

# News 2013

## CALL for trainers and coordinator!



**Strasbourg, 5 December 2013**

From 11 to 14 March 2014, the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe is organising a meeting with representatives of youth NGOs experienced in running youth projects.

This training is the second of its kind and builds on the previous experiences gained during the EYF reloaded seminar in 2013. Since then the new regulations, system and website have been launched and youth NGOs, as well as the EYF Secretariat, were able to gain first experiences and to get familiar with the new framework.

The seminar will focus on analysing this first period to further establish, define and strengthen the new way of working together.

Therefore the EYF is looking for 1 co-ordinator and 1 trainer from the youth sector to be involved in the "EYF (R)evolution – It all starts with You(th)" seminar.

If you are interested in this opportunity and you have a good knowledge of the work implemented by the youth sector of the Council of Europe as well as the role of the EYF within this framework – this invitation is for you.

In this case please read carefully the call including the profile of the co-ordinator as well as the trainer. If you think you are the right person for one of the two alternatives, please fill in the application form and send it with a CV to [eyf@coe.int](mailto:eyf@coe.int) by 6 January 2014 at the latest.

[Application form](#)    [Call for a coordinator and trainer](#)

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## Programming Committee on Youth Meeting



**Strasbourg, 28 November 2013**

The Programming Committee on Youth will meet in Strasbourg on 5 and 6 December. On these dates, decisions will be taken regarding the NGOs' grant applications.

In total, 141 applications will be examined.

- 25 grant applications for work plans
- 54 grant applications for international activities
- 40 grant applications for structural grants
- 22 grant applications for study sessions

Shortly after the meeting, NGOs will be contacted with the final decision of the Programming Committee on Youth.

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## World Forum of Democracy - 23 to 29 November 2013

**Strasbourg, 21 of November 2013**

### Re-wiring Democracy: connecting institutions and citizens in the digital age

Social networks, blogs, and online media offer citizens access to public life in an unprecedentedly direct way. Is the internet revolutionising democratic practice?



This topical question will be raised this year during the World Forum for Democracy, organised by the Council of Europe with the support of the French government, the Alsace Region and the City of Strasbourg.

Over the past few years, internet has become a stimulating space for democratic innovation. Every day, participatory websites are created by parliaments, governments and local authorities, allowing citizens to contribute directly to decision-making processes, to debate political options in real-time, and thus to influence the decisions

made by their representatives. Is this an answer to the so-called 'crisis of politics' which manifests itself through citizens' disaffection from political parties and representative institutions?

Members of civil society, elected officials, political leaders, journalists, **as well as 40 youth representatives** from more than 100 countries will come together in Strasbourg for the second edition of the World Forum for Democracy.

The European Youth Foundation has therefore selected 40 youth representatives to ensure a youth perspective throughout the debates which will focus on whether these new online forms of public participation should be simply considered as technological advances or if they demand, on the contrary, to re-define democracy? The rapid growth of internet challenges the traditional functioning of representative democracy, but does it lay the foundations of a "democracy 2.0"? Do our institutions, political parties and modes of political participation need to be reshaped accordingly?

### World Forum for Democracy Trailer



[Video](#)

