

Call for participants

**The European Confederation of Youth Clubs (ECYC)
presents:**

YOUTH WORK POLICY IN EUROPE: IT'S UP TO US!

**Study Session in Strasbourg, France
11-15 March 2019**



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Introduction:

In 2017, the Council of Europe, the continent's leading human rights organisation, adopted the very first Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on Youth Work.² The document, which aims to support and promote youth work across Europe, represents a valuable advocacy tool for youth workers and youth work advocates at local, regional, national and European level.

Aim of the study session:

To empower youth workers and youth leaders to engage in the process of integration of the CoE Recommendation on Youth Work in the programmes of youth work organisations and relevant youth policies in different European countries.

¹ Photo used: EU – CoE youth partnership, Video on youth policy strategy development

² https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectId=0900001680717e78

Objectives:

- To introduce the **CoE Recommendation on Youth Work** among youth workers as a tool to support development of youth work across Europe;
- To explore how the **measures** in the CoE Recommendation are linked to practice;
- To increase the participants' understanding and knowledge of youth work **policies and structures** in Europe;
- share experiences and good practice regarding **advocacy on youth work**, such as policy making, funding, etc.;
- To support participants to plan **concrete actions** for engaging in the implementation of the CoE Recommendation on Youth Work through their organisations.

The study session is facilitated by using **non-formal** educational methods, where participants will be actively participating in the sessions and discuss their views and experiences on the topic. The sessions include a variety of methods such as group work and meetings with experts.

Desired profile of participants:

The study session is open for both:

- **Youth Workers** – volunteer or employed, full or part time - working directly with young people and who are involved in planning and implementing the youth work activities of their organisation or service
- **Youth Leaders** who are engaged in the decision-making structures of their youth work organisations

Who also:

- Have an understanding of policy processes relevant to youth work in their country (structures and existing policies) or have experience in national / regional debates on youth work development
- Have interest in advocacy on youth work related issues on behalf of their youth work organisation and have the capacity and organisational support to lead a follow-up advocacy action.
- Aged between 18 and 30 (few exceptions are possible)
- Resident in one of the 50 countries signatories of the European Cultural Convention³
- Able to work in English
- Available for the full duration of the study session

Practical information:

This study session is arranged by ECYC and the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France.

³ Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, as well as Belarus, Holy See, Kazakhstan (Non-Members of Council of Europe).

A total of **35 spaces** are available to participants. The preparatory team will select participants on the basis of the profile outlined above, ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations).

- Applicants will be informed about the selection decision at the beginning of February 2019 the latest - ***Please do not book your travel tickets before your participation has been confirmed!***
- **Arrival** is on Sunday 10th of March 2019 (preferably no later than 18:00).
- **Departure** is on Saturday 16th of March 2019 (preferably after 9:00).
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided and paid for by the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. The participants may need to share rooms.
- An **enrolment fee** of 50 euros should be paid by all participants to the Council of Europe. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg during the study session.
- **Travel expenses and visa fees** are 100% reimbursed based on presentation of the relevant receipts according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend at least 80% of the whole study session can be reimbursed. The payment will be made either by bank transfer after the course, or at the end of the course in cash (in euros). Participants are asked to use the cheapest transportation possible. More information about the travel conditions will be sent with the acceptance letter to participants.
- Participants requiring a **visa** should fill in the part of the application about details required for visa. The cost of the visa will be reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt. Agency fee or visa service fee will not be reimbursed. If the participant has to travel to get the visa the cost of the travel is not automatically reimbursed, so the participant should in this case contact ECYC at ecycsecretariat@fcjmp.be and check if the reimbursement of the travel for the visa is possible.
- Participants are responsible for arranging suitable **insurance coverage** (travel + medical, and in addition E111 for EU citizens) for themselves.

What is next for applicants?

- All candidates must apply using the online application form: [click on this link](#).
- **Deadline for applications: 17th January 2018**

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