



Framework Programme for
Cooperation in the field of Youth Policy between the Ministry of
Youth and Sports of Ukraine and the Council of Europe
for 2021-2025

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The Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine and the Council of Europe, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

Recalling that cooperation in the field of youth policy between the Council of Europe and the state authority responsible for the implementation of youth policy in Ukraine began in the late 1990s. The cooperation reached a peak in Kyiv, in October 2008 when the Council of Europe held the 8th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth;

Recalling that in 2012 a Framework Programme for Co-operation in the sphere of youth policy for 2012 and 2013 was signed and successfully implemented within the framework of the Council of Europe 2011-2014 Action Plan for Ukraine “A Partnership for Reform”;

Noting that within this programme an international review of the national youth policy in Ukraine was carried out in 2012 and strengthened the strategic role of the cooperation;

Recalling that in 2014 a new Framework Programme was agreed for 2014 and 2015. The implementation of that programme was marked by political transitions in Ukraine and by the commitment of the Joint Council on Youth to support young people and youth policy developments in Ukraine;

Recalling that in 2016 a new Framework Programme was agreed for 2016-2020. Its implementation contributed to the reform and development of youth policy in Ukraine;

Recalling that in 2020 the project “Youth for Democracy in Ukraine” was introduced as new milestone in bilateral cooperation in the field of youth policy; the project is funded and implemented within the framework of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2022;

Noting the need to articulate the role of the Framework Programme with youth policy reforms in Ukraine, notably the National strategy of the State Youth Policy 2030, the State Target Social Programme “Youth of Ukraine” 2021-2025, stressing the importance of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030, and in order to gain efficiency in its implementation;

Agree as follows:

1. Purpose and Principles of the Framework Programme

1.1. The purpose of this Framework Programme (hereinafter referred to as “the Programme”) is to contribute to the implementation of new legislation in the field of youth policy and development of youth policy in Ukraine. The Programme will do so by prioritising action in the following 3 (three) areas:

- Education for human rights and democratic citizenship (youth participation, democratic governance, human rights education, etc.);
- Strengthening youth work policies and practices, supporting the recognition of youth worker as a profession (development of a qualification framework and a professional standard); and
- Improving the quality of youth work in youth centres, supporting the development of youth centers.

1.2. The specific objectives and activities of the Programme will be organised so as to support or complement the implementation of the State Target Social Programme “Youth of Ukraine” for 2021-2025.

2. Mean of Cooperation

- 2.1. The Programme will reinforce the possibilities provided to Ukrainian youth by all the instruments of the Youth Department, including the European Youth Foundation and the programme of the European Youth Centres.
- 2.2. The Programme will complement projects carried out by the youth sector within the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine (“the Action Plan”). The activities under the Programme are therefore aimed at correlating and adding to the Action Plan.
- 2.3. In implementing the Programme, in line with the gender equality policy of the Council of Europe, a gender equality approach will be applied, and relevant gender issues addressed in the activities agreed to under the Action Plans.
- 2.4. The activities in the Programme should reflect quality standards for activities in the Youth Department, notably those related to intercultural learning and non-formal education.
- 2.5. When deciding the activities to be carried out under the Action Plans, meaningful youth participation in the Programme should be secured, either by direct participation or consultation.
- 2.6. The pluralism, geographical and cultural diversity of youth organisations and movements will be considered in all activities. Particular attention will be paid to the role of youth organisations in promoting good governance.
- 2.7. The Programme activities should seek to impact multipliers and actors of change in their areas of competence while promoting youth mobility, exchanges, and cooperation with other partners across Europe.

3. Implementation of the Framework Programme

- 3.1. A Management Committee shall be set up to plan and review the implementation of the Programme.
- 3.2. The Management Committee will prepare two-year Action Plans reflecting their respective priorities, and will review their implementation throughout their duration.
- 3.3. The Management Committee shall meet at least once a year. Additional meetings shall be held as agreed by both Parties.
- 3.4. Each Party will, prior to each meeting, appoint up to 6 (six) representatives, including, for the Council of Europe, representatives of the Joint Council on Youth and the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine. The participation of representatives of Ukrainian youth organisations or platforms should be made possible by both Parties. Decisions made in the Management Committee shall be taken by consensus of both Parties’ representatives.
- 3.5. The Programme preparation and implementation will respect the principles and role of co-management in place in the youth sector of the Council of Europe and in particular the competences of the Joint Council on Youth and the Programming Committee on Youth.

3.6. Activities to be carried out under the Programme will be chosen by the Management Committee. The modalities, organisation and specific working methods relating to each will be determined by the Management Committee. In addition, the Management Committee may, in the context of implementing or co-organising specific activities, decide to delegate to, or to invite, third parties.

4. Funding

4.1. The Programme shall not entail the commitment of any funds. Each Party shall finance projects, subject to the availability of human and financial resources and in line with both Parties' budgets and programmes.

4.2. Each Party shall manage and allocate their budget and financial resources independently. Each Party is separately and individually liable for expenses incurred in the implementation of the activities carried out.

5. Disclosure of Information

5.1. The Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine is informed and gives an authorisation of disclosure of all relevant terms of this Framework Programme for the purposes of internal and external audit and to the Committee of Ministers and to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe with a view to these latter discharging their statutory functions, as well as for the purpose of meeting the publication and transparency requirements of the Council of Europe or its donors.

6. Amendment and Termination

6.1. The Programme may be amended at any time by mutual agreement. The amendment will become effective once both Parties have consented to the modification in writing.

6.2. The Programme may be terminated by consent of both Parties or by either Party at any time by sending written notice thereof to the other Party no later than six (6) months before the intended date of termination.

6.3. In case of non-compliance by one of the Parties or inability to pursue the cooperation, either party may terminate the Programme by giving written notice to the other Party.

7. Settlement of Disputes

7.1. In case of any dispute or difference between the Parties arising from the validity, interpretation or implementation of the terms of the Programme arising out of or relating to the interpretation or application of any provision therein, will be settled it amicably by mutual agreement.

8. Signature, Entry into Operation and Duration

- 8.1. The Programme will enter into operation upon signature of this Programme and will be applicable from January 2021 to 31 December 2025 or until its valid termination.
- 8.2. The duration of the Programme may be prolonged for up to one year by written mutual agreement between the Parties.
- 8.3. Signed in Kyiv and Strasbourg, on the 12 of July 2021 in Ukrainian and English, in two copies. In the case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of Youth
and Sports of Ukraine**



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**For the Council of Europe on behalf of
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