Council of Europe + Youth

Youth in the Council of Europe + Gender Equality

11th GEC meeting, 7 April 2017
Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, Directorate of Democratic Participation and Citizenship
• The Council of Europe’s youth sector

• The youth sector and gender equality

• Gender equality in practice
Council of Europe and young people
“the aim of the Council of Europe youth policy is to provide young people, i.e. girls and boys, young women and young men with equal opportunities and experience which enable them to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies to play a full part in all aspects of society”

Council of Europe Agenda 2020
YOUTH DEPARTMENT

- European Youth Centres Strasbourg & Budapest – Education and training
- European Youth Foundation
- Youth Policy - Intergovernmental cooperation and co-management
  - Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility
  - Partnership with European Commission
The 36th Joint Council on Youth, CMJ (27-29 March)

• Confirmed as **CMJ Gender Equality Rapporteur**
  Ms Alice Barbieri (WAGGGS)
• Took note of report presented by the CMJ Gender Equality Rapporteur a.i.
• Adopted a document « **Measures to further gender equality in the Youth Department’s programme** »
European Youth Foundation (CoE)

Who we are

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established in 1972 by the Council of Europe to provide financial and educational support for European youth activities. Only youth NGOs from Council of Europe member states as well as the European Cultural Convention Signatories: Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Holy See, can apply to the Foundation.

It is a division in the Youth Department of the Council of Europe's Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Directorate General of Democracy.

EYF (Re)wind seminar : videos available

STRAßBOURG | 27 MARCH 2017

Series of videos produced during the EYF (Re)wind seminar 2017

www.coe.int/fr/web/european-youth-foundation
• The European Youth Foundation

• promotes integration of a gender perspective on youth projects it supports financially

• ‘Gender toolbox’ was presented in March 2017 (will be published soon on-line)

• Grant application forms include questions on gender perspective
• Examples of EYF funded youth activities in member states at local level:
  
  • Promoting gender sensitive local action plans in Serbia
  • Combating hate speech in Turkey, with a focus on gender-based stereotypes and discrimination
  • Empowerment of young Roma women in Moldova
  • Tackling specific problems and needs of young migrant women in Spain
  • Empowerment of women and LGBTQ communities in Armenia
Examples of EYF funded international and multilateral youth activities:

- Discussing gender roles in relation to right-wing extremism/populism
- Tackling multi-discrimination of disabled young people from a gender perspective
- Creating a gender mainstreaming tool including both a gender and a diversity perspective for Guides and Scouts
The European Youth Centres

- are educational establishments of the Council of Europe an a knowledge base on youth affairs, youth policy and youth work;
- are safe spaces to develop democratic competencies, knowledge, attitudes, values and critical understanding;
- Are physical residential centres with accommodation and meeting facilities
« YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY «
Programme priorities 2016/2017:

- Advancing democratic citizenship through innovative forms of youth participation

- Autonomy of young people and their access to rights

- Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies
Action Day countering Sexist Hate Speech | 8 March 2017

Challenge Sexism! Speak up for Gender Equality! The No Hate Speech Movement is organising an Action Day Countering Sexist Hate Speech on 8th March 2017 on the occasion of the International Women’s Day. Please select from the following recommended actions. Follow the Action Day on our Facebook page or on Twitter @nohate_speech

ACTION 1
Label sexist content on the internet. Use this label to mark/tag/signpost sexist hate speech online.

ACTION 2
Flag sexist hate speech online on Hate Speech Watch, add your counter argument to the content and share it on your social media inviting others to reflect/react on your concern.

ACTION 3
Use and share Educational Tools, Exercises: Understanding Sexist Hate Speech, Roots and Branches to educate people. And share these awareness raising content to counter sexism and sexist hate speech: Recommended films for watching and discussions. Infographic on gender equality and sexism.

ACTION 4
Settle Chain Reaction. Take a settle, write a statement post it on social media and tag a friend to follow you.

ACTION 5
Upload your photo to the No Hate Chain to express your support to the Action Day and to the Movement.

ACTION 6
Speak up for Gender Equality! Support the Thunderclap of the Action Day that says “I challenge sexist hate speech and speak up for gender equality.”
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• GENDER EQUALITY MATTERS in

• Youth policy assistance and development
• Criteria for financial support to youth activities
• Education and training of multipliers
• Contents and methodologies used
• Infrastructure and administration
• Working culture and approach
Thank you!