

Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth

Young people for Democracy: Youth Perspectives in Action

Valletta, Malta 8 - 9 October 2025

DRAFT Agenda





Wednesday, 8 October 2025

- 09:30 Meeting of the designated Senior Officials of States participating in the Conference at Giardini Lambrosa
- 18:45 Arrival of the participants for a dinner reception hosted by the Maltese Government at the **Grandmaster's Palace in Valletta**
- 19:30 Welcoming addresses
 - Hon. Clifton Grima, Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation, Malta
 - Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Cherise Sultana, President of the National Youth Council of Malta

Thursday, 9 October 2025

O8:15 Arrival of the delegations and refreshments at the Mediterranean
 Conference Centre
 Official welcome of the Heads of Delegations

09:30 Opening of the Conference

- Hon. Clifton Grima, Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation, Malta
- Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Adoption of the agenda Distribution of the draft Final Declaration and of the draft Resolution on the Council of Europe Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective

09:50 Short addresses

- Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Marc Cools, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- Glenn Micallef, European Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport
- Nina Grmuša, Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Youth and the Joint Council on Youth
- Rares Voicu, President of the European Youth Forum

10:15 Thematic session 1: "Young People and the New Democratic Pact for Europe"

Ministers are invited to take the floor on the topic of the thematic session; preceded by:

 Keynote speech: Young people and Democracy in today's Europe - Federica Mogherini, Rector of the College of Europe and Director of the European Union Diplomatic Academy

- Address by Yevheniia Fedotova, member of Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
- 12:00 Family photo of the Heads of Delegations and the Youth Delegates
- 12:30 Luncheon hosted by Alain Berset, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, for the Heads of Delegation
 Luncheon hosted by the Maltese authorities for all other participants
- 14:30 Presentation of the main outcomes of the 4th European Youth Work Convention
 - Miriam Teuma, Chair of the European Steering Committee for Youth and CEO of Agenzija Żgħażagħ (Maltese Youth Agency)
- 14:45 Thematic session 2: "Integrating a Youth Perspective: An Opportunity to Shape Policies Together"

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An introduction to the Council of Europe Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective by:

- **Severine Origny Fleishman**, member of the European Steering Committee for Youth,
- **Jessý Rún Jónsdóttir**, member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe

16:30 Coffee break

- 17:00 Presentation of the main findings of the revision of the European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life
 - Aida Karimli, member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Rapporteur for the Revision of the European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life
 - Matías María Rubio Morillo Velarde, member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe

17:15 Concluding session

Adoption of the draft Resolution on the Council of Europe Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective

Adoption of the draft Final Declaration of the 10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth

Presentation of the Conclusions of the Chair of the Conference

Concluding remarks

- Matjaž Gruden, Director for Democracy, Council of Europe
- Francesca Camilleri Vettiger, President of the Ministers' Deputies and Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe

17:50 Closing of the Conference

- Hon. Clifton Grima, Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation, Malta
- 18:15 Cocktail followed by dinner reception hosted by the Maltese authorities at the terrace of the Mediterranean Conference Centre

Friday, 10 October 2025 (optional programme)

Side-events - 10 October 2025

08:00 - 10:00 Breakfast Meeting

EYCA and Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

10:15 - 12:30 PARALLEL EVENTS

Al & Youth: Co-shaping Policies for a Responsible Future Vote AT 16: A Choice or a Right by the Maltese National Youth Council On-site visit to Aġenzija Żgħażagħ (Maltese Youth Agency)

12:30 Lunch