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Youth Action Week: **Democracy Now!**



ENGLISH

PROGRAMME
Practical information
Strasbourg, 28 June - 1 July 2022



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Dear participant,

We are very pleased to have you on board the Youth Action Week - event of the *Democracy Here | Democracy Now* campaign and of the 50 year anniversary of the youth sector in the Council of Europe.

In this document, you will find all the information you need to easily navigate the ecosystem of the Youth Action Week. We kindly invite you to read it carefully and get familiar with the event.

What is the Youth Action Week in a nutshell?

The Youth Action Week will bring together some 400 young people from all over the Council of Europe member states. Each participant will be especially active in one of the **22 workshops** to explore the links between revitalising democracy and:

- human rights
- meaningful youth participation
- digitalisation
- peace.



Palais de L'Europe, Strasbourg

About the Youth Action Week Democracy Now!

The Youth Action Week is the flagship event of the *Democracy Here | Democracy Now* campaign and of the 50 year anniversary of the youth sector in the Council of Europe. The event is organised under the patronage of the Irish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and in partnership with the City of Strasbourg.

Aim

The Council of Europe Youth Action Week brings together activists, civil society, member states and partners of the youth sector to strengthen the youth campaign for revitalising democracy and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the youth sector of the Council of Europe.

Objectives

- To discuss and deepen the understanding of the current challenges and attacks on democracy and their impact on young people and society
- To design and plan interventions, activities, actions, projects in the youth campaign with a focus on revitalising democracy, meaningful youth participation and digitalisation
- To celebrate fifty years of the youth sector of the Council of Europe and reflect on its relevance for young people, youth policy and the mission of the Council of Europe to promote human rights, democracy and the rule of law
- To give impetus for joint action and cooperation in the framework of the *Democracy Here | Democracy Now* campaign at local, national and international levels.

Call for action

The week should result in proposals for action at local, national and international levels in the framework of the *Democracy Here | Democracy Now* youth campaign, including recommendations, addressed to stakeholders, aiming to revitalise democracy and support the meaningful participation of young people in democratic processes and institutions. The *Call for action* will be the basis for following up the campaign at the European and national levels.

Preparatory Group


The Youth Action Week is prepared and conducted by a preparatory group under the authority of the Joint Council on Youth and of representatives of the Advisory Council on Youth, the European Steering Committee for Youth, the European Youth Forum and the City of Strasbourg. It is supported by the secretariat of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe which is also responsible for the organisation of the activity.

Technical /practical information

1. Badges

Each participant will be provided a badge at registration. The badge ensures access to all Council of Europe buildings and, therefore, the activity. The badge must be worn at all times during the Youth Action Week. In order to receive a badge, all participants need to present a **valid identity card or passport**.

The badge contains also information about the working groups, thematic plenaries and workshops that each participant is expected to attend. Please respect this assignment!



<i>Semaine d'action de la jeunesse</i> Démocratie maintenant !		
Working group Groupe de travail	Theme	Workshop / Atelier
Working group of Tuesday afternoon	Thematic plenary session	Workshop on Wednesday and Thursday

2. Languages

All plenary and thematic plenary sessions will take place in English and French with simultaneous interpretation. Workshops will mainly take place in English or in French; a few will have English and French interpretation.

3. Meals

Breakfasts will be provided at the centre or hotel of accommodation.

Lunches will be provided at the Palais de l'Europe, the European Youth Centre, and at the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM).

Dinners will be provided at:

- The European Youth Centre on **27 June**
- European Youth Centre and Palais de l'Europe on **28 June**
- Foyer de l'Etudiant Catholique (FEC) on **29 June**
- Auberge du Rhin on **30 June**
- Ancienne Douane on **1 July**.

All meals include a meat-based option and a vegan option. The bracelet provided at registration will serve as a free pass for the meals.

Day	Lunch	Dinner
Monday 27	European Youth Centre (EYC)	EYC
Tuesday 28	Palais, EYC, EDQM	Palais, EYC
Wednesday 29	Palais, EYC, EDQM	FEC
Thursday 30	Palais, EYC, EDQM	Jardin des 2 Rives / Auberge de jeunesse
Friday 1st	Palais, EYC, EDQM	Ancienne Douane

4. Accommodation

All participants will be accommodated at the European Youth Centre or at a hotel in town.

5. Local Transport

A pass for usage of the bus and tram lines in Strasbourg during the week will be provided to all participants upon registration. The timetable and itineraries can be consulted at <https://www.cts-strasbourg.eu/en>.

