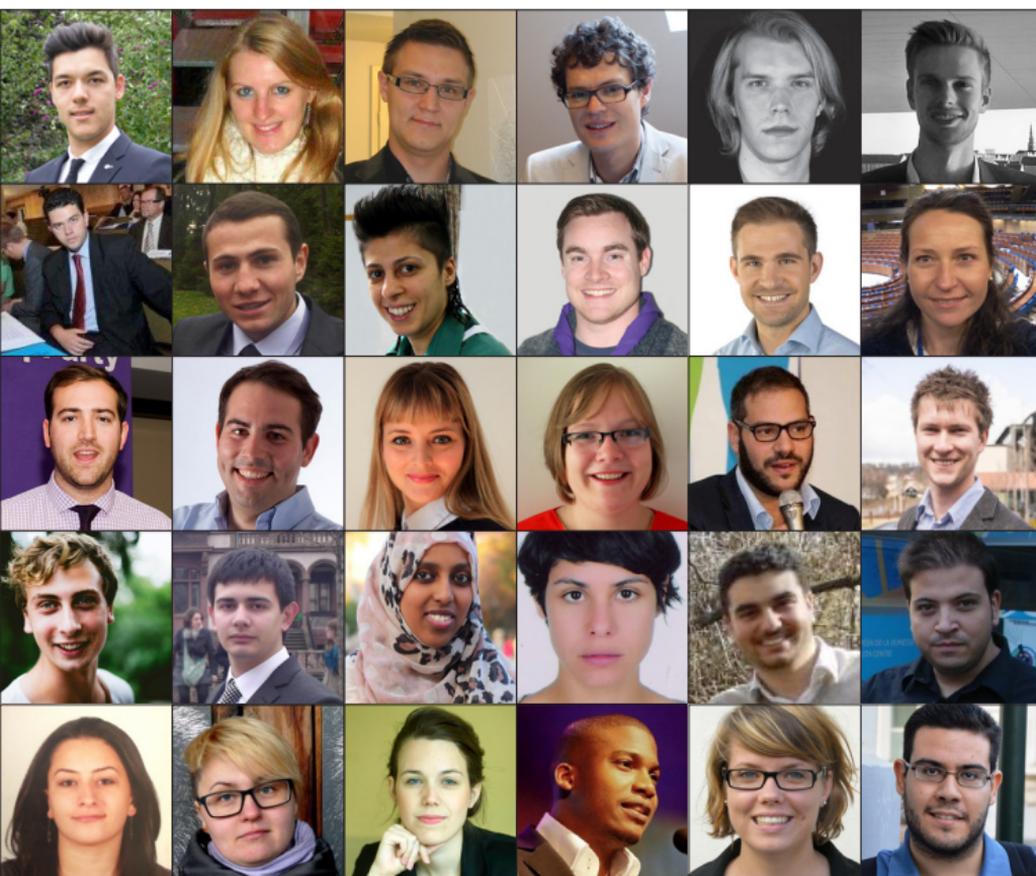


Youth Rights

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## The Advisory Council on Youth



Youth participation

inclusive youth policies

Empowering  
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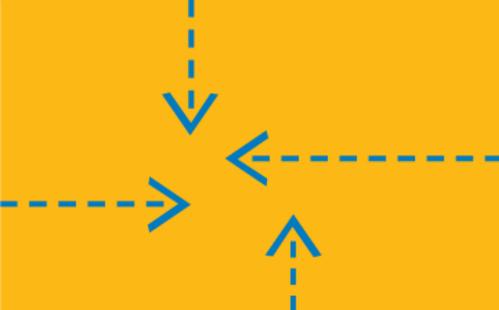
## ---> What is the Advisory Council on Youth?

The Advisory Council on Youth (AC) is a Council of Europe body made up of 30 representatives from youth NGOs and networks which provide opinions and input on all youth sector activities. It also ensures that young people are involved in other activities of the Council of Europe.

The AC is the non-governmental partner in the co-managed bodies of the Council of Europe's Youth Department.

## What does the Advisory Council do?

- ❖ It contributes to the mainstreaming of youth policies across the Council of Europe programme of activities.
- ❖ It formulates opinions and proposals on general or specific questions concerning youth in the Council of Europe as well as the priorities, expected results and budget allocations for the youth sector.
- ❖ It promotes activities focused on youth in the field of international cooperation.
- ❖ Every two years, it designates representatives to the Programming Committee on Youth from among its members.
- ❖ It sends representatives to statutory and ad hoc events with the aim of making the work of the Council of Europe in this field more visible and reporting back to the Advisory Council on Youth for any necessary follow-up.
- ❖ It promotes at all levels, the co-management system in the decision-making process as a good practice for youth participation, democracy and inclusion; whilst preparing and encouraging young generations to take responsibility to build their desired society.



**Here are a few examples of recent events attended and processes followed by AC members:**

### **Young People's Access to Fundamental Rights**

- ✦ A working group to draft a recommendation to the Committee of Ministers on "Young people's access to fundamental rights".

### **Young people combating hate speech online**

- ✦ Launched on 22 March 2013, the "No Hate Speech" movement, involving member states and youth representatives, aims to combat hate speech on line.

