy](#) as part of the [Council of Europe's Youth Programme "Youth for Democracy"](#). Prior to the

WFD, the youth participants worked for three days in the [European Youth Centre](#) with an international team of trainers and representatives from the statutory bodies of the Youth sector and the [INGO Conference](#).

On 18 November, the Council of Europe marked the [European Day for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse](#). The European Day follows the important work and impact resulted from the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children. In his statement, the [Secretary General](#) said “There can be no trivial cases, any harm caused by the sexual abuse or exploitation of a child is significant and must be addressed” and he called upon the member States to step up their work in providing assistance to survivors. Read more [here](#)

The [Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers](#) of the Council of Europe passed from Estonia to Cyprus on 22 November in Strasbourg. The new Chair of the Committee of Ministers, Ioannis Kasoulides, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus, presented the [priorities of the Cypriot Chairmanship](#) which will run for six months. The priorities include the Cyprus enduring commitment to dialogue, cooperation and peaceful coexistence and the organisation of a Youth Peace Camp, entitled “The role of young people and youth policy in peace-building and intercultural dialogue”, to be held in Strasbourg on 28 April-6 May 2017, in cooperation with the Youth Department. Read more [here](#)

On 29 November the Council of Europe sports ministers met in Budapest to discuss co-operation against doping, match-fixing and corruption, and adopted several [resolutions](#) aimed at promoting integrity in sport. Read more [here](#)

At their meeting on 30 November, the Minister’s Deputies approved the [Council of Europe Disability Strategy \(2017-2023\)](#), which sets out the priority areas of action by the Organisation in this area for the period 2017 to 2023 and gives guidance and inspiration to member States and other stakeholders on policies, activities and measures to ensure implementation of priorities at national and local levels. The [Advisory Council on Youth](#) was consulted on the drafting of the strategy.

Nadia Murad (23), Yazidi human rights activist, was awarded the PACE [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize](#) – which honours outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights during the [PACE autumn session](#) in October. Nadia Murad was kidnapped by ISIS in northern Iraq, kept in slavery and abused for three months until she managed to escape and flee to Germany. She was appointed in September as the first [UN Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking](#). Read more [here](#).

The [PACE report on Ensuring access to healthcare for all children in Europe](#) was adopted by the [Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development](#) on 11 October. In her statement, Rapporteur [Stella Kyriakides](#) (Cyprus) said “Not all children enjoy equal access to healthcare services, which clearly diminishes their chances of leading happy and autonomous lives”. Read more [here](#).

In a [resolution](#) adopted 13 October, based on the [report](#) by [Manlio Di Stefano](#) (Italy), PACE called on member States to improve the protection of unaccompanied migrant minors and to avoid them going missing. The focus must be on “the need to treat unaccompanied children first and foremost as children, not as migrants,” declared the Assembly. Detention should be avoided at all costs, in keeping with the [Parliamentary Campaign to End Immigration Detention of Children](#), the parliamentarians added. Read more [here](#)

The PACE [Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development](#) gathered on 28 October 2016 parliamentarians from 14 member States to part take in a seminar in Paris which focused on the right of children and young people to social, legal and economic protection. Read more [here](#).

On the occasion of the [Intersex Awareness Day](#) on 26 October, the [PACE](#) Rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people, [Jonas Gunnarsson](#) (Sweden) and the Rapporteur on ‘Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people’, [Piet De Bruyn](#) (Belgium), stated that “It is time to end shame, secrecy and unwanted medical interventions on intersex children”. The PACE will

begin work on a draft resolution that promotes human rights of and eliminates discrimination against intersex people throughout Europe. Read more [here](#).

On the occasion of the European Governmental LGBTI Focal Point Network Roundtable meeting organised in Strasbourg on 17 November, [Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Nils Muižnieks](#), gave a [key note speech titled "LGBTI people are not second-class citizens"](#) where he underlined the specific challenges that LGBTI children and young people are facing in everyday life.

