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FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME ON CO-OPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION  
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
AND  
THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH POLICY FOR 2020-2023

## **Introduction**

The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (hereinafter: the Ministry) and the Council of Europe (hereinafter: the CoE), named together as the Parties,

reaffirming their commitments to the shared values and principles of human rights, democracy and the rule of law;

seeking to develop current and future forms of mutually beneficial and equal cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe in the field of youth policy;

based on the experience of the Council of Europe in the youth field as well as its standards and instruments;

taking into account the priorities and practices of the youth policy agenda of the Russian Federation;

striving to enhance the development of youth policy and youth work in the Russian Federation;

bearing in mind the positive results the Framework programmes for cooperation in the field of youth policy for 2006-2008, 2008-2013 and 2014-2019;

in line with the Council of Europe mid-term youth sector strategy 2030 adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 22 January 2020;

recalling the Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on issues relating to young people, notably the recommendations on access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights [CM/Rec(2015)3], on young people's access to rights [CM/Rec(2016)7], on youth work [CM/Rec(2017)4] and on supporting young refugees in transition to adulthood [CM/Rec(2019)4] and the Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education [CM/Rec(2010)7];

seeking to intensify the co-operation and ensure the communication and co-ordination of actions on issues of mutual interest;

bearing in mind the principles and role of the co-management system of the Council of Europe youth sector;

mindful of the legal frameworks of the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe norms regulating the activities in the field of youth policy;

deciding to establish a new Framework Programme on Co-operation for enhanced partnership and dialogue

Have reached the following understanding:

### **Article 1. Aims and priority areas of cooperation**

- 1.1. The Framework Programme aims to support the further development of youth policy in the Russian Federation, the co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy and the participation of the Russian Federation in the Council of Europe youth sector work.
- 1.2. These aims will be pursued by creating favourable conditions for the direct involvement of young people, youth organisations and youth work specialists, as well as for the

development of young people, their self-fulfilment and the forging of democratic citizenship.

1.3 The Parties will cooperate to achieve progress in the following areas:

- a) Development and active support of quality youth work within the implementation of youth policy at federal, regional and local levels;
- b) Development of training and capacity-building activities for youth workers and youth leaders;
- c) Strengthening the partnerships between representatives of youth non-governmental organisations and of authorities in charge of youth policy at federal, regional and local levels;
- d) Acquainting young people with opportunities to access to human rights education in accordance with generally recognised international standards and with the Council of Europe approaches in the youth field;
- e) Promoting the development of active citizenship among young people and increasing the level of youth participation in socially significant decision-making processes;
- f) Promotion of education and awareness-raising enabling young people to access their rights and accept responsibility;
- g) Development of intercultural dialogue, including its interreligious dimension, inter-ethnic unity and social cohesion among young people in society;
- h) Improvement of the quality of activities held within the youth field;
- i) Support to youth projects aimed at the learning and promotion of the Russian language among European youth and other European languages – in the Russian Federation;
- j) Development of mutual understanding in approaches for remembrance activities with young people;
- k) Enhancing opportunities for the participation of young leaders and activists from the Russian Federation in multilateral activities, and particularly in flagship activities of the Council of Europe youth sector;
- l) Improvement of responses of both Parties in reacting jointly to current and future challenges and issues related to the lives of young people in Europe;
- m) Strengthening of the study of the Council of Europe youth sector's standards and publications for youth policy stakeholders and youth organisations from the Russian Federation as well as the work and opportunities of the European Youth Foundation.

## **Article 2. Working methods**

- 2.1 The Parties shall form a Management Committee (hereinafter: the Committee) for the preparation and monitoring of the Action plan (hereinafter: the Action Plan).
- 2.2 The Committee shall prepare and adopt an annual Action Plan formed of joint projects and activities for each upcoming period.

- 2.3 Where necessary, the Committee shall make changes and additions to the Action Plan in place.
- 2.4 The Committee shall conduct evaluations of activities of the Action plan.  
The Parties shall carry out joint activities in line with the priority areas for cooperation listed in the Article 1 of this Framework Programme, by implementing the Action Plan.
- 2.5 Action plan activities may take place in the Russian Federation, in other Council of Europe member States, or in any other country agreed by the Parties.