## Training course on Respect in the virtual and social space



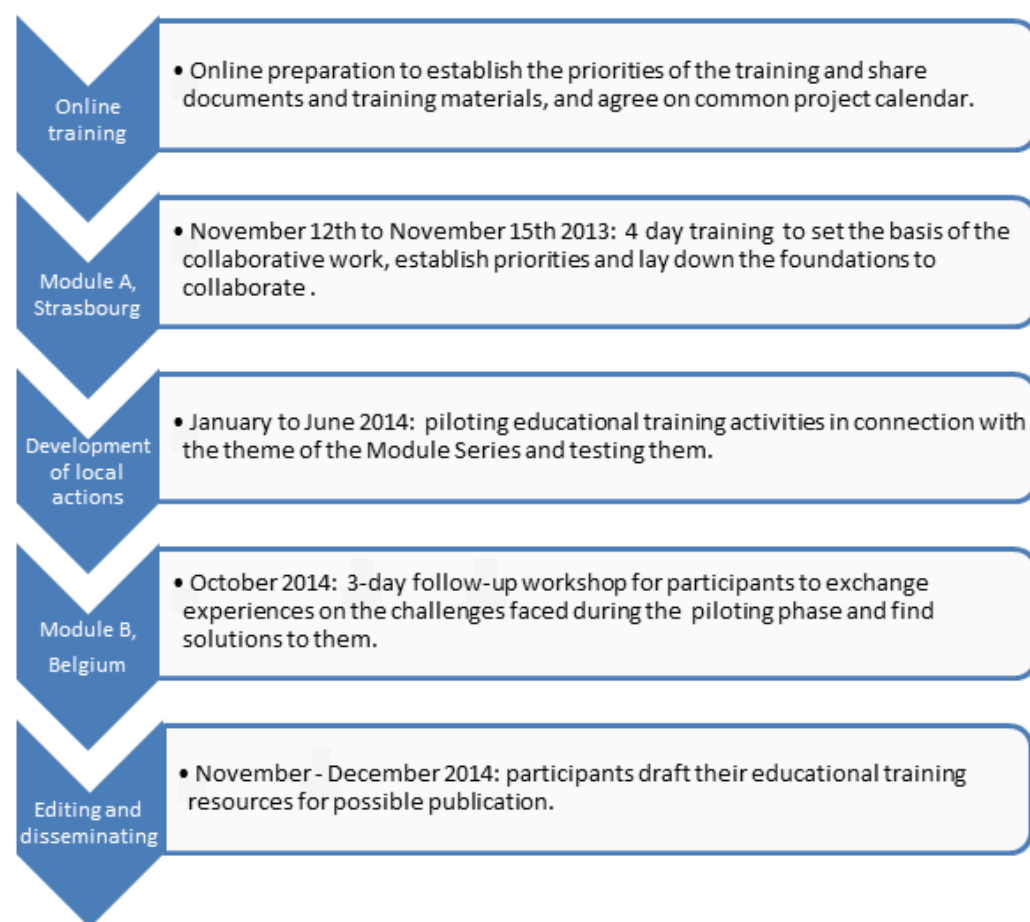
### Strasbourg, 21 of November 2013

The long-term training course "Respect and responsible attitudes in the virtual and social space" is a first-time cooperation between the European Youth Foundation and the Pestalozzi programme of the Council of Europe, linking teacher trainers, adult educators and youth leaders. The course for educational practitioners runs over 18 months and is made up of two face-to-face modules and of online cooperation and support.

Within the framework of the training course the participants explore the role which educational practitioners can play to develop the kind of responsible attitudes and behaviour in the virtual social space, based on the values of human rights, which are an essential framework for living together in democracy and diversity. Moreover the course offers the opportunity to learn together as well as to plan and carry out collaborative and transversal educational projects.

The long-term training course consists in:





**So far, the online training and Module A have already taken place with great success!** The 4 day training from 12 – 15 November took place in the European Youth Center and was an enriching experience for all those involved.

We would like to thank all our partners as well as the participants for making this possible and look forward to finding out how the educational actions have been carried out locally.



## The EYF Staff has a message for you!



### Strasbourg, 13 November 2013

Over the past 2 years the EYF has been changing its approach and tools.

To illustrate this, we have created **4 short videos** focusing on:

- What EYF is
- What is unique about the EYF
- A message from the EYF Staff

- The EYF Reloaded seminar in 2013

You can watch them by [clicking here](#). We encourage you to subscribe to the EYF Youtube channel to stay up to date with our video uploads.

A big thank you to our partners, friends and colleagues, who made this possible!



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## New 2013 EYF leaflets available



leaflet in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#).

We have also updated the **PowerPoint on EYF**. It is available in the EYF Resources section of the Website. You may download the presentation to use it for EYF projects.

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**Strasbourg, 25 October 2013**

To keep you informed of our latest news and priorities, we have **updated the leaflet** presenting the EYF with recent facts and our new visual identity.

For example, did you know that the EYF supports 300 grants involving over 15,000 young people a year? More than 370,000 young Europeans have benefited directly from EYF-funded projects.

For more details on EYF support and news, feel free to download the

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## The EYF game is now available in 2 more languages!



**Strasbourg, 11 October 2013**

In 2012 the European Youth Foundation celebrated its 40th anniversary, 40 years of supporting European youth NGOs, 40 years of working with you! On this occasion and in order to promote our common work among young people and youth NGOs across Council of Europe member states, **we created an anniversary box** which will be of use to all of us and a reminder of our shared values and beliefs.

The anniversary box contains **a perpetual calendar with photos from EYF-supported** activities (so you can use it for many years to come) and **a game about the EYF** and its context in the Council of Europe and the Youth Department.

The game is now available in 3 languages: **English, Italian and Bulgarian**.

A big **thank you** to our partners, friends and colleagues, who made this possible!

*You will find the game and translations on the EYF website section Resources/EYF materials.*

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## Head of EYF visits the Republic of Serbia



**Strasbourg, 11 October 2013**

Since the launch of the online system and for the first time this year, **Jean-Claude Lazaro** - Head of the European Youth Foundation - visited **Belgrade** (the Republic of Serbia).

Mr Lazaro was invited to attend the **"Info days" on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September**, meeting organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia. He was joined by **Mr Vanja Udovicic**, Minister of Youth and Sport and **Ms Antje Rothmund**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade.

