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To youth organisations cooperating with the Council of Europe youth sector

We are pleased to inform you that the process for applications for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres in the second semester of 2018 is now open. These activities concern, for the main part, study sessions and "special projects". The specific conditions and criteria for the activities are appended to this message, together with an application form.

The programme of activities for 2018 has been decided by the Programming Committee on Youth according to the expected results decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the biennium 2018-2019. Taking into account the study sessions already included in the first semester, we invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following expected results and thematic priorities:

Expected Result 1- *Young people accessing their rights and advocating for human rights and citizenship education*

- Two study sessions on access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (implementation and dissemination of the *ENTER!* Recommendation)
- One study session on young people's access to rights with a focus on populism as a potential threat to democracy (implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7)
- One study session on human rights education with young people, with a focus on media literacy

Expected Result 2 - *Young people participating in democracy and developing youth policy and youth work at local, regional, national and European level*

- Two study sessions on removing barriers for youth civil society to organise itself and participate, including one on the role of national youth councils in youth policy development (on reserve list)
- One study session on dissemination of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio for youth work development and recognition
- One study session on youth work development and recognition, linked with the CM Recommendation on youth work.

Expected Result 3: ***Youth workers and youth organisations have been supported in their work on peace-building and intercultural dialogue to prevent and combat discrimination, exclusion and violent extremism.***

- Two study sessions on Peace-building and conflict transformation
- One study session on Roma youth participation

In addition to these 10 sessions, the 2018 programme foresees the possibility for up to 6 in a reserve list of which a significant number might be held.

For the Council of Europe, study sessions represent an important way of associating young people to our youth policy mission and a concrete means of support to youth organisations and networks, notably by covering the costs of the activity and providing educational support.

Youth organisations and networks intending to apply for a study session for the second semester of 2018 should send their application by **1 October 2017** to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.



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