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## Dialogue on Youth, Peace and Security والأمن السلام الشباب، حول حوار

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European Youth Centre Budapest

# PREPARING FOR THE FORUM



Organised by the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States  
in co-operation with the European Youth Forum

Dear friends,

We are looking forward to seeing you soon at the 7<sup>th</sup> Euro-Arab Youth Forum. This document should help you to get prepared for the programme of the forum.

See you soon in Budapest!

## **Background information**

The Council of Europe has consistently been supporting dialogue between youth organisations and institutions concerned with youth policy. In the recent past this has focused on capacity-building for human rights education, intercultural dialogue and development of non-formal education.

The co-operation with the League of Arab States has been on-going for more than 10 years, articulated around the promotion of intercultural dialogue, youth participation and countering hate speech and extremism. In 2019 the Council of Europe and the League of Arab have agreed to focus their cooperation on the 7<sup>th</sup> Euro-Arab Youth Forum. The forum will focus on youth, peace and security so as to understand and apply the principles of the United Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security to Euro-Arab Youth cooperation.

## **Methodology and programme**

The programme will be a combination of workshops based on non-formal learning, working groups for networking and sharing good practices and learning in order to enhance the dialogue and exchange among participants. The programme will offer considerable space for the participants to discuss about the situation of young people in the member states of the League of Arab States and the Council of Europe, with special regard to the resolution UN 2250 on Youth Peace and Security and its relevance for young people in Euro-Arab co-operation.

Please consult the concept note and the programme of the forum at: [www.coe.int/7EAYF](http://www.coe.int/7EAYF)

There is free time that gives the possibility for participants to explore Budapest after the official closing of the programme Friday afternoon.

## **Practical information**

### **Accommodation and meals**

The course will be held at the European Youth Centre Budapest (EYCB), where participants will also be accommodated in shared rooms for 2 persons – please be ready to share rooms with participants coming from other countries. Information on how to get to the EYCB was sent to you previously and can also be found under this link: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/eyc-budapest>

Please note that meals served at the European Youth Center will be prepared with halal meat.

If you have any special requirements, besides the ones that you already expressed in your application form, please inform Zsuzsanna directly. Whilst we cannot promise to cater for your every need, we will nevertheless try to make your stay as comfortable as possible if you have very specific dietary, mobility or faith-based needs.

### Registration

The registration of all participants will take place on Tuesday morning, 5 November from 8.30-9.30 AM in the reception lobby at the European Youth Centre. Participants that have their travel costs reimbursed by the Council of Europe are expected submit their claim here too, in line with the rules and administrative regulations communicated in email earlier.

### Weather

The daytime temperature in early November can decrease from 11°C to 5°C and the night-time lows fall from 3°C to -1°C. Needless to say for your stay in Budapest in this month, pack warm clothes and plenty of layers. But it can also turn rainy for a few days, so a rain coat/umbrella may come handy. In your free time you may decide to go to one of the numerous swimming pools and thermal bathes in town – make sure that you bring along your swimming suit and slippers.

Please check the weather forecast right before coming for more information on the average temperature.

### Budapest - official tourist information

You can find everything you need to know about Budapest on the city's official tourist website: <https://www.budapestinfo.hu/>

### Contact

In case you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the secretariat or the reception at the European Youth Centre:

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### Participants

The forum will bring together some 100 youth leaders and activists from member states of the Council of Europe and the League of Arab States. A provisional list of participants can be consulted at the website of the forum.

### Working languages

The working languages of the forum will be English and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation provided during plenary sessions.


### Photos and videos

During the forum there will be photos and videos recorded, notably for posting online and for the documentation of the activity. Upon registration at the European Youth Centre you will be asked about your consent to be included on photos and videos.


## The forum on social media

### Let's connect on social media


The updates about the forum will be posted on our social media

 [@YouthCOE](https://twitter.com/YouthCOE)

 <https://www.instagram.com/youthcoe>

 [https://www.instagram.com/european\\_youth\\_centre\\_budapest](https://www.instagram.com/european_youth_centre_budapest)

 <https://www.facebook.com/CouncilofEuropeYouth>

 <https://www.facebook.com/EYCBudapest/>

or @CouncilofEuropeYouth

If you are posting about the seminar you can tag and follow our social media accounts.