The "Info Days" focused on presenting the Council of Europe youth sector and the European Youth Foundation, particularly the new online system, new rules and website, to Serbian youth NGOs attending the event.

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# Suspected fraud cases at EYF

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Strasbourg, 11 October 2013

## Suspected fraud cases at EYF

In its effort to become increasingly transparent while also aiming for more effective use and impact of grants, the European Youth Foundation would like to inform its stakeholders (Council of Europe member States, NGOs and members of the statutory organs) of **serious irregularities** revealed by the Secretariat when analysing the financial documentation submitted by some youth organisations.

The irregularities discovered relate to the presentation of false statements or documents and resulted in the **misappropriation of EYF funds** (approximately € 50,000) **by 12 NGOs** from certain member States, out of total 700 grants, given to approximately 500 NGOs.

## Zero Tolerance

The EYF will pursue a policy of zero tolerance and is **determined to fight fraud** and other irregularities. Local authorities have been informed and asked to investigate cases in which there appear to have been cases of fraud.

## Strengthening fraud control

EYF has strengthened its management of grants by taking the following decisions:

- **reviewing** the Operational Regulations of the European Youth Foundation (as from 1 January 2013): **article 31** and **article 32** address issues related to obligations, sanctions and reimbursement;
- **informing** the representative of the country concerned in the CDEJ and consulting with the National Youth Council (when existing) in respect of suspected fraud cases in that country;
- field **monitoring**: unannounced visits to projects;
- **cooperating** closely with local authorities if/when needed: authorities will not be asked to supervise the work of NGOs or audit their financial activities but are asked to investigate whether documents submitted are in compliance with domestic law and in case of **suspected fraud**, bring the facts to the attention of the Public Prosecutor's Office with a view to launching a criminal investigation.

## Sanctions applied in case of fraud

1. **Grant reimbursement in full** due to fraud.
2. **Exclusion** of NGO from application process (suspension of the right to submit applications for financial support for all those who have been proven to have committed acts of fraud).
3. **Warning given** to youth NGOs, private and public donors, national governments and other stakeholders about defrauding NGOs.

## Impact of fraud

Some of the **impacts** of fraud:

- loss of **reputation**;
- loss of **funding**;
- loss of **trust**;
- loss of **credibility**;
- perceived lack of **accountability**;
- perceived lack of **transparency**.

**Fraud** is especially **harmful for the NGO sector** as credibility is one of its main mechanisms for functioning.

In the European Youth Foundation's case, fraud can have a snowball effect, affecting everyone. For this reason we ask all our beneficiaries, partners and friends to come forward and directly contact us, if aware of any cases of suspected fraud.

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## Joint Council on Youth meeting

Strasbourg, 11 October 2013

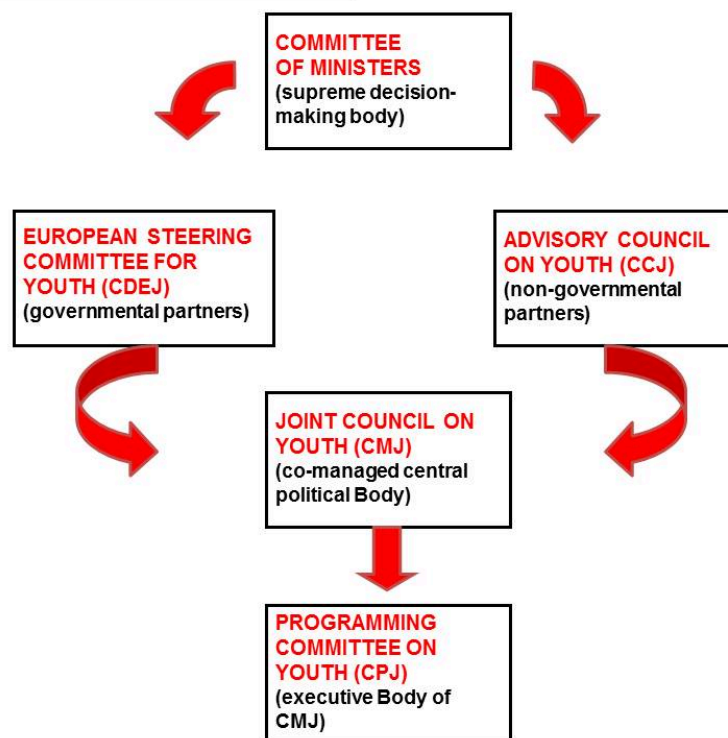




The **29th Joint Council on Youth meeting** will take place in Strasbourg, at the European Youth Centre, **14-16 October**.

The Joint Council on Youth is a co-decision body which establishes the **youth sector's priorities, objectives and budgets**.

For more information on the decision-making process and structures system see [here](#).



