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To youth organisations 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 in the first semester of 2020 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 2020 will be run according to the priorities and programme orientations decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the biennium 2020-2021. Accordingly, we invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following expected results:

- 1. Access to rights:** Young people and youth organisations have been supported in accessing their rights and in advocating education for human rights and democracy.
- 2. Youth participation and youth work:** Youth organisations and member states have been supported in the development of youth policy and youth work for the democratic participation and autonomy of young people.
- 3. Inclusive and peaceful societies:** Youth workers and youth organisations have been supported in their work on peacebuilding and social cohesion to prevent and combat discrimination and exclusion.

More details about specific issues addressed under each priority can be found at <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/priorities> and in the application form.

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 first semester of 2020 should send their application by **1 April 2019** to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.



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