At its 31st session in October, the [Congress](#) elected [Gudrun Mosler-Törnström](#) (Austria) as President for a two-year term of office. She is the first woman being elected to the Presidency of the Congress. The Congress also adopted the [new priorities for 2017-2020](#) which include the empowerment youth through the participation of young people in decision-making processes and public life as well as encouraging greater engagement and dialogue in order to enhance civic commitment, encourage greater youth participation and combat radicalisation of young people. See more [here](#)

Since October 2014, the [Congress](#) has been inviting young people to take part in its sessions, to have their say in the debates and to exchange on the issues on the agenda. At the Congress 31st session, [36 youth delegates](#) (16-30 years) took part and presented [their projects](#) that they had carried out between the two 2016 sessions that involved more than 3 000 young people from around Europe. They put forward recommendations to the Congress stressing the need for more civic education, better participation structures and more direct dialogue between young people and local authorities in order to strengthen young people's inclusion in decision-making processes. Read more [here](#).

Each year, the [Conference of INGOs](#) marks the 17 October - the [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#), with the organisation of an event which brings together all those who are dedicated to overcoming poverty all year round. This year's roundtable focused on young people faced with poverty and social exclusion in Europe. (Former) Congress President [Jean Claude Frécon](#) gave a [speech](#) at the event stating "It is becoming harder and harder for young people to gain access to fundamental, social and economic rights. Being young in itself is sometimes a ground for discrimination. And young people from poorer or migrant backgrounds suffer still greater discrimination in access to social rights". Read more [here](#)

(3) Youth Department update

The Council of Europe statutory bodies on youth questions - [European Steering Committee for Youth](#) (CDEJ), [Advisory Council on Youth](#) (CCJ) and [Joint Council on Youth](#) (CMJ) - met in Strasbourg on 17-19 October.

Among other things, the [Joint Council on Youth](#):

- discussed the priorities/preparation of the programme of activities 2018-2019 and asked to maintain a single youth programme for the biennium; recommended 3 strategic priorities - "Access to rights", "Youth participation and youth work" and "Inclusive and peaceful societies"; and recommended the title "Youth for Democracy and Human Rights" for the 2018-2019 youth programme in order to reflect the youth sector's strategic priorities;
- agreed to review the implementation of [Agenda 2020](#) and to present a draft road map for the development of a Council of Europe mid-term youth strategy from 2020 to 2030;
- held a thematic discussion on the integration of young refugees and migrants into European societies and expressed readiness to contribute to the Action Plan of the SG [Special Representative](#) for the Protection of Unaccompanied and Other Refugee and Migrant Children (2017-2019);
- encouraged national authorities to translate and disseminate the Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)7](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member States on young people's access to rights in their national, regional and minority languages and agreed to develop a road map for 2017-2019 for the dissemination and implementation of the recommendation;
- agreed to prepare proposals for practical measures to implement the [guidelines of the Gender Equality Matters seminar](#) in the Youth Department's activities;
- agreed on the content of the [study on new and innovative forms of youth participation](#) and the composition of the reflection group which will advise on its implementation;

- agreed that the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) and the [European Youth Forum](#) follows up on the questionnaire on the situation of national youth councils in the member States in consultation with CDEJ members from those member States where national youth councils either do not exist or are not sustainable.

The Joint Council on Youth also approved the [priorities for pilot activities](#) supported by the [European Youth Foundation](#) in 2017. A pilot activity is an action addressing a contextual societal challenge affecting young people at local level. The priority themes for 2017 are 'Building inclusive and peaceful societies' and 'Combating extremism and radicalisation'. Read more [here](#)

The CDEJ decided at its meeting to award the Council of Europe [Quality Label for Youth Centres](#) for the years 2017-2019 to the "[International Youth Centre for children and youth at risk Stara Zagora](#)" in Bulgaria and to the [Killarney Youth Centre](#) (KYC) in Ireland; and agreed to renew the Quality Label for the year 2017 to [Villa Elba Youth Centre](#) in Kokkola, Finland. Read more [here](#)

The Programming Committee on Youth will meet on 8-9 December at the [European Youth Centre in Budapest](#). During this meeting, the Committee members will decide upon all grant applications submitted to the [European Youth Foundation](#) at the 1 October deadline, as well as the study session applications to the European Youth Centres for the second half of 2017. The Committee will also finalise the 2017 programme of the youth sector.