## Update 1 October applications deadline



networks, regional NGOs and networks and national NGOs), as the next EYF deadline is 1 April 2014 and priority is being given to organisations having **respected the 1 October 2013 deadline**.

Registration for local NGOs will continue, along with applications for pilot activities. See updated news on **pilot activities notably for the 2014 priorities**. The update will be available online on the **16<sup>th</sup> of October 2013**.

### Strasbourg, 2 October 2013

NGOs that have encountered technical issues with the online system while uploading their online applications should seek assistance today **2<sup>nd</sup> of October** and on the **3<sup>rd</sup> of October** in the afternoon

The EYF team will be available for questions **only** today in the afternoon (14:00-17:00 CET) and tomorrow afternoon (3 October), between 14:00 and 17:00 CET (Ph: +33 (0)3 88 41 20 19).

All new NGO registrations are on hold (international NGOs and

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**Deadline: 9 August 2013**

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## Applications for 2014 - Work plan



**Strasbourg, 26 September 2013**

### What is a work plan?

It is a set of successive activities, interconnected and which contribute to the same broader purpose.

It is useful to look at the "flow" of the various actions:

- either chronologically: individual activities are then linked to each other, feed off and feed into each other (content-wise, through the participants and/or multipliers, towards one common result)
- or transversally: individual activities all follow a particular angle and/or tool that at the end will allow a broader result. (The word "flow" can then be translated into "link"). They no longer flow into each other, but are still linked to each other.

Here are some examples: you have different lines of action but would like to intensify the training element in each, or would like to introduce gender mainstreaming as a transversal element, or would like to work more specifically on "participation" with various topics.

In other words, it is one big action broken up in different phases or steps that all bring you to the ultimate point and tie together at the end.

For more information [click here](#).

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## 1 October deadline: update priorities 2014-2015

**YOUTH SECTOR  
PRIORITIES**



**PRIORITÉS SECTEUR  
JEUNESSE**

**Strasbourg, 26 September 2013**

In order to obtain the EYF's support, it is essential that your project falls within the Council of Europe's values and work, and the priorities of the Youth Sector for [2014-2015](#) (revised document 12 September 2013).

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## Start date Feb 2014: for all new pilot activity applications



**Strasbourg, 26 September 2013**

In 2013, the EYF will concentrate on pilot activity applications that address challenges affecting young people at local level, based on innovation or replication (of best practices for example) and having clear links to and an impact on the local context. Applications must be submitted at least **three months before** the beginning of the activity. The Programming Committee on Youth takes decisions on pilot activities every 2-3 months.

- The first, second and third rounds of decisions were taken in June,

July and September.



- A fourth and final round of decisions concerning pilot activities starting before the end of 2013 will be taken around the 20th of October.

Applications received after the 22nd of September will concern pilot activities taking place in 2014.

As the decision of the committee will be communicated to organisations during January 2014, **we advise you to plan your activity as from February 2014.**

## EYF structural grants: update September



Strasbourg, 26 September 2013

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013**

### **1. 2-year structural grant for international non-governmental youth organisations or networks**

The grant will be awarded in principle for two years (2014-2015), with a confirmation after one year on the basis of an interim report. Maximum grant for one year: € 25,000.

To be eligible, you must:

- have a European structure or secretariat
- have had at least 3 international activities during the previous 3 years (EYF grants or EYC study sessions)

If you miss out on this opportunity **1 October 2013** you will have to wait for the next deadline in **2 years' time.**

The next deadline for a 2-year structural grant is **1 October 2015**, for the years **2016-2017.**

### **2. One-off structural grant for regional networks**

This grant is for one year and cannot be renewed. Its aim is to help networks build up a European structure. Maximum grant for one year: € 10,000.

To be eligible, you must:

- be active in at least 4 and not more than 6 Council of Europe member states
- have had at least 3 international activities during the previous 3 years (EYF grants or EYC study sessions)

If you miss out on this opportunity 1 October 2013, the next deadline is for **1 October 2014.**

Since the 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 structural grants are accessible in the online system.

## Testimonials



Strasbourg, 18 September 2013

"Thanks for the constructive criticism of the project. ... We are particularly grateful for your very informed opinion and appreciate your every comment. We always welcome such an attitude towards us because it makes us more alert and increase our professionalism."

"Thank you for your support and collaboration! ... We hope that the lessons learnt from our first collaboration with the EYF will help us to improve our skills..."



1st October deadline



“No Hate Speech Movement” Conference (7-9 November)



Increase the visibility of your NGO



Strasbourg, 2 September 2013

The EYF map gives visibility to NGOs registered with the European Youth Foundation by providing the name of the organisation, its location (city and country) and website.

**Check** if your organisation is already included on the EYF map and if the information is up-to-date and correct. If you need help obtaining your NGO's GPS coordinates have a look [this short guide](#).