Venues and addresses

The Youth Action Week will be based at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France. The opening and closing sessions will be held at the headquarters of the Council of Europe, the Palais de l'Europe. Working groups and workshops will be hosted in various locations nearby. The venues for workshops are indicated in the daily programme.

Venue	Address	Nearest tram stop (Line E)
European Youth Centre	30, rue Pierre de Coubertin	Parlement Européen
Palais de l'Europe	Avenue de l'Europe	Droits de l'Homme
Agora - Council of Europe	1, quai Jacoutot	Droits de l'Homme
Apollonia - <i>Échanges Artistiques Européens</i>	23, rue Boecklin	Boecklin
D Building - Council of Europe	Rue Sforza	Droits de l'Homme
Centre Culturel Saint-Thomas	2, rue de la Carpe Haute	Droits de l'Homme
European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM)	7, allée Kastner	Droits de l'Homme
Lieu d'Europe	8, rue Boecklin	Boecklin
Foyer de l'étudiant catholique FEC - for dinner on 29 June	17, place Saint-Étienne	République
Jardin des Deux Rives / Auberge de jeunesse de Strasbourg	1 or 9, rue des Cavaliers	Port du Rhin (line D)
Ancienne Douane	6, rue de la Douane	Langstross / Grand'Rue (line A/D)

The rationale of the programme and methodology

The programme is structured in three major settings:

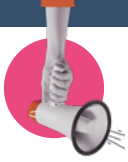
Opening and closing plenary sessions: which will gather all the participants in the event to start together, to share the results and the call for action. These sessions will be held in the Parliamentary Assembly chamber in the *Palais de l'Europe*.

Thematic plenary sessions: will be organised according to the three main themes of the campaign (and peace, for participants of local peace camps). Each thematic plenary will identify some of the factors relevant to the campaign themes and will collect the proposals for the call for action on Friday 1 July.

Workshops: Each of the thematic plenaries will be broken down into a series of workshops where specific issues will be explored in depth from the participants' perspective. The proposals from the workshops will be grouped together in the thematic plenaries on Friday 1 July.

The working groups (28 June, afternoon) will allow for participants to get to know other participants and to prepare themselves by exchanging on the main challenges or issues that they consider relevant for the campaign: *why is it necessary to revitalise democracy?*

Mon 27	Tuesday 28 June	Wednesday 29 June	Thursday 30 June	Friday 1 July	Sat. 2	
ARRIVALS REGISTRATIONS	BREAKFAST					DEPARTURES
	Meeting of participants on the lawn of the Palais Informal activities Accessing the Palais	THEMATIC PLENARIES A- REVITAL DEMOCRACY B- MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION C- DIGITALISATION D- YOUTH PEACE	THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	THEMATIC PLENARIES A- REVITAL DEMOCRACY B- M.Y. Participation C- DIGITALISATION D- YOUTH PEACE		
	BREAK					
	PLENARY Opening Key note speaker Testimonies	THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	THEMATIC PLENARIES (CONCLUSION)		
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
	WORKING GROUPS Challenges, threats to democracy and young people	THEMATIC WORKSHOPS	FREE AFTERNOON	NATIONAL AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS		
	DINNER	DINNER (Le FEC)	Music Picnic Jardin des 2 Rives	PLENARY 5o. CALL FOR ACTION Conclusions		
	CULTURAL DEMOCRACY EVENING			DINNER + DANSE PARTY l' Ancienne Douane		



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► **Monday, 27 June 2022**

Arrival of participants

Registration and informal activities at the European Youth Centre

19:00 Dinner at the European Youth Centre



European Youth Centre, Strasbourg



► **Tuesday, 28 June 2022**

09:00 Meeting of participants at the headquarters of the Council of Europe (Palais de l'Europe)

10:45 Official opening of the Council of Europe Youth Action Week with:

- MARIJA PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Ambassador BREIFNE O'REILLY, Permanent Representative of Ireland and Chair of the Committee of Ministers
- SPYROS PAPADATOS, Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth
- VERONIQUE BERTHOLLE, Deputy to the Mayor of the City of Strasbourg, in charge of international and European relations

Concerns of a certain fractured youth in Europe, Keynote speech by MAXIME LLEDO, essayist and journalist

Reactions and testimonies from participants, with:

- LIUDMILA LUKIANOVA, Ukrainian Youth Councils Association
- BARBARA IRZOUNOV, Youth Council of Strasbourg
- TINATIN MAGHEDANI, Gavigudet Movement (We are Suffocating), Georgia

12:45 Information about the Youth Action Week programme, methodology, participants, etc.