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The [3rd Compass Forum on Human Rights Education](#) "Learning Equality, Living Dignity" was held at the [European Youth Centre](#) in Budapest, 5-7 October under the [Estonian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe](#). It brought together some 120 participants who discussed the progress in ensuring the quality, recognition and outreach of human rights education in Europe and beyond and the implementation of the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education. Furthermore, a [message](#) was prepared by the participants to the Council of Europe, drawing attention to the most important challenges to human rights education across Europe. Read more [here](#).

A call to collect material to inform the Youth Department's study on new and innovative forms of youth participation in decision making for young people aged 16-30 has been launched. Partners and interested parties are invited to take part in a short [online survey](#) by 18 December. Read more [here](#)

The Study and Training visit of youth experts from Ukraine to the Council of Europe was held from 27 to 30 November at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. The Study visit aimed to associate youth leaders and official representatives from Ukraine with the principles and approaches of the Council of Europe, especially in the field of youth policy. Representatives from state and regional authorities and from non-governmental organisations working with young people were introduced to the Youth Department's concepts and tools and discussed ways of adapting them to their realities.

The Management Committee meeting on the Framework Programme on cooperation between the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy was held on 1 December in Sochi, Russian Federation. The partners evaluated the activities held in 2016 and discussed the weak and strong points related to their implementation and how to make this cooperation more efficient. The 2017 programme of activities has been adopted at the meeting taking into account priorities, available resources and recommendation of the Joint Council on Youth.

National training courses on Roma youth participation were organised in Greece and Ukraine in November in cooperation with the Team of the [Special Representative of the Secretary General on Roma and Travellers](#). The seminars held in Athens and Odessa brought together Roma youth leaders with the purpose to enable them and to develop cooperation towards better visibility and participation of Roma youth, including in youth policy processes.

Two regional training courses on anti-Gypsyism and human rights education were held also in November in Odessa, for Eastern European countries, and in Greece for countries in South-Eastern Europe. The main purpose of the courses was to introduce human rights education and anti-

Gypsyism to youth workers and Roma youth leaders, using [‘Mirrors’, the manual to combat anti-Gypsyism through human rights education](#). The manual ‘Mirrors’ has also been published in Greek by the [NGO Antirropon](#) and the Greek operator of the EEA Norway Grants.

A Consultative meeting on the [Roma Youth Academy](#) brought together some 30 experts at the European Youth Centre Budapest on 21-22 November to define the scope, modalities and objectives of the project which, it is hoped, will be launched in a pilot version in 2017/2018. The outcomes of the meeting will also inform a feasibility study which is forthcoming. These activities were held in the framework of the [Council of Europe Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers](#).

Following the publishing of [‘Taking it seriously’ - a guide how to implement the Recommendation on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights](#) (Enter!), a study is being conducted regarding the next edition of the ‘Enter! long-term training course’. The study will articulate the educational role of the course with regard to policy support measures for local and regional authorities, which is foreseen in the roadmap for implementing the Enter! Recommendation.

Other activities in October and November included:

- Global Youth Colloquium (Bonn, 5-6 Oct)
- Study session: Transferring positive practices of democratic youth participation models from European to local level (EYC Strasbourg, 10-15 Oct)
- Study session: Excluded from the excluded: understanding and recognising minorities in the Deaf community (EYCB, 17-22 Oct)
- Study session: Students’ leaders for human rights, democracy and peace: special focus on eastern partnership countries (EYCB, 17-21 Oct)
- Seminar on the Council of Europe Youth Worker Portfolio and recognition of youth work in Ukraine (Odessa, 20-22 Oct)
- Working group meeting on the follow-up to the evaluation of study sessions (EYCS, 20 Oct)
- Evaluation meeting of the course Training Trainers for Youth in the Council of Europe (TRAYCE) (EYCS, 22-23 Oct)
- Long-term training course on access of young people to social rights and autonomy through youth work, for representatives of authorities and non-governmental organisations working with young people in the Russian Federation (Penza, 25-31 Oct)
- National training course for Living Library organisers (EYCB, 29 Oct)