Start preparing your applications: 1 October deadline



Strasbourg, 2 September 2013

The European Youth Foundation staff would like to thank NGOs for their patience and cooperation during this time; a year of transition, challenges, as well as many new opportunities.

In an attempt to help you prepare your applications for the **1 October deadline** (international activity, work plan, structural grant, one-off structural grant) and while the last amendments are made to the online system, application **templates have been made available** on the EYF website homepage.

The templates aim to help you organise the information and the ideas you have, as well as give an overview on how the new regulations and approach of EYF have translated into practice.

You are encouraged to take the time to prepare your applications and apply in advance. **Do avoid applying last minute. Good luck with your applications!**

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## Programming Committee meeting results



**Strasbourg, 1 August 2013**

The **Programming Committee on Youth** met in Budapest on **4-5 June 2013**. It took the following decisions on grant applications submitted to the EYF.

*Pilot activities:* out of 27 applications received, 6 were granted for a total of € 56,000

*International activities:* out of 48 applications received, 22 were granted for a total of € 295,700

*Work Plans:* out of 20 applications received, 11 were granted for a total of € 509,000

### Projects supported:

- [Pilot activities](#)
- [International activities](#)
- [Work Plans](#)

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## EYF launches interactive map and calendar



**Strasbourg, 28 June 2013**

The European Youth Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of its 2 new interactive tools!

### 1. **The EYF map**

- **Gives visibility** to NGOs registered with the European Youth Foundation by showing their location (city and country), name and website;



- Allows NGOs to find possible **partners and similar organisations**, registered with EYF, all throughout Council of Europe country members, as well as the Cultural Convention Signatories: Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Holy See;
- Tool for **transparency and accountability**: allows stakeholders to view EYF supported projects (Project name, NGO, dates and NGO website), get in contact with supported organisations for more details (if desired)
- **Research tool** for NGOs and other stakeholders: ability to see what themes are currently addressed by youth NGOs and what the concerns are.

In order to make the most of this new interactive tool, we strongly encourage the **2000+** NGOs registered with the EYF to update their details in the new online system and include their correct GPS coordinates. For more information on GPS coordinates [click here](#)...

## 2. The EYF calendar

- Allows NGOs and other stakeholders to **view important dates and deadlines** for the EYF, the Youth Department and the Council of Europe;
- By clicking on a highlighted date, more details can be seen on the event; by clicking on any other date, the list of EYF funded projects of year can be accessed.

We hope you **enjoy browsing, find useful information, partners and like-minded** organisations! If you are a registered NGO with EYF, don't forget to log into the new system and include your GPS coordinates - so your organisation is visible on the EYF map!! AND... click **'like'** if you are excited as we are about these new interactive tools!!!

## How to give visibility to the European Youth Foundation



**Strasbourg, 26 June 2013**

To help you introduce and provide the most recent information (to your participants) and give visibility to the EYF, we have uploaded a **presentation on the EYF website**. You can download and use the PowerPoint in your projects. To access the presentation, select the "Resources" section in the main menu and click on "Visibility materials". You can view the presentation as part of the website or click on "Presentation eyf mar\_2013" to access it in Slideshare, where you will be able to download and/or share via Facebook, Twitter and

LinkedIn.

The "Resources" section also provides information on how to use the Council of Europe logo if you are a grant beneficiary. As a general rule, any material (digital or printed) developed as part of an EYF grant project and any website mentioning the project should include in a visible manner the Council of Europe logo (i.e. on the cover, top left or right hand corner and bottom back cover) and make a reference to the funding received from the European Youth Foundation. This clause will be included in all future contracts signed by organisations receiving an EYF grant. See "Resources"/ "Visibility materials" to download the logo.

## How to use the old and the new EYF online systems



**Strasbourg, 26 June 2013**

The previous EYF website [www.eyf.coe.int/fej](http://www.eyf.coe.int/fej) can only be used by youth NGOs already registered with the EYF and having received an EYF grant in 2012 (categories A, B, C, D, D-HRE) or 2013 (categories A, B, C and C bis). It should be used for reporting ONLY.

New organisations wanting to register with EYF and/or organisations wishing to apply for grants in 2013, should use the new online system that can be accessed via the new EYF website: <http://eyf.coe.int>

# 1st Work Plans



**Strasbourg, 26 June 2013**

On 4-5 June 2013 the Programming Committee on Youth met in Budapest and assessed the first EYF Work Plans. Out of the 20 applications received, 11 Work Plans were granted, for a **total of € 509,000.**

Work Plans have been adopted by the Programming Committee as part of the revised European Youth Foundation grant categories with the aim to ensure a more **efficient use and impact of EYF's funds** (public money). The work of NGOs will be simplified, as they can

**submit a coherent plan** for the following years part of their organisation's strategy, instead of applying for separate grants.

