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Executive Summary

In January 2015, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted the Recommendation to member States CM/Rec (2015)3 on the access of young people¹ from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (herein: ENTER Recommendation) based on the approaches and proposals of the ENTER! project of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. The Recommendation focuses on different areas and promotes the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights.

Youth Social Rights Network and Youth Express Network have been involved in the ENTER! project since its origin, both working at local and European level on social inclusion and access to social rights of young people. Y-SRN as a relatively "young" network operated for several years as an informal organisation, organizing activities in the area of improvement of access to social rights of young people. For example:

"Together for Social Rights", an international meeting to promote access to social rights for young people at local level (particularly from disadvantaged neighbourhoods) by training and networking among youth organisations, youth workers and local authorities.

"Employability United", an international meeting aiming to promote and support access to employment and autonomy for young people by training and networking among young people, youth organisations/youth workers, local authorities and business sector representatives.

"In NEET of a Coach" this was a study session aiming to develop youth workers' competences for providing one-on-one coaching to young people who are most at risk of becoming NEETs in order to reduce inequalities among young people and to ensure they make a successful move from education into employment that way avoiding social and labour market exclusion.

"ENTER-ing" this was a long-term project that promoted and supported the use of the ENTER Recommendation.

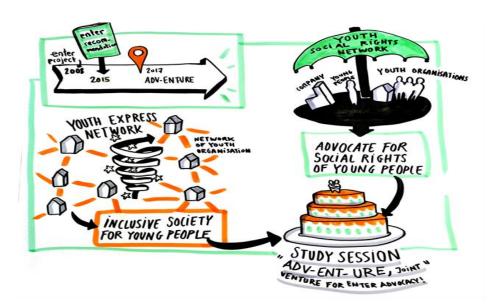
Since 1993, Y-E-N has organized more than 100 international youth projects, training courses, seminars, cross-border and mobility projects. It brings together social workers, youth workers and young people with fewer opportunities to engage in social inclusion. In 2014 Y-E-N conducted a long-term project on the Social Inclusion of Young people (a Work Plan granted by the EYF) and a special project on access to social rights ("Social Rights are Human Rights II (too)") in the frame of the activities of the Youth Department of the Council

of Europe. As a result of (mainly) these two activities, Y-E-N launched in November 2014 the campaign "Inclusion Express" which aimed at informing young people about their social rights and supporting youth/social workers to defend these rights and advocate for inclusive youth policies in Europe. The campaign was prolonged in 2015 and 2016. In this frame, Y-E-N organized a joint-study session with Rural Youth Europe in May 2016 about access to social rights of young people in urban and rural areas.

According to our strategic plans for the future and our working programmes, both Y-SRN and Y-E-N, are focusing on advocating for putting the access to social rights of young people on local, national and European agendas.

Having this in mind and also believing that together we can make a bigger impact than the one we can do acting on our own, the two Networks joined forces in promoting the ENTER Recommendation as a tool for social inclusion and to equip young people with knowledge, skills and meaningful attitude to promote and use them in their communities. With this activity, we reached out to youth councils and youth organizations - target groups that in our belief are one of the key stakeholders advocating for the implementation of the ENTER Recommendation - working at local or national level closely with (or even directly inside) local authorities and representing young people and youth organisations.

This study session gave the opportunity to the participants to explore more about social rights in general and the current situation in their different realities. It also showed how authorities and civil society respond to those different needs when it comes to the social rights of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. At the same time, the meeting supported youth councils and youth organizations to develop advocacy skills and to create tools to advocate for the ENTER Recommendation on local, national and international levels.



I. Introduction

The aim of this study session was to increase the capacities of youth councils and youth organizations and to improve access to the social rights of young people and the implementation of the ENTER Recommendation.



The objectives of this study session were:

- To deepen their knowledge and understanding of social rights and map ways of addressing social rights challenges in different realities;
- To introduce the ENTER Recommendation to youth councils and youth organizations;
- To map what is already being done, what needs to be improved, what needs to be started in relation to the ENTER Recommendation in different realities;
- To increase competences for advocating and draft plans and tools for improvement of access to social rights and implementation of the ENTER Recommendation at local level.



