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Conference

The role of NGOs and research institutes in promoting Council of Europe norms and standards on national minority rights

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Draft Programme

*European Youth Centre in Budapest
the conference will be held in hybrid format in line with pandemic regulations*

- 9:00-9:05 **Welcoming words**
Gordana Berjan, Director of the EYCB
- 9:05-9:30 **Opening**
Péter Sztáray, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary
Hallvard Gorseth, Head of Anti-Discrimination Department, Council of Europe
- 9:30-11:30 **Panel 1: Contribution of NGOs to the protection of national minority rights, results achieved**
Moderator: Éva Császár, Head of Division on Council of Europe Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Angelika Mlinar, Vice-President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN), Flensburg
 - William Cisilino, Vice-Chair of the Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity (NPLD), Brussels

- György Csóti, Director of the Institute for the Protection of Minority Rights, Budapest
- Davyth Hicks, Secretary General, European Language Equality Network (ELEN), Brussels

11:30-11:45 *Coffee break*

11:45-13:00 **Panel 2: The role of research institutes in protecting national minority rights**
Moderator: Barna Zsigmond, member of the Hungarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly

- Sonja Novak Lukanović, Director of the Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana
- Günther Rautz, Head of the Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC, Bolzano
- Beate Sibylle Pfeil, Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Board of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg, member of the Committee of Experts on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages,
- Zoltán Kántor, Director, Research Institute for Hungarian Communities Abroad, Budapest

13:00-14:30 *Buffet lunch at the venue of the conference (tbc)*

14:30-16:30 **Panel 3: Political participation of national minority youth**
Presentation of the Study on active political participation of national minority youth in Council of Europe member States prepared by the Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI)
Moderator: Gergő Kocsis, Deputy to the Permanent representative of Hungary to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg

- Adrienne Tóth-Ferencsi, Hungarian expert delegated to the CDADI and Zsuzsanna Rutai, independent expert to the Council of Europe, Budapest/Strasbourg
- Pia Šlogar, Vice-President of Youth of European Nationalities (YEN), member of the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth, Strasbourg
- Helena Lupinc, Youth representative of the Slovene community in Italy, Trieste
- Grigory Petushkov, Chairperson of the National Youth Council of Russia, Moscow

16:30-16:45 **Closing remarks**
Elise Cornu, Head of the National Minorities and Minority Languages Division, Council of Europe
Ferenc Kalmár, Ministerial commissioner, President of the national minority conferences