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| Call for Consultant(s)  **Feasibility study about a Recommendation on peace education in non-formal learning and youth work** |

Deadline: **10 July 2024** (23:59 CET)

**About the study**

In January 2023, the Youth Department of the Council of Europe organised a [Consultative Meeting about renewing the role of peace education in intercultural youth activities](https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/-/renewing-peace-education-in-intercultural-youth-activities), with the purpose of reviewing the approaches and practices in use in youth activities for peacebuilding and conflict transformation in the Council of Europe (including the activities at the European Youth Centres and activities supported by the European Youth Foundation), with a view to renewing the role of peace education and conflict transformation in the programme Youth for Democracy.

The Joint Council on Youth endorsed the conclusions of the meeting and tasked the secretariat with **preparing a feasibility study about the opportunities and needs for a recommendation on peace education in non-formal education and youth work**.

The rationale for this decision is rooted in the findings of the Consultative Meeting and the request for the preparation of a Council of Europe Committee of Ministers recommendation to the governments of member state about the role of peace education with/by young people be prepared in order to consolidate, support and promote the role of peace education in supporting peace and cooperation.

Peace education was defined by the Consultative Meeting as **knowledge, skills and attitudes for a culture of peace and non-violence based on human rights**. Peace education is an important part of peacebuilding. It is of relevance both to communities and people affected by armed conflict and war, and those not. Peace education is closely connected and largely part of the contents and approaches of human rights education.

The potential role of a Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation could be:

* To promote a common understanding of what peace education is and what it should include in terms of content and educational approaches
* To support practitioners and advocates of peacebuilding and peace education in their efforts to do peace education with young people
* To enhance the role of young people in peacebuilding, confidence-building measures and conflict transformation
* To encourage member states to support peace education and peacebuilding with and by young people and, where relevant, to include it in educational programmes, especially through non-formal education
* To consolidate the activities and practices on peacebuilding and conflict transformation of the Council of Europe youth sector, including the Youth Peace Camp.

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe is now looking for consultant/s ( individuals or consortia) to carry out the feasibility study. The study should address the following questions by priority:

1. **Why would such a Recommendation be useful, relevant and necessary in the framework of the Council of Europe today?**
2. **What should the Recommendation address, contain or recommend in order to be meaningful and support peacebuilding and peace education with/by young people?**

The study should also cover the following points:

* Map existing standards and texts adopted by the Council of Europe institutions related to peace education and peacebuilding by/with young people
* Map standards or policy texts adopted by other relevant international organisations, chiefly UNESCO and other UN agencies
* Analyse and consider the value of definitions and approaches adopted by non-governmental organisations and institutions specialized in peacebuilding and peace education with/for young people
* Provide examples of projects and processes with and by young that could benefit from such a recommendation, including in regard of societies and groups that are not immediately recognisable as affected by by conflict
* Develop on a broad range of understandings of peace, peacebuilding, confidence building, conflict transformation and peace education that reflect not only geo-political conflict, but also societal and other forms of conflict, present in and important for young people’s lives.

#### **Deliverables**

A complete study covering the points above-mentioned, including an executive summary and sources of information, not longer than 20 pages (excluding appendices) in English or French. Accompanying appendices can be added.

The deadline for submitting a complete draft of the study is 27 August 2024. The final version of the study, integrating up to 2 rounds of comments by the secretariat, is to be submitted by **18 September 2024**.

#### **Competences required**

* Very good conceptual and practical knowledge of peace education and peacebuilding;
* Knowledge of the Council of Europe institutional framework, preferably also of its youth sector;
* Knowledge of approaches and practices of intercultural non-formal education in youth work;
* Experience with research and preparation of policy briefs or reports;
* Excellent writing and editing skills in English or in French.

Interested consultants or researchers must complete the appended form for expression of interest form and return it to youth.trainers@coe.int before 23:59 (CET) on **10 July 2024.**

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| FORM FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST | |
| CALL | **Study about a Recommendation on peace education in non-formal learning and youth work** |
| Name/s: |  |
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| Working languages: | English  French  Other |

**Please provide examples and details of your experience and expertise in:**

1. Conceptual and practical knowledge of peace education and peacebuilding;
2. Knowledge of the Council of Europe institutional framework and, if relevant, its youth sector;
3. Approaches and practices of intercultural non-formal education in youth work;
4. Similar research or preparation of policy briefs or reports (please also append files or provide weblinks to samples of your writing from these )

**Why would you like to carry out this study?**

**Any additional information relevant for assessing your application:**

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**Exclusion criteria and absence of conflict of interests**

By submitting this expression of interest, the consultants/trainers declare on their honour not being in any of the below situations, failing which, in accordance with the procurement

rules of the Council of Europe, they will be excluded from participating in this call if they:

* have been sentenced by final judgment on one or more of the following charges: participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering, terrorist financing, terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities, child labour or trafficking in human beings;
* are in a situation of bankruptcy, liquidation, termination of activity, insolvency or arrangement with creditors or any like situation arising from a procedure of the same kind, or are subject to a procedure of the same kind;
* have received a judgment with res judicata force, finding an offence that affects their professional integrity or serious professional misconduct;
* do not comply with their obligations as regards payment of social security contributions, taxes and dues, according to the statutory provisions of their country of incorporation, establishment or residence;
* are an entity created to circumvent tax, social or other legal obligations (empty shell company), have ever created or are in the process of creation of such an entity;
* have been involved in mismanagement of the Council of Europe funds or public funds;
* are or appear to be in a situation of conflict of interest;
* are retired Council of Europe staff members or are staff members having benefitted from an early departure scheme;
* are currently employed by the Council of Europe or were employed by the Council of Europe on the date of the launch of the procurement procedure.