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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 2023 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 2023 will be run according to the priorities and programme orientations decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the period 2022 – 2025. Accordingly, we invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following priorities:

### **1 Revitalising pluralistic democracy**

- Study sessions on the right to freedom of assembly and association
- Study sessions 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**

- Study sessions on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (ENTER! Recommendation)
- Study sessions on human rights education with young people (continuing the Human Rights Education Youth Programme)
- Study sessions on addressing the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people’s access to rights, including physical and mental health.

### **3 Living together in peaceful and inclusive societies**

- Study sessions on Roma youth participation and combating antigypsyism
- Study sessions on combating racism and discrimination
- Study sessions on gender equality with an intersectional approach

### **4 Youth work:**

- Study sessions on quality in youth work;
- Study sessions on quality and methodologies in non-formal education and learning

More details about specific issues addressed under each priority can be found in this page with the [2022-2025 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 a study session for the second; semester of 2023 should send their application by **15 October 2022** to [eyc.studysessions@coe.int](mailto:eyc.studysessions@coe.int).

We hope that the restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will allow us to implement the 2023 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](mailto:eyc.studysessions@coe.int)

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



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