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Threats to democracy today and the role of young people in revitalising it - in parallel working groups (organised by country of residence):

Group	Countries	Room	Facilitator
A	Albania, Andorra, Armenia	EYC garden tent	SULKHAN CHARGEISHVILI
AT	Austria, Azerbaijan	EYC 3.2	MILA LUKIĆ
B	Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria	Palais, room 1	ANCA-RUXANDRA PANDEA
C	Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia	EYC 0.1	MILOSH RISTOVSKI
F	Finland, Germany, Greece	Centre S. Thomas	IDA KREUTZMAN
FR1	France	Palais, room 2	TAREK AMRAOUI



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Group	Countries	Room	Facilitator
FR2	France	Palais, room 3	CLEMENT DOLISI
G	Georgia	Palais, room 6	KRISTINE KAPANADZE
H	Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo*, Latvia, Lithuania	Agora, G04	KATERINA ZIEZULINA
I	Italy and San Marino	Agora, G01	AGATA STAJER
L	Luxembourg, Morocco, Switzerland, Tunisia	Lieu d'Europe	MANU MAINIL
M	Malta, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Palestine, Poland	Agora, G06	NEVENA RADOSAVLJEVIĆ
P	Portugal, Republic of Moldova	Centre S. Thomas	MARY DROSOPOULOS
R	Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia	EYC, 0.2	NATALIA CHARDYMOVA
S	Spain, Sweden, Türkiye	EYC, 3.1	ALICE BERGHOLTZ
U	Ukraine, United Kingdom	EYC 3.4	OLENA CHERNYKH

18:00 **Conclusions** and evaluation of the day in the working groups

19:00 Dinner

20:00 **Cultural democracy** programme at the European Youth Centre: plastic arts, slam and music by participants and local guests from Strasbourg.

* All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.



► **Wednesday, 29 June 2022**

09:30 Campaign thematic plenaries

A. Revitalising democracy and access to rights - ● **Palais de l'Europe, room 1**

Coordinated by MARA GEORGESCU (Council of Europe Youth Department), SULKHAN CHARGEISHVILI (trainer) and MILA LUKIĆ (Preparatory Group)
With opening inputs from:

- EVARIST BARTOLO, former Minister of Education and Foreign Affairs of Malta
- DZVENYSLAVA SHCHERBA, Youth and Activism Coordinator, Amnesty International Ukraine

B. Meaningful youth participation - ● **European Youth Centre, room 0.1**

Coordinated by NATALIA CHARDYMOVA (Council of Europe Youth Department), KATERINA ZEZIULINA (trainer) and ALICE BERGHOLTZ (Preparatory Group)
With opening inputs from:

- MIRIAM TEUMA, Chair of the Joint Council for Youth (Council of Europe)
- ABID BADIL, Member of the Chamber of Councillors of the Parliament of Morocco
- ANAS MAJJAD (Ambition jeunesse)

C. Digitalisation - ● **Agora building, room G01**

Coordinated by IDA KREUTZMAN (Council of Europe Youth Department), TAREK AMRAOUI (trainer) and MANU MENIL (Preparatory Group)
With opening inputs from:

- VERONICA ȘTEFAN (trainer)
- DIMITRIJE JOVIĆEVIĆ, Connect International, Advisory Council on Youth

D. Youth Peace Camp Conference - ● **Centre Culturel Saint Thomas**

Coordinated by AGATA STAJER (Council of Europe Youth Department), LANA CHKADUA and NEVENA RADOSAVLJEVIĆ (trainers)

11:00 Break

11:30 Workshops on the thematic priorities of the campaign

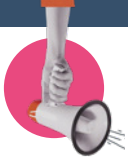
A - REVITALISING DEMOCRACY AND ACCESS TO RIGHTS ●

A.1 The right to vote and stand in elections, facilitated by MARINELA ŠUMANJSKI (trainer) **Palais de l'Europe, room 1**

A.2 We are all equal: the right to non-discrimination and democracy, facilitated by DARIUSZ GRZEMNY (trainer) **Palais de l'Europe, room 2**

A.3 Gender equality and democracy, facilitated by MARYAM MAJIDOVA (Advisory Council on Youth) **Palais de l'Europe, room 3**

A.4 Freedom of expression, the right to information and democracy, facilitated by MARIYA YASENOVSKA (trainer) **Palais de l'Europe, room 14**



