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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 2022 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 2022 will be run according to the priorities and programme orientations decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the biennium 2022 – 2023 (subject to approval by the Committee of Ministers). Accordingly, we invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following expected results:

1. Revitalising pluralistic democracy

- One study session on the right to freedom of assembly and association
- One study session on participation of youth from rural areas, minorities, or vulnerable groups
- One study session on youth participation on mitigating the impact of the climate crisis and environmental degradation on young people and democracy.

2. Young people's access to rights

- Two study sessions on access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

3. Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies:

- One study session on combating racism and discrimination
- Two study sessions on gender equality with an intersectional approach
- One study session on Roma youth participation.

4. Youth work

- Two study sessions on quality and methodologies in non-formal education.

More details about specific issues addressed under each priority can be found in the [document with the 2022-23 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 an activity for the second semester of 2022 should send their application by **15 October 2021** to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.

We hope that the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will allow us to implement the 2022 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. 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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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