### **Article 3. Principles and types of the Action Plan activities**

- 3.1 When devising the annual Action Plans the Committee shall:
- a) follow the areas of common interests of youth policy of the Russian Federation and youth policy at the Council of Europe;
  - b) proceed on the basis of the requirements and initiatives of both Parties;
  - c) determine the order of priority of the activities, taking into account the specificities of long-term projects and systemic activities;
  - d) consider the funding available within the limits of the budget capabilities of both Parties in accordance with Article 5 of this Framework Programme.
- 3.2 The Parties shall:
- a) Implement joint activities aimed at exchanges of experience in the youth policy field with the involvement of both Parties' experts in the spheres of legislation, information exchange, youth self-governance and co-management system;
  - b) Organise exchanges, traineeships, training courses, seminars, conferences, forums and other activities in the field of youth policy and youth work;
  - c) Hold joint educational activities for representatives of non-governmental youth organisations and state and local authorities in charge of youth policy in order to develop and strengthen the partnership between them;
  - d) Support the studies and research to promote the development of innovations and effectiveness of youth policy;
  - e) Encourage the participation of young people, youth organisations, youth policy makers and youth workers from the Russian Federation in multilateral activities held by the Council of Europe youth sector;
  - f) Exchange and disseminate the publications and educational resources related to this Framework Programme priorities and activities.

### **Article 4. Management and decision-making**

- 4.1 The Committee shall comprise number of representatives of each Party.  
Committee members from the Russian Federation shall comprise representatives of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs and the National Youth Council of Russia.

Committee members from the Council of Europe shall comprise representatives of the Council of Europe Secretariat and representatives of the Joint Council on Youth.

The parties may co-opt by common agreement additional members for specific meetings or points under discussion.

- 4.2 The Committee shall be chaired in turn by representatives of the Ministry and the Council of Europe.
- 4.3 All decisions taken within the Committee shall be agreed by consensus.
- 4.4 The Committee shall meet at least once a year.
- 4.5 The Committee meetings shall be held alternatively in the Russian Federation and the Council of Europe official premises in France or Hungary, or any other country – by mutual agreement of the Parties.

#### **Article 5. Funding sources**

- 5.1 Each Party shall finance projects, subject to the availability of human and financial resources and in line with Russian Federation legislation and Council of Europe norms and its budget and programmes.
- 5.2 Each Party shall manage and allocate their budget and financial resources independently. Each Party is separately and individually liable for expenses and reimbursement incurred in the implementation of the activities carried out, unless expressly agreed otherwise.
- 5.3 The payment, reimbursement and disbursement by the Parties or to third parties shall be carried out through a contract, in accordance with the rules and regulations applicable to each Party.
- 5.4 Each Party may exercise independent supervision of the resources it allocates to activities carried out under the present Co-operation Framework Programme.
- 5.5 Each of the Parties shall independently determine the currency of fulfilment of financial obligations projects implemented under this Framework Program in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the norms of the Council of Europe.

#### **Article 6. Amendment and termination**

- 6.1 The present Framework Programme may be amended at any time by mutual agreement. The amendment shall enter into force once both Parties have consented to the modification in writing.
- 6.2 The present Framework Programme may be terminated by the consent of both Parties.
- 6.3 Any joint activities not completed by the time the present Framework Programme is terminated may be continued until completion by agreement of the Parties in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Programme.

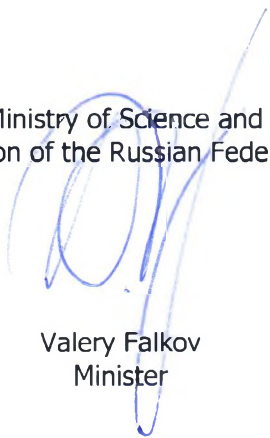
**Article 7. Entry into force and duration**

- 7.1 The present Framework Programme shall enter into force on the day of its signature by both Parties and shall be applicable for 4 (four) years. Either Party may terminate the present Framework Programme at any time by sending written notice thereof to the other Party no less than six months before the intended date of termination.

**Article 8. Signature**


Signed in \_\_\_\_\_, on «20» December 2020 in two copies, each in Russian and English.

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