

---> 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 and 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,
- 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 40 years

For 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 that gives both youth organisations and governments an equal say when deciding on youth policies, priorities and programmes.

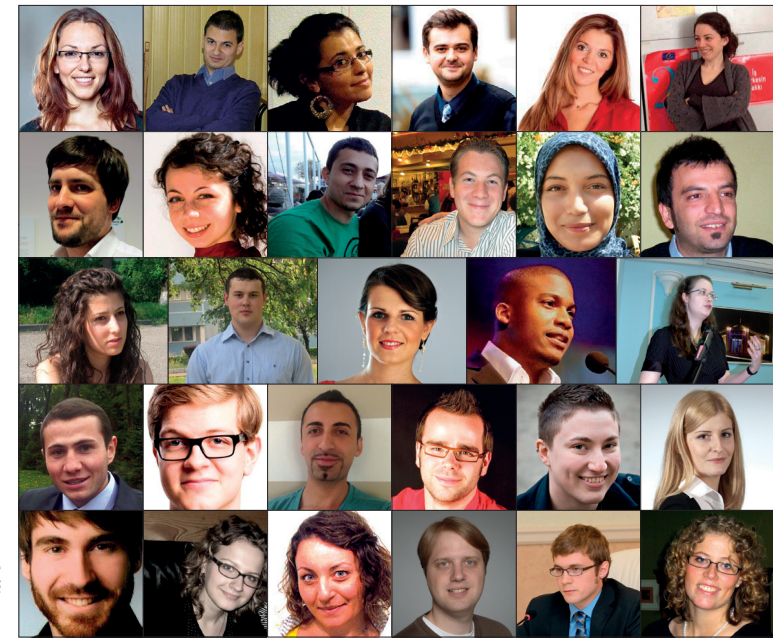
We have been the driving force behind youth policy and youth work in Europe for over 40 years, breaking new ground with innovative policies, approaches and educational materials.

We have two residential youth centres where around 5 000 young people a year are trained and our European Youth Foundation supports a youth activity for every working day in Europe – 300 grants involving over 15 000 young people a year.

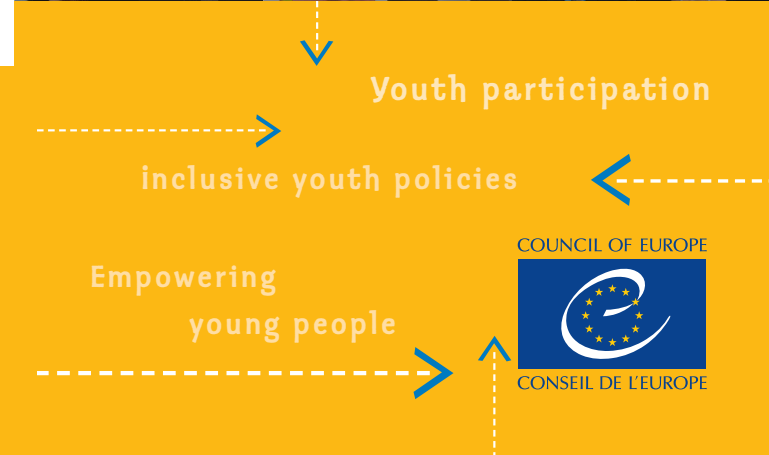
Young people are not passive. They can and do want to be involved in finding solutions to the challenges they face today. They are a huge resource and Europe needs their energy. Young people are tomorrow's citizens, but they are also the present. They are making decisions today in the Council of Europe.



The Advisory Council on Youth




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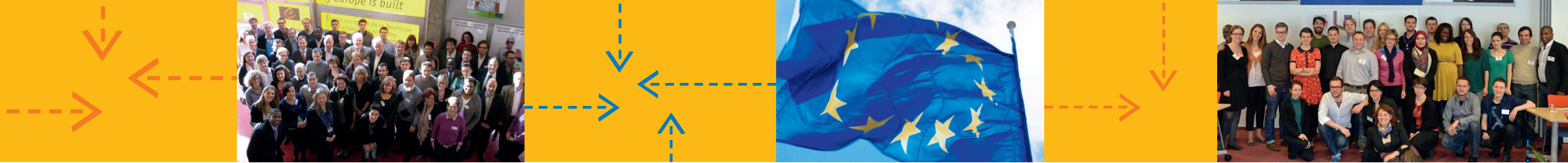


How can I get in touch with the AC?

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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 that 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.
- ❖ 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.

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

Enter 2! Young People's Access to Social Rights

- ❖ This activity has led to a Parliamentary Assembly 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 online.

Youth Peace Ambassadors

- ❖ This activity promotes and supports the role of young people in peace-building activities that contribute to living together in dignity and dialogue.

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.

Youth events prior to Conferences of Ministers responsible for youth

- ❖ The latest youth event was held in St Petersburg on 22 and 23 September 2012, prior to the 9th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth.

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.

---> 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?

Two 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 see the Advisory Council Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AdvisoryCouncilOnYouth or contact the Advisory Council secretariat within the Council of Europe: advisorycouncil@coe.int.