In this study session we invited members of local, regional and national youth councils but also members of local youth organisations (staff or volunteers) who are working in the field of social rights and/or have specific interest to learn about it. Moreover, we invited young people who can as well apply in their community the learning outcomes and be a multiplier in their organisation and locality.

As Y-SRN and Y-E-N reach together a large geographical area in Europe we ended up with 28 participants representing 19 countries (see Appendix 2).

II. Programme of the study session, main programme elements and development of the tools

The meeting adhered to the non-formal and informal learning principles and was based on participatory methods that: offer space for interaction of participants, sharing of ideas, avoiding passive listening; allow participants to contribute to the activities with their own knowledge and skills, allow participants to undertake their own analyses, including reflections on competences acquired during the activity (i.e. their own learning outcomes); ensure that participants have influence over meeting's decisions, not simply involvement. It embraced the European dimension and: encouraged participants to reflect on European topics, offered participants the opportunity to identify common values with persons from different countries in spite of their cultural differences.

During day 1 and 2 of the study session participants explored and discussed mainly social rights and ENTER Recommendation. After getting to know each other and exploring the aim and objectives of the study session, the participants had an opportunity to play 'Enter Dignityland' and understand in practice the main social rights that are in European Social Charter. After the game, the participants made a research about the challenges that their countries are facing regarding Social Rights. After the research they created a newspaper front page of their country and shared with other participants the realities that they have in their countries. They had a chance to discuss in small groups the similar issues that their countries have and mapped solutions for the problems.

On day 3 participants went into details of ENTER Recommendation and started to explore in depth and discuss measures on access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. They discussed in small groups and made videos explaining each measure. Participants had a chance to meet the Strasbourg Youth Council members and learn about the activities implemented by the council as well as to explore the structure of the youth council.

On day 4 participants discussed the role of youth councils in their countries and how they work. Experienced members of youth councils shared their experiences with the representatives of the youth organizations. Participants learned about advocacy and the main steps that they should take into consideration while implementing advocacy plans in their countries.

On day 4 and 5 participants were divided into 3 groups and started to work on the development of advocacy tools. They were working on creating an open letter for

stakeholders, an online assessment tool for youth organizations and a youth-friendly version of ENTER Recommendations.

The programme focused on the following main points:

Day 1.

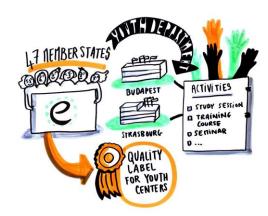
➤ Welcome and...



> ...introduction of the study session



➤ Meet the Council of Europe and the Youth Department



> What is the co-management system and how young people participate in the decision making.

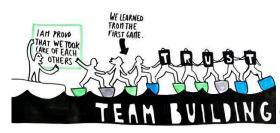




> Fears and expectations.



> Team building





"I WAS HAPPY
WHEN I SAW
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ALL TOGETHER IN
THE END ..."



