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Supporting Young Refugees: The Next Chapter

Seminar on Reviewing and Reinforcing the Implementation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)4 on Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood

- On the occasion of the World Refugee Day -

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Organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department in cooperation with [PICUM \(platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants\)](#), [VOICIFY](#), Voices of Young Refugees in Europe (VYRE), Youth Social Rights Network (YSRN) and the [Council of Europe Division on Migration and Refugees](#)

Wednesday, 18 June

Arrivals of participants

Thursday, 19 June 2025

9:00 Opening of the meeting

with Tobias Flessenkemper, *Head of the Council of Europe Youth Department*

Sharing expectations for the seminar

Introduction to the CM recommendation 2019(4) , work of the of the Council of Europe and partners in the field of migration and refugees, the scope and function of the seminar with

MARIAM TARTOUSI, Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe

LAETITIA VAN DER VENNER, PICUM (Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants)

EMAN ALBOHTORIi, Voicify (European Forum for Youth with Lived Migration Experiences)

RAZAN DAMLAKHI, Voices of Young Refugees Europe

MARIANA DIMOU, Youth Social Rights Network

11:00 Break

11:30 Presentation of the preliminary findings of the study on the Recommendation with Mary Drosopoulos, *consultant/researcher*.

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Preliminary findings of the study on the CM/Rec(2019)4 on Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood

Discussion and validation of the preliminary findings - Working groups

16:00 Break

16:30 Preliminary findings of the study on the CM/Rec(2019)4 on Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood

Presentation of the conclusions of the working groups and plenary discussion

18:00 Closure of the day

18:30 Dinner

Friday, 20 May 2025

9:30 Sharing experiences and practices on transition to adulthood. Roundtable with... (tbc)

11:00 Break

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13:00 Lunch

14:30 Making proposals on actions/measures to further support the rights of young refugees in the 2025-2030 period

16:00 Break

16:30 Identifying priorities moving forward and conclusions of the seminar.

with Mariam TARTOUSHI, *Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe* and Mary Drosopoulos, *consultant/researcher*

18:00 Closure of the seminar

19:00 Marking the World Refugee Day at the Banquet organised in the framework of [Strasbourg Refugee Week](#) (Phare Citadelle)

Saturday, 20 May 2025

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the seminar

The seminar aims at contributing to the review process of the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood by analysing and reinforcing its preliminary findings.

Objectives

1. To collect experiences in the implementation of the guidelines of the Recommendation on Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood and share current challenges faced by practitioners and young people themselves.
2. To discuss, analyse and validate the preliminary findings of the desk research commissioned by the Council of Europe to review the Recommendation especially in view to its added value.
3. To make proposals of actions/measures to further support the rights of young refugees in transition to adulthood through youth policy actors, refugees and human rights organisations in the next 5 years period (2025 – 2030).
4. To raise awareness about the plight of young people affected by migration and refugee policies on the World Refugee Day (20 June)
5. To reinforce cooperation and support among youth-, migrant- and refugee-led organisations and support the inclusion of a youth perspective in migration and refugee-related policies and programmes which affect their transition into adulthood