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PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

for implementation of the
Enter! Recommendation on supporting access
of young people from disadvantaged
neighbourhoods to social rights

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
By local authorities and partners

Deadline: 22 June 2023

Background

For the Council of Europe, social cohesion is firmly based on human rights (as codified in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Revised European Social Charter), as well as an acceptance of shared responsibility for the welfare of all members of society, especially those who are at risk of poverty or exclusion. This is also part of the Strategy 2030 of the Council of Europe youth sector, whose aims is defined as :

enabling young people across Europe to actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from the Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Enter! is a project of the Council of Europe to identify and support youth work and youth policy responses to violence, exclusion and discrimination affecting young people in Europe, especially in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Since 2015, this work has been supported by the [Recommendation on access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights](#), CM/Rec(2015)3 (*Enter!* Recommendation). The implementation of the Recommendation was reviewed in 2019.

The *Enter!* Recommendation proposes the development on policies taking into consideration the specific situations and needs of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Such policies should aim at preventing and eradicating the poverty, discrimination, violence and exclusion faced by young people.

In 2023, the Joint Council on Youth adopted a revised road map to support the implementation of the ENTER! recommendation in 2023 and 2024 by member states, including local authorities and their partners, on the assumption that access of young people to social rights is often better addressed at local level. Local authorities should indeed irreplaceable actors in putting in place and implement the measures advocated in the Recommendation:

sustainable, evidence-based public policies that take into consideration the specific situations and needs of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. These policies should aim at preventing and eradicating the poverty, discrimination, violence and exclusion faced by such young people.

The Roadmap of the Joint Council on Youth focuses inter alia on engaging and liaising with interested local authorities on:

- supporting development of local policies and programmes by offering local authorities expertise and peer support to develop or adapt policies and programmes to address the needs of young people as recommended in the *Enter!* recommendation;
- creating local committees on youth matters which could consist of youth and local authorities' representatives.

The programme Youth for Democracy 2023-2024 foresees various to support measures to facilitate access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights such as:

- support to local authorities by a group of experts to implement the Enter! Recommendation
- educational resources on access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods

The implementation of the Enter! recommendation is supported by a [youth-friendly version](#) of the recommendation, a guide for the implementation of the recommendation – [Taking it Seriously, Dignityland](#) - a game for learning about social rights with young people, and also, [examples of projects](#) implemented in cooperation with local authorities in the 2018-2019.

Further educational resources can be found in [Compass](#), the manual for human rights education with young people.

Support to local and regional authorities in 2023 and 2024

The support measures put into place by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe aim to encourage and support local and regional authorities to devise and set in place specific activities which contribute to the implementation of the *Enter!* Recommendation at the local level, namely through policies, programmes or projects which aim at providing or improving: accessible, affordable, and youth-friendly public services and other measures in the fields of education and training, employment and occupation, health, housing, information and counselling, sports, leisure and culture.

The support measures are *on-demand provision of assistance and cooperation* by the Council of Europe, which means that upon reception of the expression of interest, the Council of Europe will assess the type of support, expertise and cooperation that can be envisaged with the partnering local authority. The Council of Europe through these support measures would also like to identify and showcase examples and ideas for the practical implementation of the Recommendation.

The support measures provided by the Council of Europe are based on the principle of cooperation and mutually shared interest in improving access to social rights of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

In some cases, the Council of Europe may take on directly the costs of some measures, such as missions and advice of experts, provision of trainers or educational resources. This will be assessed and decided case-by-case based on the needs expressed, the means available and the contribution of the partner(s). Examples of projects implemented in cooperation with local authorities in the 2018-2019 can be found on the [website of ENTER! Project](#) and consist of information session, educational support for training seminar, or local level study.

The support measures are not intended to provide grants or other forms of direct financial support.

Types of support available

The typology of support measures indicated below are based on the needs that local authorities expressed or communicated during several meetings within the *Enter!* project. The list is not exclusive and in case a local authority has another request for support, it can still be expressed as an interest and reviewed based on the objectives of this call.

1. Sharing expertise and experience

This may consist of information session which gathers local authorities official, civil society, young people and others. Such sessions should last at least one day, as it should include:

- Information about the Council of Europe and its work

- Information about Social Rights and the concept of Access to Social rights
- Exploring the Enter! Recommendation practically

For such activities the Council of Europe can provide experts in youth policy or youth work and may contribute to the facilitation of the session. The activity should result the local stakeholders understanding better the Enter! Recommendation and explore ways towards its implementation of some of its recommended measures.

2. Institutional and educational support

The Council of Europe may partner with a local or regional authority in a project or activity that supports the Enter! recommendation by giving it institutional visibility in its Internet site and including it in the programme of Enter! activities. This, together with the usage of the logo of the Council of Europe, or linking the activity to national youth policy institutions, can help the local partner's outreach, visibility and recognition.

Educational support may consist of providing educational resources and materials or/and experienced trainers, youth workers or facilitators for specific activities.

3. Capacity-building activities

Municipalities or public authorities can request for training provision by the Council of Europe. The training activity can be in a form of a specific training course for municipal employees, youth workers or social workers or young people themselves. Such a training activity is preferably lasting for several working days. In special cases it can be in the format of several one-day workshops.

The local authorities requesting for this type of support should clearly identify the profile of participants they would engage in the training activity, the expected outcomes well as the technical information necessary for organising such an activity (dates and duration, venue, working languages etc.).

4. Networking and peer-learning activities

The Council of Europe can also support local authorities to meet and work with other local authorities or youth and social work centres and learn from their good practices in implementing the Enter! Recommendation. The purpose of this type of support is to provide a direct connection and practical experience for officials or civil servants in local authorities with local authorities already working on similar issues connected with access to social rights.

These networking activities may consist of:

- "study visit": a representative from a local authority interested to work on implementing the Enter! Recommendation (participant) can be supported to participate on a practical visit to another municipality that has a good practice on access to social rights.

- "Peer-learning": a representative from a municipality that has already worked on implementing the Enter! Recommendation and has practical experience (expert), can be supported to participate on an experience sharing visit to the municipality which is interested in such good practices. By working together within the host municipality, the expert can provide information and practical ideas, which can be beneficial for the host municipality.

5. Advice on policy development or reform

The Council of Europe can propose experts from member states and its own pool of youth policy experts to support or advise local authorities in reforming existing policies or introducing new ones according to standards of youth participation, youth policy and youth work. The modalities of policy advice will be negotiated and adjusted to each specific reality.

Submitting an expression of interest

The Council of Europe welcomes expressions of interest from interested ***local authorities or their partners*** based in one of its 46 member states. Partnerships with youth or other civil society organisations are particularly encouraged.

All expressions of interest must provide information about:

- the needs of young people and of the local authority, especially in relation to access to social rights and disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- the motivation and capacity to develop policies, programmes or projects for and with young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- the partners or stakeholders concerned by the measures to be developed, particularly youth organisations, public services, youth workers and youth work providers
- the type of support or partnership expected from the Council of Europe youth sector.

To submit your expression of interest, please fill in the online form for expression of interest which is open at <https://youthapplications.coe.int/>

Calendar

The proposed measures should be implemented from **15 September** to **30 November 2023**.

In specific cases, the Council of Europe may agree to support preparatory work in 2023 for projects that will be implemented in 2024

Deadline for submitting expressions of interest: 22 June 2023 at 23:59 CET. At <https://youthapplications.coe.int/>

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