### **World Forum for Democracy**

- ✦ This yearly event brings together leaders, opinion-makers, civil society activists and representatives of business, academia, media and professional groups to debate key challenges for democracies. The Advisory Council on Youth was actively involved in the 2014 World Forum on Democracy on "From participation to influence: can youth revitalise democracy" and will continue to contribute to the event on how young people can engage in the different democratic arenas of today.

### **Symposium on transition of young people to autonomy and working life**

- ✦ This activity aims at contributing to the development of joint responses to the challenges of young people in relation to transition to autonomy and working life, within a human rights framework.

### **Exchange between the Advisory Council on Youth and the young parliamentarians of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**

- ✦ This novel activity aims at establishing contacts with the young PACE parliamentarians to encourage implementation of the PACE Recommendations on youth in the different member states and allow for a direct exchange on themes of concern to young people such as unemployment, transition to work life, recognition of non-formal education and hate speech in order to raise PACE's awareness of these issues.

### **Roma Youth Action Plan**

- ✦ The Roma Youth Action Plan is a Council of Europe response to the challenges faced by Roma young people in Europe.

### **International Cooperation**

- ✦ The AC has established cooperation programmes with Eastern Europe, Arab and African countries, as well as with specific Council of Europe member states, in order to create ties and exchange experiences to empower youth at a global and regional level and to make them actors of peace building.

### **Involvement in the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth**

- ✦ The AC is a member of the Expert Group on Recognition and Validation of Youth Work and Non-Formal Learning and contributes to the mapping of barriers to social inclusion of young people.



## ---> Council of Europe bodies that we work with

- > The Parliamentary Assembly
- > The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- > The European Court of Human Rights
- > The Commissioner for Human Rights
- > The Conference of INGOs
- > The Department of Education
- > The Social Cohesion and Diversity Department

We are working to ensure greater co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe.

## ---> How can I get involved?

- > Contact us to give us your input.
- > Become a member.

## ---> How do I become a member of the Advisory Council on Youth?

2 calls for candidatures go out every two years for two-year mandates:

- > One from the European Youth Forum (YFJ) for international youth non-governmental organisations which are members of the YFJ;
  - > One from the Council of Europe for youth organisations or networks which are not members of the YFJ.
- For more information please contact the Advisory Council secretariat within the Council of Europe at [advisorycouncil@coe.int](mailto:advisorycouncil@coe.int) or check the Advisory Council Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AdvisoryCouncilOnYouth](https://www.facebook.com/AdvisoryCouncilOnYouth)



## ---> Getting young people involved

### What is co-management?

Co-management is a decision-making process that brings together both government officials who usually take decisions and youth representatives who work in the sector that is affected by these decisions.

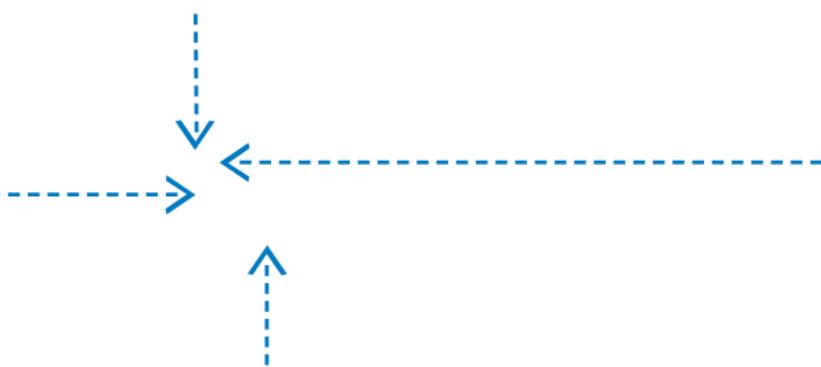
### How does co-management work at the Council of Europe?

Representatives of non-governmental youth organisations together with government representatives come together to develop a common position on the priorities, annual/pluriannual objectives, the main budget envelopes and the necessary budget specifications of the youth sector as a whole, within the political and budgetary framework established by the Committee of Ministers.

## The Council of Europe

A political organisation set up in 1949 in Strasbourg to promote pluralist democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

The Council of Europe also develops common responses to challenges in social cohesion and cultural diversity. The Council of Europe has 47 member states and embraces 800 million Europeans.





## ---> The Council of Europe and young people

### Building Europe together for over 40 years

For over 40 years, the Council of Europe and young people have been working together to build a better, safer and more united world.

We are a pioneer in the field of youth policy; the only Organisation in the world which gives both youth organisations and governments an equal say when deciding on youth policies, priorities and programmes.

We have been the driving force behind youth policy and youth work in Europe for over 40 years, breaking new ground with innovative policies, approaches and educational materials.

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We have two residential youth centres where around 5 000 young people a year are trained and our European Youth Foundation (<http://eyf.coe.int>) supports a youth activity for every working day in Europe – 300 grants involving over 15 000 young people a year.

Young people are not passive. They can and do want to be involved in finding solutions to the challenges they face today. They are a huge resource and Europe needs their energy. Young people are tomorrow's citizens, but they are also the present. They are making decisions today in the Council of Europe.

### How can i get in touch with the AC?

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