

EVALUATION OF THE INTEGRATION OF A **YOUTH PERSPECTIVE** IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK (2025)



Evaluation questions

- **Right reasons** to integrate a youth perspective?
- **Compatible approaches** to integrate a youth perspective?
- **Best ways** to integrate a youth perspective?
- **Good results** from integrating a youth perspective?
- **Mutual benefits** between integrating a youth perspective and gender mainstreaming and the human rights-based approach?

Methodology



Strengths

Excellent initiatives in integrating youth perspectives exist in the Council of Europe

There is integration of youth perspectives in many different forms, though it is not widespread

Areas for improvement

There is a gap between the high-level mandate for the integration of a youth perspective and practice

The expertise within the Organisation and among youth interacting with the Council of Europe needs nurturing

Recommendations

For the Council of Europe to adopt an over-arching strategic approach through the Reference Framework¹

Support and encourage mutual learning among staff, members, representatives and participating youth through non-formal exchanges

Strengthen quality assurance through an enhanced role of the youth sector and guidance to integrate a youth perspective

Make use of 360-degree feedback with youth engaging with the Organisation

Use evidence in accordance with gender mainstreaming and a human rights-based approach to reach and engage with diverse young people

Develop an action plan with clear roles and responsibilities for implementing the Reference Framework

¹ Reference Framework for the Integration of a Youth Perspective in the Council of Europe (drafting process for adoption in September 2025)