- Study session: Youth Participation 3.0 (EYCB, 7-11 Nov)
- 3rd International Youth Seminar "Remembrance and Learning from the World War II" (Volgograd, Russian Federation, 7-10 Nov)
- Seminar on the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio and recognition of youth work in Ukraine (Lutsk, 10-12 Nov)
- Study session: “All in – creating inclusive and empowering spaces for all”, (EYCS, 14-19 Nov)
- Training-seminar for multipliers from Tbilisi and Sukhumi in human rights education for and with children based on Compasito (EYCB, 23-27 Nov)
- Evaluation meeting ‘Working together to end youth homelessness in Europe’ (EYCS, 29 Nov-1 Dec)

Activities in December

- Meetings of the CDEJ Bureau, CCJ Bureau and Joint Bureaus (EYCB, 8-9 Dec)
- Bookmarks training course for local activists and youth leaders, in cooperation with the city of Strasbourg, (EYCS, 9-10 December)
- 8th Consultative Meeting of the Youth Department’s Trainers Pool (EYCB, 12-14 Dec)
- Study session: Using Technology for young women’s empowerment within the framework of the new sustainable development goals (EYCS, 12-15 Dec)
- Training seminar on ‘Implementation of the National Youth Action Plan in Albania’ (Vlora, 14-16 Dec)
- Evaluation meeting of the Euro-Arab Youth Forum (EYCS, 30 Dec)

EU-CoE youth partnership

A [peer-learning seminar on cross-sectoral youth policy ‘Getting Across’](#) was held in Montenegro on 25-27 October as part of the youth partnership’s work on increasing knowledge and supporting the

development of cross-sectoral youth policy development in the Western Balkans. It was attended by policy-makers, youth workers, researchers and youth organisations from the region. Participants highlighted the urgent need for more comprehensive and cross-sectoral policies in the region and quality implementation and follow-up of youth strategies already in place. Read more [here](#)

An expert seminar “Journeys to a New Life” on the role of youth work in integration of young refugees in Europe was organised in Brussels on 23-24 November. The seminar aimed at analysing the role of youth work in supporting young refugees in Europe and to provide related evidence for enhancing youth policy and youth work practice. The analytical paper [A look at the “refugee crisis” across Europe: challenges, debates and projects collecting national contributions across Europe](#) from EKCYP correspondents and mapping out various initiatives was published in September 2016. Read more [here](#)

The meeting of the [Partnership Management Board](#) was organised in Brussels on 1 December. Building on a shared positive view of the 2016 activities of the Partnership, the European Commission and the Council of Europe agreed on the 2017 Work Plan of their Partnership in the field of youth.

The Partnership Consultative Meeting also took place in Brussels on 1-2 December 2016. All stakeholders involved in the Partnership’s activities recognised the high quality and the relevance of its work. The stakeholders also identified concrete possibilities of co-operation when implementing the Partnership’s Work Plan in 2017, which should contribute to strengthening its impact and visibility.

Activities in December:

- Expert meeting on South Mediterranean youth cooperation (Brussels, 12-13 Dec)

(4) DG II - Education Department

This section is dedicated to the latest news from the [Education Department](#).

On 5-6 December, four representatives of the [European Steering Committee for Youth](#) and the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) attended the 3rd meeting of the preparatory group on the evaluation of the [Council of Europe Charter on citizenship and human rights education](#). The group will provide advice on the finalisation of the [Report on the State of citizenship and human rights education in Europe](#) and on the organisation on a Conference on this topic (Strasbourg, 20-22 June 2017). The conference will bring together about 300 participants, including government representatives, education professionals and (youth) civil society organisations.