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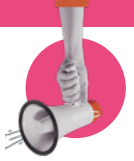
- A.5 Learning and Living Democracy:** the role of education, facilitated by NIKA BAKHSOLIANI (trainer) **D Building, room 3**
- A.6 The right to a healthy and sustainable environment,** facilitated by SELMA LEVRENCE (Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe) **Appolonia Arts Centre**
- A.7 Hate speech as a threat to democratic spaces,** facilitated by ALEKSANDRA VIDANOVIC (trainer) **EDQM building, room 300**
- A.8 The right to peace and democracy,** facilitated by JULIA WOŹNIAK (Youth Peace Ambassadors Network), **EDQM building, room 500**

B - MEANINGFUL YOUTH PARTICIPATION ●

- B.1 Structures for meaningful youth participation** (learning from co-management), facilitated by SPYROS PAPADATOS (Advisory Council on Youth) and MARY DROSOPOULOS (trainer), **EYC, room 3.1**
- B.2 Minority youth participation,** facilitated by DZHAFER SAATCHA (trainer), **EYC, room 3.2**
- B.3 The role of youth work in removing barriers to participation,** facilitated by TAMAR TSATSKRIALASHVILI (trainer), **EYC, room 0.2**
- B.4 Securing an enabling environment for youth civil society,** facilitated by DRAGANA JOVANOVSKA (European Youth Forum), **EYC, room 3.4**
- B.5 Democratic schools and student participation,** facilitated by KATERINA ZEZIULINA (trainer), **EYC, garden tent**
- B.6 Local youth participation in decision-making,** facilitated by BOGDAN IMRE (trainer), **EYC, room 0.1**
- B.7 “Disruptive” forms of youth participation,** facilitated by DRAGAN ATANASOV (trainer), **Centre Culturel Saint Thomas**

C - DIGITALISATION ●

- C.1 Online surveillance, data protection and democratisation,** facilitated by THEO LECARPENTIER (trainer), **Agora building, room G01**
- C.2 Addressing structural racism, sexism and discrimination online,** facilitated by ALESSANDRA COPPOLA (No Hate Speech Network), **Lieu d’Europe, bar room**
- C.3 Internet governance and regulation,** facilitated by VERONICA ȘTEFAN (trainer), **Lieu d’Europe, salle Riot**
- C.4 Digital citizenship and digital citizenship education,** facilitated by AMAL HAMICH (Bureau international de la jeunesse), **Agora building, room G06**
- C.5 The potential of digital democracy,** facilitated by GEORG PIRKER (DARE - Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe), **Agora building, room G04**
- C.6 Online youth participation,** facilitated by TAREK AMRAOUI (trainer), **Appolonia Arts Centre**



D – YOUTH PEACE CAMP CONFERENCE • Centre Culturel Saint Thomas

D.1 Resilience and peace building in face of armed conflict

D.2 Democratic culture as a basis for peace

Co-facilitated by AGATA STAJER, LANA CHKADUA and NEVENA RADOSAVLJEVIĆ

13:00 Lunch

15:00 Thematic workshops (continued)

18:15 End of the day

19:00 Dinner at Le FEC (Strasbourg City Centre)

Free evening

► **Thursday, 30 June 2022**

09:30 Thematic workshops resume

13:00 Lunch

Free afternoon

18:30 Festive evening at Jardin des Deux Rives - **Youth engagement in a European, democratic and solidary city**

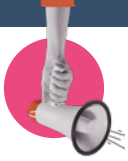
Opening words by

- JEANNE BARSEGHIAN, Mayor of Strasbourg
- ANTJE ROTHEMUND, Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

Presented by MELIH CERİ, Youth Council of Strasbourg

Concert by **La Bande Son** and by **Les 3 Barbus... ou Presque**.

22:30 End of the evening



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► Friday, 1 July 2022

09:30 Campaign thematic plenaries – **Preparing the Call for Action**

- A.** Revitalising democracy and access to rights ● **Palais de l'Europe, room 1**
- B.** Meaningful youth participation ● **EYC, room 0.1**
- C.** Digitalisation ● **Agora building, room G01**
- D.** Youth Peace Camp Conference ● **Centre culturel Saint Thomas**

12:00 Conclusion of the thematic plenaries

12:30 Lunch

14:30 Meeting in **national and stakeholder groups** to discuss further campaign actions

15:30 **Final plenary session**

Presentation of the Call for Action in 50 points by the participants

Reflections and closing statements by :

