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Training course on quality essentials of international youth activities

for organisers and facilitators of study sessions in the European Youth Centre and of international activities and annual work plans supported by the European Youth Foundation

4 - 9 February 2026
European Youth Centre Strasbourg

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Tuesday, 3 February 2026

Arrival of participants at the European Youth Centre

19.00 Dinner

20.30 Welcome activities

Wednesday, 4 February 2026

From 7.30 to 9.00 Breakfast

From 8.00 Registration of participants

9.30 Opening and introductions to the course programme and education approach, participants, the team and the Council of Europe with Sophie KWASNY, head of Education, Training and Cooperation Division, Youth Department and Gordana BERJAN, head of European Youth Foundation, Youth Department (tbc)

11.00 Break

11.30 Getting to know each other and the youth sector of the Council of Europe (study sessions, EYF grants)

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Group building and agreement of working together

16.00 Break

16.30 From values of individuals and organisations to international youth activities

18.00 Reflection groups

19.00 Dinner

Thursday, 5 February 2026

From 7.30 to 9.00 Breakfast

9.30 Opening of the day

Care for quality in international youth activities for social change

11.00 Break

11.30 Education: formal, non-formal, informal, and aspects of learning in international youth activities

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Experiential learning in international youth activities (I)

16.00 Break

16.30 Experiential learning in international youth activities (II)

18.00 Reflection groups

19.00 Dinner

20.30 Non-formal learning café

Friday, 6 February 2026

From 7.30 to 9.00 Breakfast

9.30 Intercultural learning in international youth activities (I)

11.00 Break

11.30 Intercultural learning in international youth activities (II)

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Creating programmes of international youth activities (I)

16.00 Break

16.30 Creating programmes of international youth activities (II)

18.00 Reflection groups

19.00 Dinner

20.30 Intercultural evening

Saturday, 7 February 2026

From 7.30 to 9.00 Breakfast

9.30 The educational dimension in international youth activities, the role of facilitators (I)

11.00 Break

11.30 The educational dimension in international youth activities, the role of facilitators (II)

13.00 Lunch

Free afternoon and self-organised dinner

Sunday, 8 February 2026

From 7.30 to 9.00 Breakfast

9.30 Team dynamics and leading international teams

11.00 Break

11.30 Parallel workshops on transversal elements in international youth activities: sustainability, accessibility, gender equality, intersectionality

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Learning spaces on participants' experiences and relevant topics (I)

16.00 Break

16.30 Learning spaces on participants' experiences and relevant topics (II)

18.00 Reflection groups

19.00 Dinner

Monday, 9 February 2026

From 7.30 to 9.00 Breakfast

9.30 Working with the European Youth Centres (study sessions) and the European Youth Foundation's grants

11.00 Break

11.30 Making links to the Council of Europe thematic work

13.00 Lunch break

14.30 Revisiting the cycle of an international youth activity and organisational evaluation

16.00 Break

16.30 Course evaluation and closing with Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department (tbc)

19.00 Dinner

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

Departure of participants

ABOUT THE TRAINING COURSE

The aim of the training course is to increase the capacities of international youth organisations and networks to carry out quality intercultural youth activities which apply principles of non-

formal education and have a multiplying effect for their members, and to enable young people to actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from the Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The training course will, therefore, increase the competences and confidence of volunteers and professionals from international youth organisations and networks in organising and running international youth activities.

The training course objectives are:

1. To increase participants' organisational skills in relation to preparing, implementing and evaluating international youth activities.
2. To increase participants' competences to apply [the Council of Europe youth sector's quality standards](#) in relation to non-formal education and intercultural learning approaches in their international youth activities.
3. To develop participants' understanding and agency in connecting their organisation's work and activities to the Council of Europe priorities, tools and standards.
4. To create a space for youth organisations and networks to make valuable contributions to the programme of the European Youth Centres and of the European Youth Foundation, through constructive dialogue.