

Call for Participants

WEBINAR ON DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY AND CITIZEN ASSEMBLIES

12 MAY 2026 • 10:00-12:30 CET • ONLINE

Democratic backsliding, disinformation, impunity, and authoritarianism are undermining democracy in Europe. People are increasingly afraid and frustrated. It comes at a time when democratic security – the resilience of our democratic institutions, freedoms, and values – is our first line of defence against the threats we face.

With the **New Democratic Pact**, the Council of Europe unites with its partners to boost solutions that work and create new responses. The Pact serves as a collective and inclusive process – not to reinvent democracy, but to reinforce its foundations, amplify its benefits, and innovate its form to make it tangible for everyone, especially younger generations.

This webinar is your opportunity to be part of that collective response.

Join us for an interactive online event that explores how **deliberative democracy and youth citizens' assemblies** can rebuild trust, widen inclusion, and empower a new generation of democratic actors.

This webinar is part of the Council of Europe's programme **"Strengthening Democratic Resilience through Youth Engagement and Deliberative Democracy"**, developed in partnership with DemNet Hungary.

What You'll Experience:

- **Learn from Practice**

Discover real-world case studies including the EU's Youth Citizens' Panel on Pollinators and Estonia's Ida-Viru Youth Assembly on climate justice.

- **Hear Young Voices**

Meet young people who participated in citizens' assemblies across Europe – from Ukraine to Hungary to EU-level processes – and learn how these experiences transformed their understanding of politics and civic engagement.

- **Explore the Model**

Understand what citizens' assemblies are, why youth-focused deliberation matters in 2026, and how these processes complement existing democratic institutions.

- **Co-create Solutions**

Participate in breakout discussions on what's needed to launch youth assemblies locally and what support you would need to start one in your community.

- **Join a Movement**

Connect with a diverse European network of practitioners, policymakers, youth workers, and advocates committed to democratic renewal.

This webinar is particularly designed for (but not limited to):

- Representatives from Council of Europe Quality Labelled Youth Centres
- Current and past members of the Advisory Council on Youth
- Current participants and alumni of the Youth Delegate programme of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Participants from the Council of Europe School on Political Studies
- Alumni of the Roma Political Schools programme of the Council of Europe
- Representatives from public institutions engaged in youth policy
- Youth civil society organizations across Council of Europe member states

Eligibility: Applicants must have residence in a Council of Europe member state.



- **Date & Time:** Monday, 12 May 2026, 10:00–12:30 CEST
- **Platform:** Zoom
- **Capacity:** Up to 100 participants (selection will be made if applications exceed capacity)
- **Language:** English
- **Cost:** Free

Registration deadline: 30 April 2026

Complete the [online application form](#)

Due to limited capacity, we encourage early registration. If applications exceed 100, participants will be selected to ensure diverse representation across member states and stakeholder groups.

This webinar is just the beginning. Throughout 2026–2027, the programme offers:

- Practical training seminars on launching youth assemblies
- Support for concrete pilots and operational partnerships
- High-level awareness-raising events
- A lasting peer support network of practitioners
- Opportunities to showcase your work at the World Forum for Democracy

Contact us [here!](#)

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen democracy from the ground up. Register today and be part of Europe's democratic renewal.

About the Organisers

The webinar is jointly organised by the Council of Europe and DemNet Hungary as part of the Council of Europe's contribution to the New Democratic Pact for Europe.