A training course on “The role of NGOs and NGYOs in passing on remembrance of the Holocaust and prevention of crimes against humanity” will be organised in partnership with the [Auschwitz-Birkenau](#) national museum in November 2017 in Kraków and Auschwitz-Birkenau. The course will provide (youth) NGO’s with historical knowledge about the Holocaust and other victims of the Nazi regime, promoting Jewish cultural heritage from before the Holocaust, promoting pedagogical and educational practices on remembrance of the Holocaust and prevention of crimes against humanity and reflecting on the specific role of NGOs in passing on memories.

(5) Other news

The [UN Deputy Secretary-General](#), Jan Eliasson, attended the event on youth leadership in peace and security on 4 October at UN Headquarters in New York. In his speech, he called on governments in the world to send more youth delegates to the UN Youth Delegate Programme and to recognize the importance of the active role of youth in making and building peace, specifically referring to the [resolution 2250](#) on youth, peace and security. Read more [here](#).

On 11 October the [United Nations](#) marked the [International Day of the Girl Child](#). In his [message](#), Secretary General Ban Ki-moon stressed “The wellbeing, human rights and empowerment of the world’s 1.1 billion girls are central to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. When we agreed on that agenda, we promised girls quality education and health services”. Read more [here](#).

[UNICEF](#) issued a press release on 18 October that identified 2016 as the record year in terms of number of unaccompanied children that arrived in Italy. More than 90% of the children travelled alone in 2016, while unaccompanied minors accounted for 75% in 2015. Read more [here](#).

[The Committee on the Rights of the Child](#) adopted a [General Comment](#) (no19) on 'Public budgeting for the realization of children's rights' on 27 October. This GC is the first UN document that provided detailed guidance to states on their legal obligation to invest in children. Read more [here](#).

The [Slovak Ministry of Education](#), together with the [Slovak Youth Council](#), the [European Commission](#) and the [European Youth Forum](#) hosted the EU Youth Conference in Kosice on 3-5 October bringing youth delegates and policy makers together. The [joint recommendations](#) were presented to representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament and the ministries responsible for youth of the EU Member States. Read more [here](#)

The meeting of the EU Directors General for Youth Affairs was held straight after the European Conference for Youth in Košice on 6-7 October. At the meeting European Commission launch a debate on the priorities for the new EU Youth Strategy for the period 2017-2019. Read more [here](#)

On 27 October the [European Parliament](#) adopted a [resolution on the assessment of the EU Youth Strategy 2013-2015](#). It provides general recommendations as well as specific recommendations in the field of employment and education, youth participation in decision making and financial resources. On the same day the European Parliament also adopted the [resolution on European Voluntary Service](#) and the promotion of volunteering in Europe which stresses, inter alia, the need for a better coordinated policy on volunteering in order to give volunteers a proper legal status.

The [European Charlemagne Youth Prize](#) is awarded every year by the [European Parliament](#) and the [Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen](#). The main purpose of the award is to encourage youth participation and consciousness in Europe and European integration. This year the first prize was awarded to Benedetta Turin (Italy) and her project "[InteGREAT](#)" that aims to connect young people all over Europe in taking a joint action towards the refugee crisis and foster their integration in the communities. Read more [here](#).

Following the consultation of the Youth Working Party, the Presidency (General Secretariat of the Council) prepared a [discussion paper](#) on the current challenges young people face today to the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council policy debate "Young Europeans at the centre of a modern European Union" on 21-22 November. Read more [here](#).

On 21 November Commissioner [Tibor Navracsics](#), met with the Youth Ministers to discuss ways to engage with and support young people in the EU. The Ministers had adopted conclusions on promoting the new approaches in youth work. They also exchanged views on the upcoming Youth Initiative, stressing the important role of young people in building a strong Europe. The Council will also adopt conclusions on the [prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism](#) following the Commission's communication on the issue. Read more [here](#).