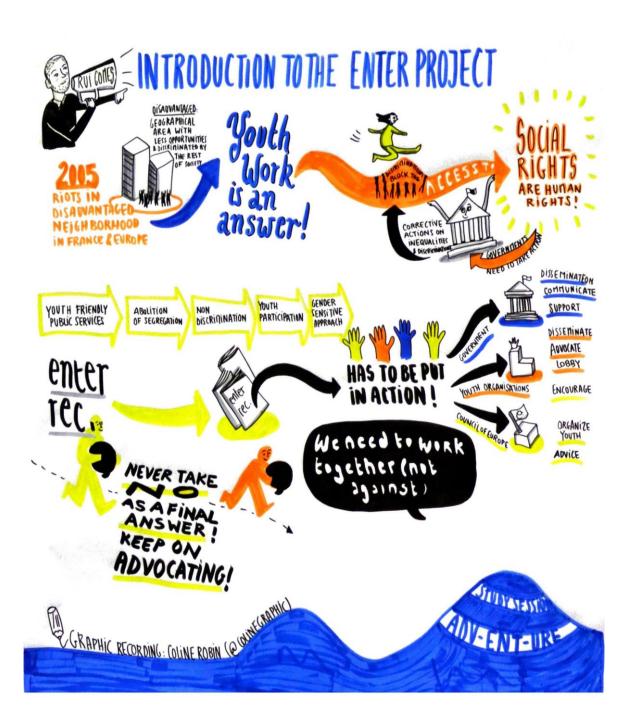
Day 2

> Social Rights



Challenges that young people face on accessing social rights and how to overcome them





Day 3.

> ENTER Recommendation (The CM/Rec (2015)3 Recommendation)

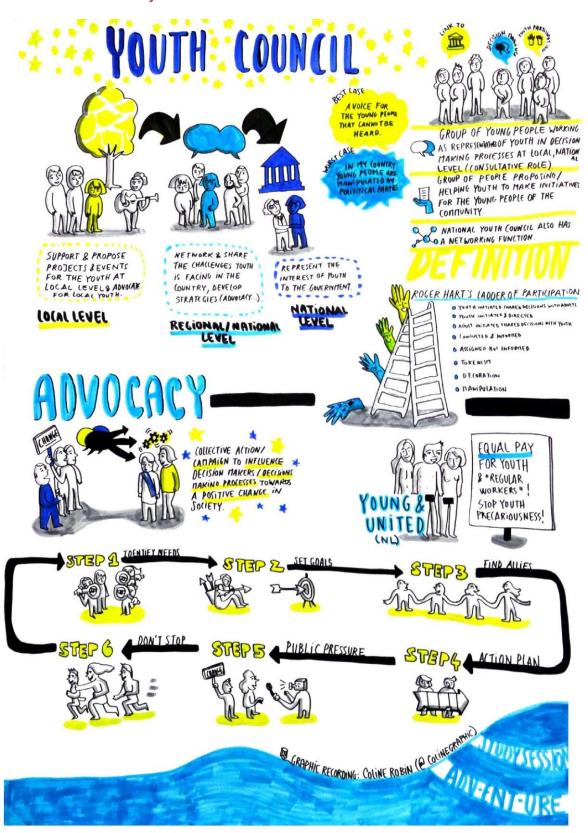


The Youth Council of Strasbourg as a great example of youth participation and advocacy.



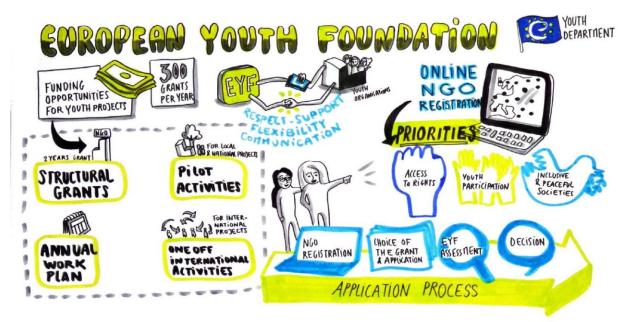
Day 4.

- What is a youth council?
- What is advocacy?



What is the European Youth Foundation and how does it support youth organizations.

> How to advocate for the implementation of the ENTER Recommendations?



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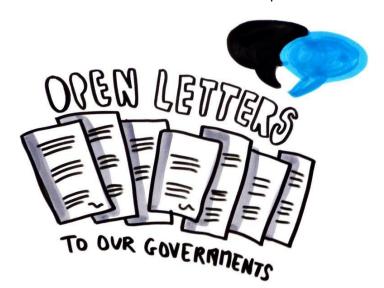


Day 5.

> Development of the advocacy tools

Open letter to Stakeholders (see appendix 4)

Participants created an open letter where they highlight the importance of the ENTER Recommendation, making particular emphasis on the fact that the National authorities must be the ones who should utilize resources and will for its implementation.



