

CALL FOR PROJECTS

“One step ahead in history education: new ways to combat disinformation”

In a context where the manipulation of history is increasingly used to fuel disinformation, deepen societal divisions and undermine democratic institutions, strengthening critical historical thinking has become more important than ever.

History education plays a key role in helping citizens understand the past in a rigorous and pluralistic way, while equipping younger generations with the tools needed to recognise distortions, propaganda and historical disinformation.

As an organisation committed to the defence of human rights, democracy and the rule of law, the Council of Europe considers the promotion of responsible and critical history education a priority. In this context, strengthening history education also contributes to the objectives of the New Democratic Pact for Europe, which seeks to reinforce democratic resilience, civic engagement and citizens' ability to critically engage with information and public narratives.

Within the framework of the 6th Annual Conference of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe (OHTe) entitled “*Manipulating history, undermining democracy*”, which will take place in Strasbourg, France, on 8–9 October 2026, we invite teachers, researchers, civil society organisations and PhD students to submit existing or pilot innovative projects and initiatives related to history teaching and the fight against the manipulation of history.

Workshop themes

Applicants are invited to submit proposals related to one of the following workshops:

- *Recognising historical disinformation inside and outside of the classroom*
- *Pedagogical approaches in the age of fake news*
- *Public history - the perfect place to debunk disinformation*

Projects may include:

- innovative teaching methods or pedagogical tools that have already been tested;
- classroom practices aimed at developing critical historical thinking;
- existing educational initiatives addressing historical disinformation or related fields;
- interdisciplinary teaching approaches linking history, media literacy and civic education;
- public history initiatives engaging wider audiences;
- PhD student-led projects exploring history and the manipulation of the past.

Selection

A total of 9 projects will be selected based on the criteria below.

The successful applicants will be invited to Strasbourg to present their projects during the dedicated workshops.

Eligibility

Applications are open to:

- teachers and educators;
- researchers and university scholars;
- civil society organisations;
- museums and educational and cultural institutions;
- PhD students.

Applicants (either individuals or institutions) must be nationals of, or based in, a **Council of Europe member state**.

Application requirements

Applicants should submit:

- a short **description of the project/initiative** (maximum 1,000 words) within **the provided formular**;
- a **description of the context** in which the project/initiative have been carried out and of its main results to date (maximum 1,000 words);
- the **workshop theme** to which the project relates;
- a brief **presentation of the applicant(s)**;
- any relevant **supporting materials** (videos, teaching resources, links, etc.).

Applications should be sent to: ohte@coe.int

Assessment criteria

Projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Relevance to the Conference and workshop themes** – 30%
- **Innovation and originality of the approach** – 40%
- **Transferability to other contexts** – 10%
- **Potential impact for history teaching and democratic resilience** – 20%

Practical arrangements

Travel and accommodation expenses for the **successful projects** will be arranged and covered by the **Council of Europe**, in accordance with its applicable rules and procedures.

Further practical information will be communicated to the successful participants in due course.

Deadline

 The deadline for submitting applications is **10 July 2026**.

Successful applicants will be notified shortly after the evaluation process.

 If you have any questions or require further information, please contact: ohte@coe.int

We look forward to receiving your proposals!