DG Justice has announced two [calls for EU funding](#) on the [Rights of the Child](#):

1. Capacity-building on the rights of the child and child protection for children in migration, focusing on guardianship and foster care for unaccompanied children, deadline 13 December, read more [here](#)
2. To support integrated and multidisciplinary child-centred approaches to child victims of violence, deadline 13 December, read more [here](#)

To mark the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome in 2017, the European Economic and Social Committee ([EESC](#)) is inviting secondary-school students from different types of secondary schools to Brussels on 30-31 March 2017 to debate "Europe at 60: Where to next?", providing an opportunity for the young people to speak with policy-makers about the challenges and opportunities in Europe. Read more [here](#).

The [2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference](#) on 6 October brought together youth representatives from the Mediterranean region and beyond, ministers and high-level representatives from international and regional organizations to focus on the contribution of youth to foster dialogue and

co-operation in the Euro-Mediterranean region. Participants emphasized that youth should be the lead actor to take dialogue and co-operation forward. Read more [here](#)

The [Global Youth Development Index](#) was published on 21 October, an initiative taken by the [Commonwealth](#) organisation, that ranks 183 countries according to the prospects of young people in employment, education, health, civic and political spheres. Some of the results indicate that the top ten countries, with the exception of Australia and Japan, are coming from Europe. Read more [here](#).

The [European Youth Forum](#) General Assembly took place in Varna, the 2017 European Youth Capital, on 16-19 November. During the meeting the Youth Forum elected its new leadership and adopted a [Work Plan](#) for the next 3 years. Luis Alvarado Martinez from [AEGEE](#) was elected President. Novi Sad in Serbia was also announced as the 2019 [European Youth Capital](#). Several members of the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) attended and the Chair, Marko Grdošić, informed about the new priorities of the Council of Europe youth sector. Read more [here](#).

The event 'Social Rights in Times of Crisis: the Youth Perspective' took place on 18-20 October gathering representatives of youth organisations, experts and politicians to discuss and debate young people's access to social rights in Europe today. The event was organised by the [European Youth Forum](#) in cooperation with the [Friedrich Ebert Foundation](#). Read more about the outcomes [here](#).

On 27 October the European Youth Forum published "[Validation of non-formal education in the youth sector: key success factors and recommendations](#)" that include recommendation for the successful development and implementation of validation arrangements, together with good practice on recognition and validation in youth field.

The [European Youth Award](#) is a pan-European contest to motivate young people, social entrepreneurs and start-ups to produce digital projects with impact on society. This year's [winners](#) were announced by the [Grand Jury](#) on 7 October. The [European Youth Award Festival](#) which is a platform for knowledge exchange, networking and sharing ideas, took place on 30 November to 3 December in Graz, Austria. Read more [here](#).

The NEET (young people not in employment, education or training) on diversity was recently published by the [European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions](#). The report intends to provide a unique perspective into the reasons and causes for not being in employment, education or training. Download the report [here](#).

To mark the [International Day Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism](#) on 9 November, and [Human Rights Day](#) on 10 December, [UNITED for Intercultural Action](#) is coordinating a campaign to celebrate Human Rights Superheroes – people from past and present who made great contributions - and often great sacrifices - to defend the rights of others. Read more about the campaign [here](#).

The European Non-Governmental Sport Organisation - [ENGSO Youth](#) - launched an online platform for young sport writers called [The Wall](#) on 10 October. It is designed for young leaders, inspirational activists, workers and game-changers to have their say by writing opinion pieces, organizing campaigns and events or doing research. Read more [here](#).

The [SDG Watch](#) – the Sustainable Development Goals Watch is a coalition of 75 civil society organisations that made their commitment to ensure that EU develops strong and coherent strategies for implementing the SDG's. It was launched on 12 October.

