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STUDY VISIT

**the youth centre Destelheide & Hanenbos and
the Hoge Rielen , in Belgium**

23 - 30 NOVEMBER 2025

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

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Deadline to apply 19 October 2025

BACKGROUND

The study visit is jointly organised by (the Flemish non-profit association) ADJ (Non-Governmental Organisation) "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space"), the Council of Europe project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine".

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

ADJ: Destelheide & Hanenbos and de Hoge Rielen youth centre

ADJ is a non-profit organization operating on behalf of the Flemish Government, managing three youth centers in Belgium: Hanenbos, Destelheide, and De Hoge Rielen — which offer unique venues for group stays and activities.

Destelheide hosts creative and artistic workshops, training sessions, human rights education, and international conferences with space for up to 240 guests.

Hanenbos complements this with nature and adventure programs, ropes courses, a climbing wall, outdoor education, team-building, and human rights activities, hosting around 110 participants.

de Hoge Rielen focuses on outdoor education and adventurous, non-formal learning in nature, encouraging cooperation, cultural experience, and human rights awareness. It offers a wide hosting capacity via lodge buildings, a hostel, and camping grounds — in total accommodating well over a thousand young people across its domain.

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

Youth Centre "Ideas Space" was established in 2013 on base of 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 relate to main working spheres of NGO leading youth centre: education, human rights and fighting corruption. Organisation/Youth Centre also host and sent volunteers in frame of European Solidarity Corps program and works with mobility opportunities for young people and youth workers in frame of 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, creates opportunities for getting new competences for young people on 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 needs of young people who are living in a situation of war in Ukraine. In 2022, the 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 a unique 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.

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

The Council of Europe of 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 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 aims to support co-operation with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres network (notably Destelheide & Hanenbos and de Hoge Rielen youth centre in Belgium) by developing the competences of Ukrainian youth centres representatives in the field of youthwork

Educational objectives:

- To meet with the youth centre staff members for discussing role of youth work in time of armed aggression of 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 situation to become vulnerable.
- To discover the opportunities of different organisations working with children and young people, including in remote areas in Belgium.
- To exchange experiences with youth workers in Belgium and Ukraine.
- To map co-operation and follow-up initiatives.

METHODOLOGY OF THE VISIT

The study visit will include face to face meetings, online 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 Belgium who have the motivation and need to develop their competences in the field of youthwork. 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 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 19 October 2025
- Selection and informing participants – until 24 October 2025
- Introductory meeting online – 27 October 2025, 11.00 Kyiv time (tbc)
- Study visit to Belgium – 23 November – 30 November 2025 (23 November – Arrival, 30 November - Departure)
- Follow-up activities - December 2025 – February 2026

FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The study visit will take place in the Destelheide & Hanenbos and de Hoge Rielen youth centre (Belgium) with daily visits to local organisations.

Travel expenses

Travel expenses for travelling across Ukraine are expected to be covered by participants. Travel expenses from the airport in Warsaw (tbc) to Brussel and back will be covered by the Council of Europe. Insurance 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 arrive to Belgium for the study visit on 23 November 2025 and depart on 30 November 2025.

Accommodation

Board and lodging for the study visit will be provided and paid for by ADJ (Belgium), thanks to the support of Erasmus+.

The centre is 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 study visit. Participants are expected to be able to express themselves autonomously in English.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All candidates must apply online at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3THj890Lt2vKRpO-WcCSMGSG6tXmCN727UPieS4vy2DYy_g/viewform?usp=header

As a part of the application, each applicant 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 organiser - the Destelheide & Hanenbos and de Hoge Rielen youth centre, Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space"), the Council of Europe will select a group of up to 6 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 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 19 October 2025, 23:59 Kyiv time