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Call for participants

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TOGETHER HAVE YOUR SAY!

A “50/50” training seminar on youth participation standards and processes in Ukraine

Kyiv, 25-29 October 2021

Background of the seminar

The Council of Europe Youth Department and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine are co-organising a 50/50 training seminar for youth policy makers, young activists and representatives of youth NGOs. The format of the training seminar “50/50” implies participation of the equal number of representatives from the governmental and non-governmental sectors working with young people in Ukraine and aims to strengthen their co-operation and partnership in the development of youth policy with the direct involvement of young people in the decision-making processes.

This corresponds to the priorities of the Youth for Democracy programme of the Council of Europe and of the Framework Programme on Co-operation in the field of Youth Policy in 2021-2025, between the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine. It plays a complementary role to the project Youth for Democracy in Ukraine by addressing national youth participation processes.

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The training seminar is for the specialists from national and local authorities working with young people and representatives of youth non-governmental organisations from Ukraine – a so-called “50-50” model that evokes the spirit of co-management in place in the Council of Europe youth sector and stresses the necessary cooperation between public authorities and organisations representing young people. The course focuses on youth participation standards and processes, especially relating to the preparations of the ethical framework and regulations for setting up a future National Council on Youth which will be based on co-management (possibly contributing to a proposal to be submitted for wider consultations).

During the training seminar the participants will get to know and discuss legislative acts, recent initiatives and developments in the youth field in Ukraine at different levels. The seminar should be an opportunity to discover co-management and cooperation for youth participation in a “learning by doing” spirit: practicing dialogue, youth participation and cooperation among key stakeholders in youth policy.

The aim of the training seminar is to improve participants’ competences to ensure youth participation in youth policy processes are achieved in line with the priorities of the Youth for Democracy programme and of the Framework Programme on Co-operation in the field of Youth Policy in 2021-2025.

Aims and objectives

The seminar aims to develop participants’ knowledge about the main standards, approaches, and practices of youth participation at local, regional and national level on the basis of the Revised Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life and how they can be applied in the current processes of reform and development of youth policy in Ukraine. Specific objectives include:

- To equip participants with knowledge of standards and approaches of the Council of Europe and legislation of Ukraine in the field of youth policy, ability to use them in practice;
- To develop the competences of youth policy makers, young activists and representatives of youth NGOs to strengthen meaningful youth participation in decision making processes affecting young people at local, regional and national levels;
- To strengthen participants abilities to act as multipliers in processes for dialogue and cooperation between public authorities and youth representatives and young people for the sake of strengthening youth participation and the effectiveness of youth policies;
- To contribute in preparing the regulations for setting up the future National Council on Youth which will be based on co-management (possibly contributing to a proposal to be submitted for wider consultations).

Learning outcomes

Throughout their participation in the training seminar, the participants will:

- Gain knowledge on different forms and methods of youth participation and be able to apply them in their local context
- Understand the sense, meanings and value of youth participation
- Learn and explore ways on how to apply the Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life to own local realities

- Share and analyse their experiences and practices on youth participation
- Learn how to advocate for local youth policy development
- Take steps to improve dialogue and cooperation between the state authorities and youth leaders and representative of youth organisations
- Learn the recent developments in Ukrainian legislation on youth participation (Regulations for the National Council on Youth following co-management structure, Regulations on counselors on youth issues for public officials, Regulation on youth consultative bodies on regional level)
- Learn and discuss the recent developments in youth work and youth policy implementation both in Ukraine and the Council of Europe.

Profile of Participants

The training seminar will bring together youth policy makers, young activists and representatives of youth NGOs from local, regional and national level in Ukraine. The training seminar will bring together up to 30 participants from national, regional and local authorities dealing with youth policy and representatives of non-governmental youth organisations across the various regions of Ukraine.

- members of local councils and servants of local self-governance working with young people,
- members of councils and servants of self-governance of newly created amalgamated communities,
- servants of state and municipal institutions working with young people and supporting youth participation,
- representatives of local and regional youth councils and other youth advisory bodies,
- youth leaders and representatives of civil society organisations advocating for youth participation,
- youth workers experienced or interested in promoting youth participation in youth policy processes.

All candidates to participate should also:

- be interested in working on youth policy development, supporting and advocating for youth participation,
- be motivated to implement gained competences in their work,
- be interested to follow up and networking with other participants,
- be older than 18 and be active in the youth field within Ukraine,
- be able to work in Ukrainian language,
- be available for the full duration of the seminar.

The selection will be done respecting the candidates' organisations priorities, but also ensuring a balance between genders, geographical regions, different types of experiences, backgrounds and organisations. A waiting list may be drawn up.

Practical and financial information

Accommodation and meals will be provided by the organisers from 24 to 29 of October 2021. Travel expenses to and from Kyiv will be reimbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Selected candidates will be informed in due time regarding travel procedures. Participants are expected to arrive not later than 19:00 on Sunday 24 October and leave not earlier than 19:00 on Friday 29 October.

Application Procedure and Selection of Participants

All candidates must apply online at <https://youthapplications.coe.int/Application-forms> , completing the application form, which is open from 15 September to 29 September 2021. The deadline for receiving the applications is set on **29 September 2021, at 23:59** Central European Time.

Selected participants will be informed by 6 October 2021 at the latest.

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