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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 2021 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 2021 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

- One study session on implementing the Committee of Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights;
- One study session on continuing the Human Rights Education Youth Programme, including information and media literacy with children and young people;
- One study session on shrinking civic spaces for young people and youth organisations.

2. Youth participation and youth work

- One study session on political youth participation and freedom of association;
- One study session on youth participation based on the Revised European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life;
- One study session on quality and methodology of non-formal education in youth organisations activities

3. Inclusive and peaceful societies

- Two study sessions on gender equality with an intersectional approach;
- Two study sessions on Roma youth participation with an intersectional approach;
- Two study sessions on social inclusion of refugees and migrants.

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 2021 should send their application by **15 October 2020** to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.

We hope that the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will allow us to implement the 2021 programme according to expectations so the European Youth Centres can fully play their role as educational institutions for intercultural learning, European cooperation and youth participation. Please visit regularly our internet site for updates www.coe.int/youth

In case of doubt or in need of advice, please contact my colleagues in the Youth Department at eyc.studysessions@coe.int

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Rothemund', written in a cursive style.

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