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STUDY VISIT - Mobility of youth workers
The Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT),
in Timișoara, Romania
08 - 14 NOVEMBER 2026

A study visit to support co-operation with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres network by developing the competences of Ukrainian youth centres representatives in the field of youth work

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Deadline to apply 20 September 2026



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BACKGROUND

The study visit is jointly organised by the Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT), (Non-Governmental Organisation) “Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club” (Youth Centre “Ideas Space”), the Council of Europe project “Youth for Democracy in Ukraine”, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine.

This study visit is a response to the needs of youth workers from Ukraine discussed at [the 14th](#), [15th](#), [16th](#) and [17th](#) Platforms of Youth Centres with the Council of Europe Quality Label on 2023 in Strasbourg, France; 2024 in Budapest, Hungary; 2025 in Luxemburg, Luxemburg; 2026 in Dworp, Belgium.

Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT)

The Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT) is a youth-led umbrella organisation based in Timișoara, Romania, working to create opportunities for young people through relevant education, safe spaces for self-expression, personal and professional development, and active participation in society. FITT develops and implements youth work and non-formal education programmes and cooperates with public institutions, NGOs, youth organisations and international partners.

FITT was founded in 1990, and it owns and manages the Youth House (Casa Tineretului) in Timișoara, which has held the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres since 2016. Following a further evaluation in 2023, the Quality Label was extended until 2028. The Youth House provides a space for youth work, education, international cooperation and activities for young people and youth organisations.

FITT has extensive experience in international youth work and Erasmus+ activities, including youth exchanges, training courses, volunteering and international learning opportunities. From training courses on facilitation, human rights education, participatory arts, and volunteer management to youth exchanges focused on developing green competencies, democratic citizenship competencies, or activism, FITT organises and hosts a diverse range of training for youth workers, as well as mobilities for young people at the local, national, and international levels.

FITT's work focuses on youth participation, non-formal education, human rights, democracy, social inclusion, civic engagement and the development of competences among young people and youth workers.

More information: [FITT – Timiș County Youth Foundation](#)

Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space")

Youth Centre "Ideas Space" was established in 2013 on the basis of the creative NGO "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club". Youth centre "Ideas Space" is a small youth centre in Central Ukraine which is trying to provide open youth work with teenagers and young adults. Main activities are connected with main working spheres of NGO leading youth centre: education, human rights and fighting corruption. The Organisation/Youth Centre also hosts and sends volunteers in the European Solidarity Corps program and works with mobility opportunities for young people and youth workers in the Erasmus+ program.

In 2018 Organisation/Youth Centre became one of the founders of Association of Ukrainian Youth Centres.

From the beginning of full-scale invasion in 2022 Organisation/Youth Centre is focused on work with internally displaced young people, kids and teenagers. Organisation/Youth Centre was organizing events for integration and learning, creating opportunities for getting new competences for young people on their own base and in shelters for internally displaced people.

Together with partners from Donetsk Debate Youth Centre in 2022 was implemented project "[Voices of young people from Ukraine](#)" focused on speaking out loud about the needs of young people who are living in a situation of war in Ukraine. In 2022 Organisation/Youth Centre became a participant of [a training programme "Trauma Informed Youth Work"](#) of the Council of Europe project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III".

From 27 November to 2 December 2024, a team of youth workers from Ukraine had the opportunity [to visit the Lisbon Youth Centre \(Portugal\)](#), which has the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres. The visit was jointly organised by the CSO "Kremenchuk Information and Education Centre European Club" and [the Lisbon Youth Centre](#) with the support of the Council of Europe project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III" and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine.

From 24 to 29 November 2025, a team of youth workers from Ukraine had the opportunity [to visit the ADJ: Destelheide & Hanenbos and de Hoge Rielen youth centre \(Belgium\)](#), which has the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres. The visit was jointly organised by the CSO "Kremenchuk Information and Education Centre European Club" and [the youth centre Destelheide & Hanenbos and the Hoge Rielen](#) with the support of the Council of Europe project

"Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase IV" and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine.

More about Ideas Space - <https://prostir.org.ua/?lang=en> or https://www.instagram.com/prostir_idey/

The project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase IV"

The project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase IV" was launched within the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2023-2026 in co-operation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, the All-Ukrainian Youth Centre and the Ukrainian Youth Foundation. Young people in Ukraine benefit from participatory youth policy and quality youth work to strengthen their own resilience and well-being; to exercise their human rights and freedoms, democratic participation and citizenship in a war and post-war time.