Online self-assessment tool for youth organizations (see appendix 5)

Participants developed an online platform that will support youth organizations to self assess how relevant is their work in the field of social rights.



Youth friendly version of the ENTER Recommendation (see appendix 6)

Participants modified the text of the ENTER Recommendation into a more youth friendly language and combined the text with images produced by our graphic facilitator, Coline Robin.

> Presentation of the tools, evaluation and closing.



III. Outcomes of the Study Session

Participants learned about:

- what is advocacy and how to use it for the implementation of the ENTER
 Recommendations
- youth councils how they operate, how young people are taking part in the decisionmaking processes and taking action to stand for their rights
- Social rights and the ENTER Project
- Challenges that young people face when accessing social rights, especially in disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- Good practices to overcome those challenges

The most important outcomes are the three tools the participants developed:

- Open Letter to Stakeholders to make them aware about the ENTER Recommendations; (See Appendix 4)
- Online Assessment Tool for Organisations for organisations to check how close they are working on the topic of improvement on the access to social rights of young people; (see Appendix 5)
- Youth Friendly Version of the ENTER! Recommendation to make the recommendation understandable and useful for young people without any prior knowledge about the recommendations. (See Appendix 6)

All the results of this study session were in line with the second priority of the Youth Department "Promoting young people's access to rights by supporting youth policy and youth work, and facilitating their transition to autonomy, citizenship and their social inclusion".

Adventure contributed in the following way:

- We brought the topic of social rights of young people to local authorities' and national governments' agendas, through the participation of local and national youth councils;
- Social inclusion and social rights of young people are at the core of YSRN's and Y-E-N's work, so these organisations contributed with a lot of relevant experience and expertise to the study session and promoted the topics to youth councils as well as youth organizations.

During the study session we started to shape the understanding of young people and youth workers about social rights. Apart from raising awareness about social rights we equipped young people and youth workers with knowledge and tools about how they could advocate for their rights at local level. The participants, themselves created useful tools that other youth councils and organisations can use in their daily work, focusing on social rights of young people. Therefore, the study session has a direct impact not only on our participants but it we will also have an effect on beneficiaries (young people, youth workers, youth councils, youth organizations) outside of the study session.

IV. Follow up

Y-E-N and Y-SRN will use the Study Session's results in their future international projects. Through utilising the tools developed in the study session participants of future projects will be able to reflect on how organisations work addressing social rights by using the online assessment tool. Participants can also have easier access to the ENTER Recommendation since the language of original text has been simplified and illustrated. Participants can also be inspired by prior actions that have been taken to advocate for social rights (open letter, videos).

Finally, Y-E-N and Y-SRN will provide access to the tools and further information about Study Session's results to their respective network, so the number of member organisations and youth activists will have an opportunity to learn and apply the tools in their practice.

We strongly believe that the participants will apply the developed tools in practice to advocate for the implementation of ENTER Recommendation in their local realities and will Keep Networking!!

Appendix 1

Programme

Arrival day, 12 November 2017			
	Arrival of participants		
19:00	Dinner		
20:00	Registration and collecting travel reimbursement (in the dining hall)		
20:30	Welcome evening (at the Belgian Lounge)		
1 st day	, 13 November 2017		
09.30	Opening and welcome		
	With Tina Mulcahy, Executive direction of the European Youth Centre Strasbourg		
	Introductions and getting to know each other		
	Introduction to the study session		
	Introduction to the Council of Europe's Youth Department		
11:00	Break		
11:30	Fears and Expectations		
13:00	Lunch break		
15:00	Group Building		
16:30	Break		
17:00	Organizational Bazaar		
19:00	Dinner		
21:00	Intercultural Evening		
2 nd day, 14 November 2017			
09.30	Intro to Social Rights		
11:00	Break		
11:30	Challenges from local realities		
13:00	Lunch break		
15:00	Good practices on how to overcome challenges		
16:30	Break		
17:00	The ENTER project!		
19:00	Dinner		
21:00	Free		

