

CALL FOR A SENIOR CONSULTANT

Mid-term review of the Council of Europe Youth Sector Strategy 2030

Under the aegis and guidance of the Council of Europe youth statutory bodies, the Council of Europe Youth Department will launch, in October 2023, the mid-term review of the [Council of Europe Youth Sector Strategy 2030](#). The final report is expected to be adopted by the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) in October 2025. In that context, it is looking for a senior consultant to prepare, carry out and report on the mid-term review process.

In their joint meeting of 5-6 June 2023, the Bureaux of the CDEJ and the CCJ provided the following indications as regards the scope, objectives and methodology of the review:

- The review should assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Strategy (in the form of a SWOT analysis and as regards, in particular, its degree of flexibility as a strategic tool) and the extent to which it has been implemented by all stakeholders (including the Youth Department and the Council of Europe Youth Sector's partners); it should provide elements as to what the Youth Sector could do better, and whether a greater or lesser investment was made in one or other of the priorities;
- It should also collect feedback from the Youth Sector's stakeholders and partners as to how they used it; with regard in particular to member States, it should assess whether the Strategy, as a reference text, has contributed positively to the development of their national youth policies; for youth civil society organisations, it should assess how the Strategy has supported them in their advocacy work;
- Preference should be given to qualitative methods (focus groups, interviews); the final report should include visuals and tables;
- The final report should address whether new priorities should be integrated into the Strategy considering any developments since 2020 and whether any priorities could/should be strengthened. It should also reflect on the prospects for the future.

In addition, the Bureaux agreed to set up a dedicated CMJ working group to steer the review process.

The senior consultant will:

- draft the methodology for the mid-term review, which will be examined by the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) in October 2023;
- carry out the review process in line with the aforementioned methodology and any indications to be provided by the CMJ, the dedicated CMJ working group and the Youth Department, in particular by mapping the relevant stakeholders, getting their

input and views through quantitative and qualitative methods which the consultant will propose;

- participate in any meetings planned in the framework of the mid-term review process, including meetings with the youth statutory bodies and the dedicated CMJ working group;
- provide brief updates, in writing, for the biannual youth statutory meetings, as well as an interim report to be submitted by 1 September 2024 on the advancement of the mid-term review progress for the attention of youth statutory bodies;
- draft the mid-term review report including recommendations by the end of June 2025, taking into account the recommendations which will be provided by the dedicated CMJ Working Group and the Youth Department.

The senior consultant will be supported in this process by another consultant, to be hired at the beginning of 2024 to complement their work.

Expertise and profile of the senior consultant:

- proven experience and expertise in youth policy and/or drafting reviews and/or evaluation reports, in general and in the fields covered by the Youth Sector Strategy 2030;
- good knowledge of the work and standards of the Council of Europe and of its youth sector;
- excellent speaking, writing, reading and drafting skills in English, as proven by the submission of an original document ;
- proven ability to meet deadlines while maintaining accuracy;
- ability to work in a team.

Fee

The senior consultant will be offered a total fee ranging between 5 000 to 6 000 Euros, including different deliverables to be paid upon completion of the task.

Applications

Please submit your application to cmj@coe.int **by 30 August 2023**.

Applications should include:

- A curriculum vitae.
- A motivation letter highlighting the relevant expertise and experience of the applicant and attesting to their aptitude for the task, especially in view of the above eligibility criteria (including qualifications and activities carried out). Examples of similar deliverables produced by the consultant (e.g. evaluation/review reports) should be enclosed with links, where relevant, in the motivation letter.

For any questions, requests for additional information and for submitting the application, please write to cmj@coe.int