The Project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase IV" stresses the importance of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030 and reflects the National strategy of the State Youth Policy 2030, the State Target Social Programme "Youth of Ukraine" 2021-2025.

The project engages youth policy stakeholders and youth work providers in Ukraine in the dissemination and implementation of the Committee of Ministers recommendations on access to rights for young people (CM(2016)7), youth work (CM(2017)4), access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (CM (2015)3), on protecting youth civil society and young people, and supporting their participation in democratic processes (CM/Rec(2022)6), and on Roma youth participation (CM/Rec(2023)4).

The Project implements the following components with the respective activities:

- participatory youth policy;
- recognition of youth work in wartime;
- support for youth CSOs, youth councils, student self-government bodies, youth centres as platforms for civic engagement and democratic participation.

[Co-operation with the network of youth centres bearing the Council of Europe Quality Label](#) takes place within the framework of achieving the planned result of the Project, when youth workers and administrative staff of youth centres in Ukraine are qualified on the practices and approaches of youth centres that have received the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres.

More information about the project - <https://www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/youth-for-democracy-in-ukraine>

Aim of the study visit:

A study visit aimed to support co-operation with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres network (notably the Timiș County Youth Foundation, FITT, in Romania) by developing the competences of Ukrainian youth centres representatives in the field of youth work.

Educational objectives:

- To meet with the youth centre staff members to discuss the role of youth work in the time of armed aggression by the Russian federation against Ukraine;
- To explore the approaches, methodology and educational resources of the youth centre to reach different young people, including those who are at risk of becoming vulnerable;
- To discover the opportunities of different organisations working with children and young people, including in remote areas in Romania;
- To exchange experiences with youth workers in Romania and Ukraine;
- To map co-operation and follow-up initiatives.

METHODOLOGY OF THE VISIT

The study visit will include online preparatory meetings, face-to-face meetings, training practices and reflections. The study visit will be based on principles of non-formal education.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The study visit will bring together youth workers from youth centres in Ukraine and professionals working with young people in Romania who have the motivation and need to develop their competences in the field of youth work. The participants must be able to commit to the full duration of the study visit and all its features.

Applicants to the study visit are expected to:

- be aged over 18 at the time of applying;
- have experience working as youth workers, trainers or educators in non-formal education activities and possess the motivation and need to improve their youth work competencies;

- be active in, and be supported by, a youth centre;
- subscribe to the values and mission of the Council of Europe;
- be in a position to multiply what they learn during the visit to the wider youth work field;
- be available for the whole study visit;
- be able to work in English.

VISIT CALENDAR

- Open call for participants – until 20 September 2026
- Selection and informing participants – until 25 September 2026
- Introductory meeting online – 28 September 2026, 11:00 (Kyiv time)
- Study visit to Romania – 08 - 14 November 2026.
- Follow-up activities – until 15 December 2026

FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The study visit will take place at the Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT) in Romania, including visits to local organisations.

Travel expenses

Travel expenses for participants travelling from Ukraine to Timișoara and back will be covered by the Council of Europe. Insurance for participants from Ukraine will be covered according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire residential study visit can be reimbursed.

Participants are expected to travel to Timișoara, Romania for the study visit on 08 November 2026 and leave on 14 November 2026.

Accommodation

Board and lodging for the study visit will be provided and covered by FITT (Romania), the mobility being co-funded by the European Union, through the Erasmus+ programme.

The centre is partially accessible to people with disabilities and can take measures to accommodate the specific needs of participants in this respect. To

ensure accessibility, please provide all the necessary information in your application form.

Working languages

English will be the working language of the study visit. Participants are expected to be able to express themselves autonomously in English.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All candidates must apply online at: <https://forms.gle/68sj3Zw8ALSrFsFdA>

As part of the application, each applicant from Ukraine is expected to upload a **support letter** in Ukrainian language from the youth centre. This letter should clearly state why the youth centre thinks the candidate is suitable for the study visit; how their participation will benefit the youth centre.

The team of organizers - the Timiș County Youth Foundation (FITT), Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space"), the Council of Europe will select a group of participants based on 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 youth centres.

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

The deadline for applications is 20 September 2026, 23:59 Kyiv time