- Ambassador BREIFNE O'REILLY, Permanent Representative of Ireland and Chair of the Committee of Ministers
- THOMAS ANDERSSON, Chair of the Current Affairs Committee, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- FREDERIC PICCAVET, Vice-president of the European Youth Forum
- MIRIAM TEUMA, Chair of the Joint Council on Youth
- MATJAŽ GRUDEN, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe

17:10 Group photo and birthday cake for the 50th anniversary of the Council of Europe youth sector

19:30 Dinner and dancing party at *L'Ancienne Douane* (City Centre)

► Saturday, 2 July 2022

Departure of participants

The week in social media

We invite you to be part of our social media community and help us “make some noise” for the **#YouthActionWeek** and “raise our collective voices” for **#DemocracyHereNow**. Follow us (see accounts below) and share our posts/tweets.

Tell us what you think about the themes, discussions, speakers or cultural activities. Or simply tell us about why democracy is important and how young people can be more involved.

Hashtags

#DemocracyHereNow
#YouthActionWeek

Accounts of the Council of Europe

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/councilofeurope>

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Accounts of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YouthCOE>

On Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/youthcoe>

On Twitter: <https://twitter.com/youthcoe>

What is the Council of Europe?



The Council of Europe is the continent’s leading human rights organisation. It has 46 member states, including all members of the European Union.

All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states. Individuals can bring complaints of human rights violations to the Strasbourg Court once all possibilities of appeal have been exhausted in the member state concerned.

The European Union is preparing to sign the European Convention on Human Rights, creating a common European legal space for over 700 million citizens.

The Council of Europe advocates freedom of expression and of the media, freedom of assembly, equality, and the protection of minorities. It has launched campaigns on issues such as child protection, online hate speech, and the rights of the Roma, Europe’s largest minority.

The Council of Europe helps member states fight corruption and terrorism and undertake necessary judicial reforms. Its group of constitutional experts, known as the Venice Commission, offers legal advice to countries throughout the world.

The Council of Europe promotes human rights through international conventions, such as the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence and the Convention on Cybercrime. It monitors member states' progress in these areas and makes recommendations through independent expert monitoring bodies.

Today not a single Council of Europe member state applies the death penalty.

The youth sector of the Council of Europe, comprising the European Youth Centre and the European Youth Foundation, was founded in 1972. Fifty years after its creation, the youth sector remains committed to enabling young people across Europe to actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from the Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

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Why this Campaign?

The Council of Europe recognises the “considerable potential and therefore fundamental role in promoting Council of Europe’s values” that young people play. Democracy has been particularly challenged in recent years due to the rise of populism and *demotatorships*, fake news, shrinking space for civil society and, more recently, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. All of this contributes to a climate where young people fear retribution when exercising freedom of expression and, at the same time, “show a high degree of political interest but a low degree of engagement with essential democratic processes”. The war in Ukraine aggravated the sentiment of crisis and the need to act to save democracy and peace.

The only response to the problems of democracy is more democracy: democracy is a process of democratisation. Learning about and for democracy, support and recognition given to structures and new forms of

youth participation, including an enabling environment for youth civil society, are key areas of action.

What is *Democracy Here / Democracy Now?*

Democracy Here |Democracy Now is a Council of Europe youth campaign for revitalising democracy and for strengthening mutual trust between young people and democratic institutions and processes. The Campaign focuses on access to human rights, meaningful youth participation and the impact of digitalisation as factors of democratisation.

The Campaign is based on activities undertaken with young people and youth organisations at local, national and international levels, supported by national contact points and European partners. These activities are supported and connected by the Council of Europe. The European Youth Foundation provides financial support for international activities and pilot projects at local and national levels, organised within the framework of the Campaign.

The Campaign is democratic: young people and their organisations explore the topic of revitalisation of democracy, initiate actions and make the proposals to be translated into policy and programmes at Council of Europe level.

www.coe.int/democracy-here-now



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Parlement Européen

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Rue Pierre de Coubertin

Boulevard Pierre Pflimlin

Quai Ernest Bevin

Quai du Chanofne Winterer

Avenue Robert Schuman

Allée Spach

Avenue de l'Europe

1 European Youth
Centre / Centre
européen de la
jeunesse

2 Palais de l'Europe

3 D building /
Batiment D

4 Agora

Semaine d'action de la jeunesse
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5 EDQM / DEQM

6 Centre Saint Thomas

7 Lieu d'Europe

8 Apollonia