Also you can use the following hashtags for your posts: **#euroarabyouth** **#youthCOE** and **#CoE70**

Please promote the Internet page of the forum [www.coe.int/7EAYF](http://www.coe.int/7EAYF) on your organisation's social media and when you do so, make sure to use the **#euroarabyouth** **#youthCOE** and **#CoE70** hashtags.

## How to prepare yourself before leaving for Budapest

### Discovering the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth Peace and Security

During the first two days of the forum we will explore the UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth Peace and Security and its relevance for young people in Euro-Arab co-operation. Through a combination of working group discussion and presentations we will:

- learn and share about challenges, obstacles and needs of young people in relation to their role in peacebuilding and promotion of human rights;
- map the state of implementation of the UN SCR 2250 in countries of participants.

For this purpose, it will be useful to have a look at some of the background documents. These documents are:

1. [United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250](#) on Youth Peace and Security
2. The [2250: a Youth Toolkit](#) about the resolution, produced by the United Network of Young Peacebuilders
3. The [Youth4Peace](#) Global Knowledge Portal has also very accessible information about the resolution, the progress study and regional initiatives. We advise you consult it as part of your preparation for the forum, especially about what is being done in your country for the resolution.

As additional preparation please prepare yourself to present who is working with the recommendation in your country, what is being done and what your organisation(s) are doing for that.

We also advise you to consult documents of previous Euro-Arab youth for a, notably the [Fez Declaration "Overcoming Hate Speech and Extremism Together"](#) from the sixth edition of the Euro-Arab Youth Forum

### **Informal evening activity – Talent show**

On Tuesday, we will invite all of you for an informal social programme in the evening. We will provide space at the European Youth Centre for games, performances offered by participants – therefore we invite you bring musical instruments, games, or equipment for any other hobbies or activities and think about also any other programmes (e.g. music, dance as well) that you may offer.

### **Networking and presenting your organisations**

On the second day we will have a “Fair” presenting the work and projects of youth organisations and institutions. Please prepare yourself to present basic information about your organisation’s activities and mission; you can bring with you leaflets, posters and other materials from your work. Please note that there will be no space for frontal plenary presentations.

### **Workshops**

On the third day the whole morning will be dedicated to developing competences useful for taking action for building peace and dialogue. There will be a number of workshops offered by the educational team of forum and other experts. You will have the chance to take part in one of them; please indicate your first two preferences in beforehand on our webpage at:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth-peace-dialogue/ws-registration>

### **Working groups “Acting for Peace”**

During the third day we will share and discuss ideas for follow-up projects and actions in working groups. This will also include time for developing conclusions or declaration by the participants of the forum. Further information about the process will be provided upon arrival.

We will help you to divide into working groups on spot at the European Youth Centre. The outcomes and proposals of the working groups will be presented on the last day in the presence of institutional representatives of the organisers.

### **Study on Ten Years of Euro-Arab Youth Cooperation**

After more than 10 years of cooperation, the League of Arab States and the Council of Europe decided to carry out a study in order to map the results and impact, and remaining gaps of the cooperation activities. The preliminary findings of the study will be presented during the last days of the forum. Mary Drosopoulos, the consultant contracted by the Council of Europe for this purpose, may contact you with questions about your previous experience and also reach out to you for personal short interviews during the forum. Thank you in advance for cooperating with her!

### **Contacts**

Please check regularly the web page of the seminar where you can find the most updated information: [www.coe.int/7EAYF](http://www.coe.int/7EAYF)

For any logistical or administrative issues, you can contact Zsuzsanna Molnár: [Zsuzsanna.MOLNAR@coe.int](mailto:Zsuzsanna.MOLNAR@coe.int)

Any programme related or other issues you can contact László Milutinovits:  
[Laszlo.MILUTINOVITS@coe.int](mailto:Laszlo.MILUTINOVITS@coe.int) We are looking forward to meet you at the forum soon!