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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 Centre in Strasbourg or Budapest as part of the Youth for Democracy programme in the second semester of 2026 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 2026 will be run according to the priorities and programme orientations decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the period 2024 – 2027, including the [New Democratic Pact for Europe](#). Accordingly, we invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following expected results:

1. Revitalising pluralistic democracy, with the following orientation:

- 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).

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:

- a specific focus on Roma youth participation and combating antigypsyism;
- social inclusion of young refugees and their transition from childhood to adulthood.

4. Youth work, with the following programme orientations:

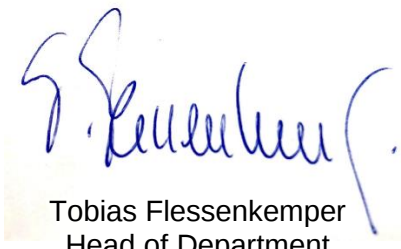
- Quality development and methodologies in youth work and non-formal education/learning;
- Dissemination and implementation of Committee of Ministers' Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2017\)4](#) on youth work and follow-up to its review.

More details about specific issues addressed under each priority can be found in this [document with the 2024-2027 priorities](#) as well as in the application form.

For the Council of Europe, study sessions and “special projects” represent an important way of associating young people to the 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 2026 should send their application by **15 October 2025** 23:59 CET to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.

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



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