

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON YOUTH (CCJ)

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Urgent communication on the imprisonment of Council of Europe Congress youth delegate in Türkiye

The Advisory Council on Youth is deeply concerned by the increase in detainment of youth and young activists in Council of Europe member States. Young people have the right to freedom of expression and to contribute to democratic debate without fearing unjust repercussions or reprisals.

We welcome the swift reactions to the recent detainment of the Congress youth delegate Enes Hocaogulları by Mr O'Flaherty, Human Rights Commissioner, and Mr Cools, President of Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, and their calls for commitment to Council of Europe core values.

The Advisory Council on Youth has reached out to Council of Europe stakeholders and continues the fight for young people's participation.

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