[Together](#) and [Children's Rights Alliance for England](#) have published a [paper](#) urging [European Scrutiny Committee](#) to consider rights of children and young people after Brexit. The paper stresses the importance that all decisions that will be made around the UK's future relationship with the EU should be assessed for their impact on children and young people. Read more [here](#)

(6) Publications

[List of Youth Department publications](#) (updated September 2016)

YOUNG PEOPLE & SOCIAL RIGHTS

NEW! TAKING IT SERIOUSLY - Guide to Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights

The French version of the Guide is currently under preparation and is expected mid-December

- [Access of Young People from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods to Social Rights](#) (Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 21 January 2015) (in [French](#)) – German, Russian, Turkish, Spanish and Italian now available on the ENTER! [Portal](#)

YOUNG PEOPLE & HUMAN RIGHTS

- The updated [Russian version of "Compass"](#) is available online

- [Islamophobia and its consequences on young people](#) / [L'islamophobie et ses conséquences pour les jeunes](#) (reprints)

[Former AC member, Thomas Leys (IFLRY) has published an article "[Where is our European Bill of Rights](#)" in a new publication "[Redrafting Europe - The Young Liberals' White Paper on the Reform of the European Union](#)".

El Petit Compass has been translated and disseminated in Catalan. You can find the translated version of Compass [here](#).

YOUTH POLICY

- [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line. The youth policy review on Serbia is now available from the [CoE online bookshop](#)

- The [Advisory Council on Youth leaflet](#) in English; the former version of the Advisory Council on Youth leaflet available in [French](#) and [Russian](#).

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Youth portal [dedicated page on youth participation](#): Have your say! manual on the Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life. Also available in French, German, Russian and Turkish, as well as the Plain language version and Introduction leaflet on the Charter in the same languages. *Italian and Portuguese version of the Have your say! manual under preparation.*

YOUTH INFORMATION

- The [Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#) available on-line and in print. *The French version "Compendium des structures nationales pour l'information et le conseil des jeunes" will be published at the end of 2016.*

- [Young people's access to rights through youth information and counselling](#) was produced in partnership with ERYICA. Also available in [Russian](#) and [French](#)

- The [Youth information starter kit](#) is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#), [Turkish](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Macedonian](#) [Polish](#),

YOUTH WORK / NON FORMAL EDUCATION

The [Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio](#) has now its own website with updated English & French versions. *The Russian version of the website coming soon!*

Presentation brochure of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio in [English](#) and in [French](#)

The Russian version of the Portfolio presentation brochure to be published early November 2016

- [European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers](#) is available in English, French, German, Dutch, Russian and Turkish

- The French version of the Manual for facilitators in non-formal education "[Manuel de l'animateur en éducation non-formelle](#)" available in [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#).

ROMA YOUTH RIGHTS

- [Mirrors](#) – A Manual on combating antigypsyism through human rights education. The French version, [Miroirs](#) – Manuel pour combattre l'antitsiganisme par l'éducation aux droits de l'homme is also available

The Russian version of Mirrors will be published early 2017; also a Castilian and Catalan versions will be published in partnership with the Municipality of Barcelona

- [Barabaripen](#) - Young Roma speak about multiple discrimination

- [Right to Remember](#) – A Handbook for Education with Young People on the Roma Genocide

YOUTH MOBILITY

The leaflet presenting the [Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card](#) available in English, French and Russian, is also available in Albanian, Bulgarian, Estonian, German, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Spanish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS

Requests to youth@coe.int Subject line: PR materials order

- The leaflet on the Youth Department is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#)
- The [European Youth Foundation leaflet](#) is available in 5 languages: English, French, German, Russian and Turkish. Online versions now offer the following [languages versions](#) : Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Estonian, Finnish, Italian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Spanish, Serbian and Ukrainian; *recently published: Bulgarian and Greek (In preparation: Armenian & Georgian).*
- [Compendium](#) of Council of Europe approaches to key youth policy and youth work issues; in [French](#)

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Recent and upcoming EU-CoE youth partnership publications:

NEW! Youth policy manual for Arab countries. *Now available in [Arabic and English](#)*

NEW! Youth policy manual for Eastern Europe and Caucasus. *Available in [Russian](#)*

