



Call for Participants

Review Seminar on the Recommendation CM/Rec (2017)4 on Youth Work

**3-4 April 2023
European Youth Centre Strasbourg**

Background

In 2017, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted [the Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)4](#) on Youth Work, the first internationally agreed policy document that focuses on youth work explicitly, its value for society and the way ahead for its quality development in Europe.

The recommendation includes the advice to examine the implementation of this recommendation five years after its adoption. This advice was further explicated in the [Roadmap](#) accompanying the Recommendation, according to which,

“Progress in the implementation of this recommendation will be assessed five years after its adoption, in 2023, when the Joint Council on Youth will review:

- *any measures that member states have undertaken and any results*
- *any projects and initiatives carried out by youth organisations*
- *any plans or projects carried out by or with local/regional authorities*
- *the results and outcomes of the ad hoc high-level task force on youth work.”*

In accordance with what was foreseen in the Recommendation for its review, the aim of the review is:

- a) to identify how the efforts of the member states, the Council of Europe youth sector, and youth organisations are contributing to the development of youth work policy and practices in the member states and at European level;
- b) to identify how the Recommendation acted as a driver for change in the member states and at European level.

The Drafting Group, composed of three representatives of the CDEJ (European Steering Committee for Youth), two representatives of the CCJ (Advisory Council on Youth), one representative of the European Youth Forum, and the secretariat started with the review process in 2022. The process was supported by two independent consultants: Frederike Hofmann-van de Poll, senior researcher, and Miguel Angel Garcia Lopez, senior consultant.

The review process is ongoing and will come to an end on 31.12.2023 with delivery of the final review of the CM/Rec (2017)4.

The Review Seminar will take place at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg on 3-4 April 2023. The seminar will bring together actors from different member states and organisations in order to discuss the initial findings about the contributions to the implementation of the recommendation. The seminar will also provide a space to meet, exchange related experiences and plans for the future of youth work in Europe.

The aim of the seminar

The aim of the Review Seminar is to collect additional data and discuss the initial findings on the contributions to the implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation on Youth Work (CM/Rec (2017)4).

A group of up to 25 participants, representatives of the Council of Europe Youth Sector, youth workers, youth work providers, policy makers and civil servants, will be invited to a 2-day seminar in Strasbourg, France. They will participate in focus groups, interviews and discussion rounds about strategies, measures, programmes, activities undertaken to contribute to the implementation of the recommendation. The seminar will also provide a space for peer learning and exchange of good practices and experiences.

The main objective of the Review Seminar is to identify how different stakeholders contribute to the implementation of the Recommendation (legislative measures, programmes, developing and implementing strategies, projects, etc.)

Further objectives of the Review Seminar are:

- Getting a better understanding of the goals and objectives of the Recommendation from the perspectives of different target groups;
- Collecting and reflecting on the expectations towards the Recommendation;
- Sharing best practices on implementation of the Recommendation;
- Reflecting on the role the Recommendation in the development of European youth work;
- Exploring further the relevance of the Recommendation for the work of different actors.

The outcomes of the discussions at the Review Seminar will bring an added value to the review of the Council of Europe Recommendation on Youth Work (CM/Rec (2017)4).

Profile of participants

Participants of the seminar are expected to be representatives of:

- 1) Council of Europe member states and their authorities;
- 2) Youth organisations and youth workers from the Council of Europe member states;
- 3) Council of Europe Partner networks and organisations.

The Council of Europe welcomes applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of participants, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

Financial and practical conditions of participation

Travel expenses

Travel expenses and visa fees for accessing Strasbourg will be reimbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire seminar can be reimbursed. Participants are expected to travel to Strasbourg on 2 April and depart on 5 April to attend the full course.

Accommodation

Board and lodging will be provided and paid for by the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. The European Youth Centres are accessible to people with disabilities and can take measures to accommodate for any specific needs of participants in this respect. Please provide all the necessary information in your application form.

Working languages

English will be the working language of the seminar.

Application, procedure and selection of participants

The Council of Europe will select up to 25 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above. It will try as far as possible to respect the organisations' priorities, but also to ensure a balance between genders, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations, institutions and projects.

[APPLY ONLINE](#) before **19 February 2023 23:59 CET.**

Applicants will be notified on the status of their application by 26 February 2023.

Further inquiries

For more information about the Review Seminar and technical assistance with the application form uploaded at the Council of Europe Youth Department platform, please address:
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