International youth NGOs and networks who have not yet done so can apply before **1 October 2013** for an annual Work Plan for 2014 (see more information under "Grants").

**As a reminder:** the Programming Committee on Youth (PC) consists of 8 government representatives and 8 non-governmental youth organisations. It establishes and monitors the programme of the European Youth Foundation and the European Youth Centres (Strasbourg and Budapest).

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## European Action Day for Refugees and Asylum Seekers



**Strasbourg, 18 June 2013**

On Thursday 20 June the **No Hate Speech Movement** focuses on **World Refugee Day**. This Day, observed by the United Nations since 2001, puts the spotlight on asylum seeker and refugee policy. For this day, the NHSM is inviting you to Join the Movement and get involved by standing up for the human rights of refugees offline and online.

Online actions

1. **Join the Movement.** Show your support to **World Refugee Day** by uploading a photo or video message in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers to [www.nohatespeechmovement.org](http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org).
2. The NHSM will upload **video messages** beginning 18 June, from young refugees asking us to stand up and support their cause, our cause. We invite you to 'share' these videos via Facebook and Twitter.
3. Join our Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/570871522964976/>
4. Tweet support by using **#nohatespeech** in all related tweets on Twitter on the Day.
5. Report hate speech targeting refugees and asylum seekers to **Hate Speech Watch**.

The No Hate Speech Movement is developing its presence on Facebook. We would like to get more **likes** on the public page (at the moment it has 3007) and over 1,000 likes on our activist page – Combating Hate Speech.

*Promote and share our page with your contacts!*

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## Deadline: 22 May



**Strasbourg, 21 May 2013**

Due to the renewal of the Council of Europe information system, the European Youth Foundation website was not accessible from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

We apologise for the inconvenience, especially for those NGOs having sent in their project applications by email and needing to log into the new system to submit their application.



For this reason the EYF Secretariat has decided to postpone the deadline (for NGOs having submitted applications via email) until **22 May 2013, 23:59 CET**.

**ONLY** applications submitted via the online system will be considered.

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## European Action Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia



**Strasbourg, 16 May 2013**

The [No Hate Speech Movement](#)'s **1st European Action Day** is taking place on the **17th of May**, *International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO)*. The Movement's platform will focus on this cause tomorrow. [More...](#)

On this occasion, Secretary General Jagland called on Member States to fight discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

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## "Nurturing Human Rights" campaign



**Strasbourg, 10 May 2013**

For more than 60 years, the Council of Europe's **Convention on Human Rights** has worked for the respect of fundamental freedoms. It has made us aware that intolerance and discrimination are unacceptable.

The Andorran Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has launched the campaign "Nurturing Human Rights". It aims at promoting the reading of the European Convention of Human Rights, in the firm belief that a Europe of "living together

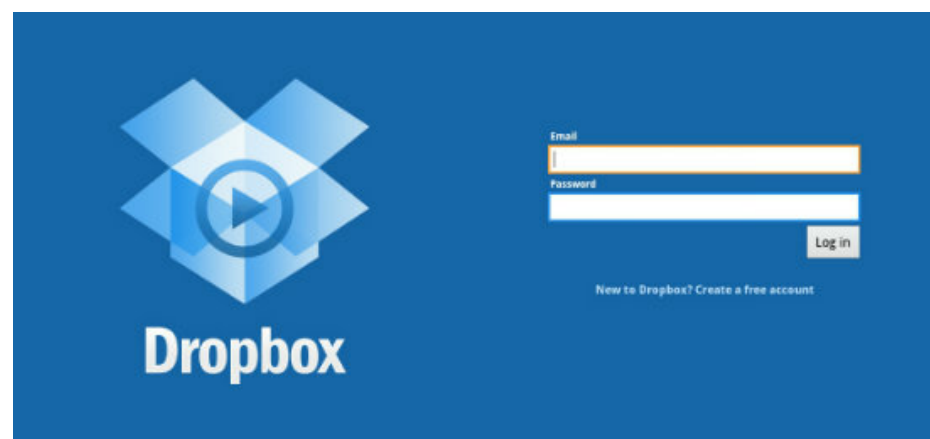
in harmony" in which everyone's rights are upheld is a real possibility.

**Let's all nurture Human Rights since it concerns all of us !!!**

<http://human-rights-convention.org/nurturing-human-rights/>

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## EYF DOCUMENTS ON DROPBOX UNAVAILABLE



**Strasbourg, 6 May 2014**

Due to privacy issues Dropbox has disabled access to links that have been previously shared (see article BBC <http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-27285786>).

This includes all EYF documents previously available on the EYF website. We are working on a solution and hope to solve this problem as soon as possible.

