

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON YOUTH (CCJ)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Type of committee: Ad hoc Committee

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021**

PILLAR/PROGRAMME/SUB-PROGRAMME
Pillar: Democracy Programme: Democratic Participation Sub-programme: Youth for Democracy
MAIN TASKS
Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) will advise the Committee of Ministers on all questions relating to youth. Taking due account of relevant cross-cutting perspectives, the overall aim is to act as the non-governmental partner in the co-management structures of the youth sector (the governmental partner being the European Steering Committee for Youth - CDEJ); the CCJ and the CDEJ co-operate within the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) in order to establish the priorities and expected results of the Council of Europe youth sector and the elaboration of youth policy standards. The CCJ will contribute to the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular with regards to Goal 1: No poverty; Goal 3: Good health and well-being; Goal 4: Quality Education ; Goal 5: Gender Equality; Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth; Goal 10: Reduce inequality; Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong institutions.
SPECIFIC TASKS
(i) Contribute to the effective mainstreaming of youth policies in the Council of Europe programme of activities by formulating opinions and proposals on general or specific questions concerning youth in the Council of Europe; where appropriate, address these opinions and proposals to the Committee of Ministers or other bodies of the Council of Europe. The Advisory Council on Youth may also be invited by the Committee of Ministers to formulate opinions on general or specific questions concerning youth policy. (ii) Formulate opinions and proposals concerning the priorities, expected results and budget allocations for the youth sector. (iii) Promote the Council of Europe's youth policies within the Organisation and beyond. (iv) Designate, for two years, the CCJ members who shall be invited to represent it in the Programming Committee on Youth (CPJ), the co-management body in charge of establishing the programme of activities of the youth sector. (v) Hold an exchange of views annually in order to evaluate its activities and advise the Committee of Ministers and the Secretary General on future priorities in its sector, including possible new activities and those that might be discontinued. (vi) Take due account of a gender perspective, building cohesive societies, and promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in the performance of its tasks. (vii) Review progress towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), as evidenced by monitoring mechanisms and promoted through standard-setting and exchange of experiences and good practices.
COMPOSITION
Members: 30 members: (i) 7 representatives of national youth councils properly constituted in the States Parties to the European Cultural Convention and other States which participate in the activities of the Youth Department's programme, designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the European Youth Forum; (ii) 13 representatives of international non-governmental youth organisations (INGYOs) designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the European Youth Forum; (iii) 10 representatives of non-governmental youth organisations or networks, not members of the European Youth Forum, designated by the Committee of Ministers on the proposal of the Secretary General.
The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of each member.
Participants: The Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe may send one representative, without the right to vote and at the charge of its administrative budget.

Observers:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Youth Card Association (EYCA);
- European Youth Forum;
- European Youth and Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA).

The "Pool of European Youth Researchers" (PEYR), co-operating with the Council of Europe Youth Department and the European Commission in the framework of their partnership in the field of youth, will be invited to send a representative, without the right to vote. The expenses of this representative are borne by the Council of Europe in derogation from Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

WORKING METHODS**Plenary meetings:**

30 members, 2 meetings in 2020, 3 days.

30 members, 2 meetings in 2021, 3 days.

Held in parallel to the meetings of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ).

Bureau meetings:

5 members, 2 meetings in 2020, 2 days.

5 members, 2 meetings in 2021, 2 days.

Held in parallel with the meetings of the Bureau of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ).

The Advisory Council on Youth will establish its rules of procedure in derogation from the provisions of Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Whenever appropriate, it will prioritise environmentally sound working methods, such as virtual meetings facilitated by information technology and written consultations.

Additional working methods:

Special meetings/events involving CCJ members.