3rd day, 15 November 2017

09.30 Intro to the ENTER Recommendations

11:00 Break

11:30	Linking the Recommendation to policies and practices	
13:00	Lunch break	
14:30	Field visit	
	Free evening	
20:30	Dinner in the city	
4 th day, 16 November 2017		
09.30	Role of the Youth Councils	
11:00	Break	
11:30	What makes advocacy effective?	
13:00	Lunch break	
15:00	How to advocate for the ENTER Recommendation (lobbying and campaigning)	
16:30	Break	
17:00	Development of tools	
19:00	Dinner	
21:00	Free	
5 th day, 17 November 2017		
09.30	Development of tools (2 nd part)	
11:00	Break	
12:30	Presentation of tools	
13:00	Lunch break and reimbursement	
15:30	Action plans to advocate for the ENTER recommendations	
17:00	Break	
17:30	Evaluation and Closing	
19:00	Dinner	
21:00	Farewell party	

Departure day, 18 November 2017

Departure of participants

Appendix 2

Aim and Objectives

The aim of this study session is to increase the capacities of youth councils to improve: access on social rights of young people and the implementation of the CM/REC (2015)3 Recommendation.

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Appendix 3.

Participants, Expert, Preparatory Team, and Council of Europe Secretariat

Albania

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Armenia

Kristine KHACHATRYAN, FYCA

Liana GHAZARYAN, Article 3 Club

Mariam MUGHDUSYAN, Culture of Democracy

Austria

Christina GOTSCHHOFER, Bundesjugendvertretung

Azerbaijan

Sara RAJABLI, National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA)

Cyprus

Georgia Eleftheria TSIOLAKKI, Youth Council of Paralimni

Egypt

Eman ELROUBY, Alwan wa Awtar NGO Eslam MAGDY, Alwan wa Awtar NGO

France

Margaux DOS SANTOS, Youth Express Network
Ahlame BOUBAZINE, Youth Council of Strasbourg

Georgia

Nana PERADZE, Gori Youth Movement "Droa"
Salome KURDADZE, "Youth Space"
Tamta KHUTSISHVILI, UN Association of Georgia

Germany

Verena RIEDMILLER, CUBE, Your Take on Europe

Greece

Christos MOGLENIDIS, Active Youth of Florina

Italy

Eva MENICHETTI, Associazione la Stazione

Latvia

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Montenegro

Nikolina BELADA, Youth Council

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Romania

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Russian Federation

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Appendix 4

Open Letter to Stakeholders

Dear Government representative,

We are writing to express our deep concern about protection of social rights and main challenges for young people they are facing in national and local level. Social rights are human rights and have all their characteristics. Social rights are moral, legal or societal rules and an understanding of what is necessary to fulfil people's social needs and to promote social inclusion and social solidarity. Social rights concern how people live and work together and the basic necessities of life. They are based on the ideas of equality and guaranteed access to essential social and economic goods, services, and opportunities.

The Committee of Ministers is the main decision-making body of the Council of Europe. The Committee of Ministers elaborates recommendations for the member states of the Council of Europe on matters that concern human rights, democracy or the rule of law.

It is our pleasure to present you the Recommendation CM/Rec (2015)3 Access of Young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights adopted by the Committee of Ministers of Council of Europe on 21 January 2015.

What is Recommendation CM/Rec (2015)3 about?

Recommendation CM/Rec (2015)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the access to social rights of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods, especially those living in poverty, are more vulnerable to all kinds of risks, including poor physical and mental health, substance abuse, self-harm, violence, discrimination, and exclusion; Recognizing that many young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods are motivated to contribute to the improvement of their own situations and those of their communities; and recognizing the positive role they and their organizations can play for social cohesion. It imposes a clear obligation on local authorities to apply a human rights-based approach to delivering public services within their defined competences.

