

## JOINT COUNCIL ON YOUTH (CMJ)

*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
<p><b>Pillar:</b> Democracy <b>Programme:</b> Democratic Participation <b>Sub-programme:</b> Youth for Democracy</p>
MAIN TASKS
<p>Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) will oversee the Council of Europe's programme in the youth field and advise the Committee of Ministers on all questions within its area of competence. Taking due account of relevant cross-cutting perspectives, the CMJ, within the framework of the Council of Europe policy established by the Committee of Ministers, is the youth policy-making body of the youth sector, bringing together the members of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ). With this purpose, the CMJ is instructed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) develop jointly between member States and non-governmental youth organisations standards of European youth policy with a view to submitting them, where appropriate, to the Committee of Ministers and other relevant bodies of the Council of Europe;</li><li>(ii) prepare the priorities and expected results of the youth sector and apportion the budgetary means available in the political and budgetary framework established by the Committee of Ministers;</li><li>(iii) establish the youth sector's structure and policy for its programme, in particular through the Strasbourg and Budapest European Youth Centres and the European Youth Foundation;</li><li>(iv) contribute to the effective mainstreaming of youth policies into the Council of Europe's programme of activities;</li><li>(v) contribute to the cross-cutting activities of the Council of Europe that concern youth, including as appropriate in the field of artificial intelligence;</li><li>(vi) where appropriate, contribute to the preparation of the Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers responsible for Youth and ensure, as appropriate, that any decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers subsequent to the Conferences are followed up;</li><li>(vii) identify opportunities for input and/or complementary measures and programmes by the Council of Europe into the activities of other international organisations, in particular the European Union and the United Nations;</li><li>(viii) implement the youth-related elements of the Council of Europe's thematic and country-specific action plans as necessary;</li><li>(ix) 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;</li><li>(x) take due account of a gender perspective, of Roma and Traveller<sup>1</sup> issues and to promoting and protecting rights of persons with disabilities in the performance of its tasks;</li><li>(xi) 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.</li></ul>
SPECIFIC TASKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Support young people's access to rights by promoting the implementation of the relevant Committee of Ministers' standards in this field with special emphasis on: Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights, Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (ENTER Recommendation), and Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)7 on the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education.</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> The term "Roma and Travellers" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "Gens du voyage", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

- (ii) Support youth participation and youth work as a way of increasing the possibilities for all young people to contribute actively to society in their living environment with special emphasis on the implementation of relevant Council of Europe standards, including Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work, Recommendation Rec(2006)14 on citizenship and participation of young people in public life, Congress Resolution 152 (2003) on the revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life. Prepare a draft Committee of Ministers' recommendation or any other relevant policy instrument to protect youth civil society organisations and to enable young people to assume an active role in civil society.
- (iii) Support young people's capacities to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, notably through youth and education-policy measures which prevent and counter hate speech on-line with special emphasis on the implementation of relevant Council of Europe standards, including Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)4 on supporting young refugees in transition to adulthood.
- (iv) Finalise a new strategic framework on the Council of Europe youth policy for the period 2020-2030.
- (v) Regularly review progress towards the UNSDGs, as evidenced by monitoring mechanisms and promoted through standard setting and exchange of experiences and good practices

#### COMPOSITION

##### Members:

The members of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the members of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ).

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of each member (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair).

##### Participants:

The participants in the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets.

##### Observers:

The observers in the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses.

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

##### Meetings:

80 members, 2 meetings in 2020, 1.5 days.

80 members, 2 meetings in 2021, 1.5 days.

The meetings of the CMJ are held during the meetings of the CDEJ and CCJ.

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur, a Rapporteur on Roma and Traveller issues and a Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by 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.