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To youth organisations interested in cooperating with the Council of Europe youth sector

We are pleased to inform you that the process for applications for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres as part of the Youth for Democracy programme in the second semester of 2024 is now open. These activities concern, for the main part, study sessions and “special projects”. The specific conditions and criteria for the activities are appended to this message, together with an application form.

The programme of activities for 2024 will be run according to the priorities and programme orientations decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the period 2022 – 2025. Accordingly, we invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following expected results:

1. Revitalising pluralistic democracy

- Youth participation: implementation of the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life, and addressing the impact of socio-economic inequalities and injustice on youth political participation

2. Young people’s access to rights

- Access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights - implementation of the ENTER! Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2015\)3](#);
- Human rights education with young people;
- Information, data and media literacy with children and young people

3. Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies

Combating all forms of discrimination, racism and exclusion, including structural forms, with a specific focus on:

- Roma youth participation and combating antigypsyism;
- Social inclusion of young refugees and migrants;
- Peace building and conflict transformation

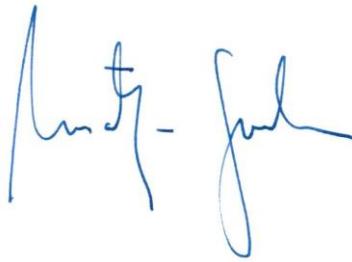
4. Youth work:

- Quality in youth work (dissemination and implementation of Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2017\)4](#) on youth work and promoting a European youth work agenda);
- Quality and methodologies in non-formal education

More details about specific issues addressed under each priority can be found in this [page with the 2022-25 priorities](#). For the Council of Europe, study sessions represent an important way of associating young people to Youth for Democracy programme and a concrete means of support to youth organisations and networks, notably by covering the costs of the activity and providing educational support.

Youth organisations and networks intending to apply for a study session for the second semester of 2024 should send their application by **15 October 2023** to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.

Thank you in advance for your support and interest in cooperating with the Council of Europe.

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