The Recommendation is focused on:

- Development and implementation sustainable, evidence-based public policies that take into consideration the specific situations and needs of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
- Taking into consideration the measures proposed in the appendix to this recommendation when formulating and implementing policies and programs and encourage local and regional authorities to do the same;

What is the role of the Government in promoting the recommendation?

- To monitor and support governmental institutions (which are focused on protection and development of social right in national and local level) to adopt, advocate and implement ENTER Recommendation,
- 2. To make recommendation and financial input for local authorities to implement local projects and take actions for the access to the social rights of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods;
- 3. To create partnership with national and local youth Non- Governmental organization to promote non-formal education and raise awareness about Social Rights;

How can we support you?

As an organization, we can support by transferring the measures of ENTER Recommendation (2015)3 to the local authorities. In the beginning of co-partnership, we can be educators for the government and co-partners for youth projects. As an organization, we will support you to contact European institutions for: fundraising, human resources and educational materials etc. In our estimation, the implementation of Recommendation RC/Rec (2015)3 will help the governments to raise awareness about social rights, youth work, youth policy, non-formal education, active citizenship. This achievement will give the government possibilities to become young people active contributors to the development of their communities and society.

We want to mention that there are already international networks who are already working on the international level and have multipliers for governments to transfer the ENTER Recommendation, they are Youth Social Rights Network and Youth Express Network.

Youth Social Right Network (YSRN) is an international network working on the improvement of access to social rights for all young people (particularly young people from disadvantaged neighbourhood's deprived of some of the basic necessities and/ or young people facing a variety of disadvantages). The mission of the network is to improve the access to social rights, social inclusion, and participation of young people; (particularly those from disadvantaged neighbourhoods or those facing disadvantage) while protecting young people of all forms of discrimination and violence.

Youth Express Network (Y-E-N) - Y-E-N/R-E-J is a European network of grass-roots youth organizations. The vision of the network is to reach an inclusive society, where young people, their needs and participation are recognized, valued and appreciated. The Vision of Y-E-N as a foundation the values of human and social rights and the principles of non-formal education, active participation, inter-culturally, and needs centred.

From our vision governments have strong power to transfer and implement this document in local area. Protection and spreading of Social Right is very important for us and for every country in the world. All about mentioned, we want to start working with governmental organizations to access young people to social rights. We want from governments side:

- To translate ENTER Recommendation in the appropriate language
- To develop working strategies and action plans (with online, offline or combined character) for implementation of the ENTER Recommendation national and local level.
- To promote Social Right and be a supporter of monitoring

Thank you for consideration.

Kind regards,

(name of organization and signature)

Appendix 5

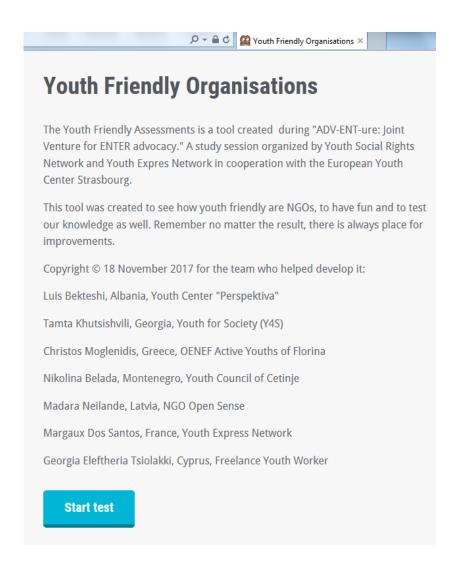
Online Assessment Tool for Youth Organisations

As an outcome of the study session an online tool was created to support a quick reflection and provide additional information to different NGOs regarding their work with young people and on the topic of social rights.

Link to the online assessment tool for youth organisations:

Online Assessment Tool

https://www.onlineassessmenttool.com/youth-friendly-organisations/assessment-80867



Appendix 6

Youth Friendly Version of the ENTER Recommendations

As a result of the study session the participants developed a proposal for youth friendly version of the ENTER Recommendation.

The document is available on: https://rm.coe.int/youth-friendly-enter-rec/16809e80dd