NEW! [Coyote #24 – “Learning Mobility: opportunities for all?”](#)

NEW! [Perspectives on youth, volume 3 – “Healthy Europe: confidence and uncertainty for young people in contemporary Europe” – English and German versions available, French version forthcoming shortly](#)

- Perspectives on youth, volume 2 – “Connections and disconnections” – [English](#), [German](#) and [French](#) versions available now
- Youth Knowledge book 20 – “Thinking seriously about Youth Work” – *forthcoming*
- Youth Knowledge book 21 – Learning Mobility – *forthcoming*
- Youth Knowledge book 19 – [“History of Youth Work” volume 5](#)
- Youth knowledge book 18 ["History of youth work" volume 4](#)
- Youth knowledge book 17 [“Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts – reprinted](#)
- [T-Kit No.12](#) – Youth transforming conflicts – Now available in French, *Russian version – forthcoming*
- [T-Kit No.11](#) Mosaic: Training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work - available also in [French](#)
- T-kit 8 – Social inclusion – *Revised version forthcoming*
- [Coyote #20](#) – “What’s Xtreme about youth?!” – electronic and printed versions available
- [Coyote #21](#) - Know what? – electronic and printed versions available
- [Coyote #22](#) – “Discriminating(,)me?!” available in [pdf version](#) and [e-book format](#)
- [Coyote #23 – Finding common ground \(2nd European Youth Work Convention\)](#) Now available in [e-pub format](#) for tablets
- [Visegrad Youth](#) – Comparative review of the situation of young people in the V4 countries”, a contribution to knowledge based youth policy development
- [Getting there...](#) a publication on the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning (reprint available)

New EU-CoE youth partnership online resources:

- [Report](#) of the Symposium '(Un)Equal Europe? Responses from the youth sector', Budapest 30 May - 2 June 2016
- [Key messages](#) of the Symposium '(Un)Equal Europe? Responses from the youth sector', Budapest 30 May - 2 June 2016

- [Key Messages](#) of the Expert seminar “Journeys to a New Life: Understanding the role of youth work in integrating young refugees in Europe”; Brussels, 23-24 November 2016
- New country information on youth policy in [Finland](#), [the Netherlands](#) and [Belgium](#) (Flemish community)
- [Analytical paper: A look at the “Refugee crisis” across Europe: challenges, debates and projects, drafted by Barbara Giovanna Bello](#)
- [Report](#) from the seminar "Beyond Barriers: a youth policy seminar on social inclusion of young people in vulnerable situation in South East Europe" (Mostar, Croatia)
- [Report](#) and [conclusions](#) from the second EPLM conference: Learning mobility in the youth field, towards opportunities for all. Evidence, experience, discourse.

Films

- [“100%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)
- [“What is youth work today”](#)

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- [Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#)

Past issues of *Think Youth!* are available on the [website of the Youth Department](#).

Facebook pages:

[Advisory Council on Youth](#)
[Council of Europe - Youth](#)
[European Youth Centre, Budapest](#)
[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)
[European Youth Foundation](#)
[No Hate Speech Movement](#)

Abbreviations:

CCJ: Advisory Council on Youth
 CDDH: Steering Committee for Human Rights
 CDEJ: European Steering Committee for Youth
 CDMSI: Steering Committee on Media and Information Society
 CDPPE: Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice
 CM: Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
 CMJ: Joint Council on Youth
 CoE: Council of Europe
 Congress: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
 CPJ: Programming Committee on Youth
 DG: Directorate General
 ECHR: European Court of Human Rights
 ECRI: European Commission against racism and intolerance
 EDC: Education for Democratic Citizenship
 EURODIG: European Dialogue on Internet Governance
 EYCB: European Youth Centre Budapest
 EYCS: European Youth Centre Strasbourg
 EYF: European Youth Foundation
 ncc: National campaign coordinator
 NSC: North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
 NHSM: No Hate Speech Movement
 ODIHR: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
 OSCE: Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
 PACE: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
 UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

YFJ: European Youth Forum

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