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

I am pleased to inform you that the process for applications for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centre as part of the Youth for Democracy programme in the second semester of 2025 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 2025 will be run according to the priorities and programme orientations decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the period 2024 – 2027. Accordingly, we invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following expected results:

1. Revitalising pluralistic democracy, with the following orientations:

- Advocating for and advancing young people’s participation in political processes;
- Addressing the impact of climate crisis and environmental degradation on young people and democracy.

2. Young people’s access to rights, with the following orientations:

- Implementing the Committee of Ministers’ Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)7](#) on young people’s access to rights;
- Facilitating the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights ([Enter! Recommendation](#)) ;
- Citizenship and [human rights education with young people](#) (implementing the Council of Europe Charter on EDC/HRE);
- Supporting young people's rights to live in sustainable societies and to benefit from a healthy environment.

3. Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies, with the following orientations:

- Combating all forms of discrimination, racism and exclusion, including structural forms, with a specific focus on Roma youth participation and combating antigypsyism.

4. Youth work, with the following programme orientations:

- Quality development and methodologies in youth work and non-formal education/ learning;
- Support to youth work in war zones and areas of conflict;
- Enhancing the inclusion and participation of young people in rural communities.

More details about specific issues addressed under each priority can be found in this [page with the 2024-2027 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.

The Council of Europe welcomes applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

Youth organisations and networks intending to apply for a study session for the second semester of 2025 should send their application by **15 October 2024** to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Flessenkemper', is positioned above the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'F'.

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