If you urgently need a document get in touch: [maria-](mailto:maria-diana.predosanu@coe.int)

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## Call for participants

## TRAINING – FORMATION

**RESPECT – Responsible attitudes and behaviour in the virtual social space**  
Respect – Attitudes et comportements responsables dans l'espace social virtuel

Organised by the European Youth Foundation and the Pestalozzi Programme  
Organisé par le Fonds Européen pour la Jeunesse et le Programme Pestalozzi



Strasbourg, 19 April 2013

The **"Respect – Responsible attitudes and behaviour in the virtual social space"** training is complementing the Council of Europe's flagship programme *"Young People Combating Hate Speech Online"* running between 2012 - 2014.

This training is the first of its kind, and a unique collaboration between **the European Youth Foundation** (Youth Department) and **the [Pestalozzi Programme](#)** (Education Department), bringing together participants from the youth sector, the adult education

sector and the teacher training area.

The training course will focus on the role education –formal/informal- can play in developing responsible attitudes and behaviours in the virtual social space. At the end of the course **participants will be better equipped to take action** to counter irresponsible behaviour, **raise awareness and educate others** on the importance of responsible behaviour, while **being themselves examples of good practice**.

Therefore, the EYF is looking for 15 participants from the youth sector to take part in the "Respect – Responsible attitudes and behaviour in the virtual social space" training!

**If you are interested in the topic and you have some previous experience in using the virtual social space, while having carried out/supported activities with your NGO - this invitation is for you!**

[Presentation/](#) [Call for Participants/](#) [Application form](#)

**Deadline: 25 May 2013 (midnight CET)**

## EYF website off to a good start



Strasbourg, 19 April 2013

Since its launch on the 13th of March the EYF website has proved to be a useful communication tool.

In the first 19 days since its launch, the EYF website was accessed by **2,576 different visitors**. That means that more than 2,500 individuals have accessed the EYF website in less than 1 month! This a good score for a website that has just been launched!

**The data confirms the interest and need for the European Youth Foundation, as a support instrument for NGOs and networks.** The website visitors come from 62 countries (including Asia-Pacific and Latin America), more specifically, 44 CoE member countries. The top 10 visitors' countries are: Republic of Serbia, Italy, France, Belgium, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Netherlands, Armenia and Hungary. The number of visits - 3,799 - shows that visitors browse through the website, access various pages and are interested in obtaining different types of information.

The most visited webpages are part of the Grants section. This can be a result of the recent changes made by the EYF, concerning grant criteria and categories and the first deadline of the year, the 10th of April.

We encourage visitors have a look at the other sections, to help them understand how we work and, more importantly, why the youth sector of the Council of Europe has funding opportunities for youth NGOs in Europe. Requesting funds is not simply filling in a template: it has to make sense in a more general context, for those requesting a grant but also for the Foundation.

**We hope you will continue browsing and enjoying the EYF website.** New and important information is being uploaded in this section, the NEWS carousel, as well as in Resources, FAQs and Key Facts sections.

*Visits = number of pages accessed by all users; Hits = files requested from server*

## Deadline / Date limite





## Hotline



## Online system up and running



## 'No Hate Speech Movement' launched 22nd March

**Strasbourg, 21 March 2013**

The official Launching event of the **No Hate Speech Movement** will take place on the **22nd March at 10.30 a.m** in the foyer of the hemicycle of the Council of Europe's main building (the Palais).

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe, **Mr Thorbjørn Jagland** will launch the Movement alongside two members from the Statutory Committees of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, Ms Aleksandra Mitrovic (European Steering Committee for Youth) and Mr Sergio Belfor (Advisory Council). After the launching

event the official online Campaign platform and the European Hate Speech Watch will be open for the public at [www.nohatespeechmovement.org](http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org)

The Secretary General will also join the Campaign himself by uploading his own video message on the Campaign platform, and will contribute to Campaign on Twitter and Facebook.

The event will be streamed live online. You can watch the Launching Event [here](#)

To learn more about the campaign organisation [www.coe.int/youthcampaign](http://www.coe.int/youthcampaign)

**The No Hate Speech Movement - Online youth campaign**

Hate speech is threatening our democracies. To tackle hate speech, it is vital for people to campaign, to act together to uphold human rights online, to raise awareness, change attitudes and mobilise communities.

Campaigning is a way of bringing people together, united by common goals and values.

The Council of Europe has a proud tradition of running youth campaigns, notably its *All Different – All Equal* campaign. The **No Hate Speech Movement** will be open to everyone online. Young people can join from the age of 13. It will be based on online communities of young people motivated to discuss and act against hate speech online.

The **No Hate Speech** project aims to combat racism and discrimination in their online expression of hate speech by mobilizing young people and youth organisations to recognise and act against such human rights violations.

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## Opportunity of a lifetime: sit on the Advisory Council



Strasbourg, 21 March 2013

### Call for NGO representatives to sit on the Advisory Council on Youth 2014-2015

The Council of Europe's youth sector works on the basis of a *partnership between non-governmental youth organisations and governments*, in what is known as the **co-management system**.

This involves representatives from non-governmental youth organisations (NGYOs) sitting down with government officials to

establish the work priorities of the youth sector and making recommendations for future budgets and programmes. These proposals are then adopted by the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe's decision-making body.

The **Advisory Council on Youth** is the **non-governmental partner in the co-management system**.

Representatives of non-governmental youth organisations or networks, not members of the European Youth Forum, are invited to apply for a seat on the Advisory Council on Youth for a two-year mandate (January 2014 to December 2015).

[Presentation](#) / [Application form](#)

The Call for representatives of youth NGOs or networks is **only available in English**, the working language of the Advisory Council.

**Deadline: 30 April 2013**

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## Latest update on EYF online system



Strasbourg, 20 March 2013

The new EYF online system for applications and reports will not be available today (20 March 2013) as foreseen. This is due to serious technical problems. The EYF team has decided not to authorise the 'go-live' for this new tool until its proper functioning can be guaranteed.

Meanwhile, in order not to penalise youth NGOs wishing to register with the EYF and/or to apply for grants, a temporary solution has been set up as an emergency measure. **We thank you in advance**

**for your understanding and co-operation.**

For NGOs already registered with the EYF (in its old online system)

**- Concerned by applications for the 1 April 2013 deadline extended to 10 April 2013**

The application forms (Word version) for international activities and annual work plans are available for download. As from **Monday 25 March and until 10 April 2013**, you can send to [eyf@coe.int](mailto:eyf@coe.int) your application forms duly filled in, together with the obligatory additional documents (budget, programme, etc.).

Be careful to save your application forms, as you will be requested to cut and paste them into the new online system as soon as it is



operational, after having completed the online registration form of your NGO. You will be informed on the new EYF website when to do so.

#### - Concerned by applications for pilot activities (former pilot projects)

The application form (Word version) for pilot activities is available for download. As from **Monday 25 March**, you can send to [eyf@coe.int](mailto:eyf@coe.int) your application form duly filled in, together with the obligatory additional documents (budget, programme, etc.).

Bearing in mind the time necessary for the assessment of your application and the decision-making process, we recommend that you *do not plan to begin your activity before mid-May 2013*.

Be careful to save your application form, as you will be requested to cut and paste it into the new online system as soon as it is operational, after having completed the online registration form of your NGO. You will be informed on the new EYF website when to do so.

#### For NGOs not yet registered with the EYF (in its old online system)

The application form (Word version) for the registration of your NGO is available for download. As from **Monday 25 March**, you can send by email to [eyf.registration@coe.int](mailto:eyf.registration@coe.int) your registration form duly filled in, together with a copy of your statutes (or summary in English or French if drafted in another language) and your last annual activity report (or a list of your more recent youth activities). The EYF Secretariat will contact you to confirm or not your eligibility and to give you or not the authorisation to send a grant application according to the procedure described above (for NGOs already registered).

Be careful to save your completed registration form, as you will be requested to cut and paste it into the new online system as soon as it is operational. You will be informed on this website when to do so. The same will apply for your grant applications (which will be sent to [eyf@coe.int](mailto:eyf@coe.int)).

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## Amazing work by EYF Identity Call participants



**Strasbourg, 13 March 2013**

At the end of last year the **European Youth Foundation** launched a **Call open to individuals or youth NGOs**, asking for ideas relating to its **future identity**.

As a result, the EYF received **19 different proposals** from all over Europe. We congratulate everyone for their work and thank each and every one of you for taking the time to create and send in your proposals.

Here are the names of all the participants in the competition:

1. Ekaterina Atanasova
2. Jelena Perisic
3. Vladimir Trajanovski
4. Dusan Vrucinic
5. Pedro Gonçalves
6. Rijad Softic
7. Ismet Lisica
8. Elena Rosokha
9. Vasic Djordje
10. Angeliki Malakasioti
11. Ivana Zivic
12. Haris Parabuca
13. Nebojša Ratković
14. Serfioti Danai
15. Tarik Han
16. Povilas Daknys
17. Emilia Pruszyńska-Karbownik
18. Ivan Apostolski
19. Shaheda Begum

The winner/s of the Call will be announced shortly. Their work will be acknowledged under the 'About Us' section of the website and they will be given a little surprise prize.

Well done to everyone!!

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## EYF launches its NEW website



**Strasbourg, 13 March 2013**

### **WELCOME to the European Youth Foundation's new website!**

We hope you find the site easy to use and interesting. We want to be as transparent and open as possible and provide you with all kinds of information that might be of concern to you. Some of the pages may be under construction or not fully functional; please be patient, they will be working in no time!

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in the creation of the new EYF website and the various technical, interactive or creative elements now available.

**Enjoy browsing!!**