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(1) The big picture



Besides the CoE member states already actively taking part in the campaign, Mexico, an observer state within the Committee of Ministers ([CM](#)), is now also running the campaign, where it is raising interest among governmental and non-governmental organisations. Activists on other continents have also shown an interest in the campaign: from Egypt to Uganda; from Pakistan to Japan. The Internet has no borders! Neither does hate speech! How is your national campaign committee doing?

The next European Action Day will be on 20 June, dedicated to International Refugee Day. In addition to online action, it is hoped to mobilise people offline during the [EuroDIG](#) conference in Lisbon, when the campaign will be presented and online hate speech discussed with Google representatives. The launch of the campaign in Portugal will also be supported.

The Italian Parliament will be holding a conference in the presence of the deputy Secretary General – Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni – about the campaign and violence online on 10 June, with live webcasting,

[EEA Norway Grants](#) are supporting activities for the campaign in the 15 countries they cover.

Campaign material – videos, templates for posters and the brochure presentation can be downloaded from www.coe.int/youthcampaign

A regular newsletter is being prepared so as to provide information to all campaign activists. Think of using the campaign mailbox youth.nohatespeech@coe.int to send news about the campaign(s) in your country.

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For those doubtful about the potential outreach of the campaign, take a look at this [video \(go to : 0:01:15\)](#) of an activity (the derby Partizan vs Red Star) organised by the national campaign committee of Serbia. Thanks Serbia and its footballers for showing the way!

Are *you* sure you have joined the official online Campaign? In case of doubt, please check www.nohatespeechmovement.org.

You may also wish to join the campaign on [Facebook](#) and subscribing to the campaign Tweets [[#nohatespeech](#)].

Armenia took over the [chairmanship](#) of the CoE [Committee of Ministers](#) on 16 May 2013. Among its [priorities](#), Armenia will promote the No Hate Speech Movement and identify priorities for its follow-up. A European campaign conference will be organised as the major institutional activity of the No Hate Speech Movement in 2013. Armenia will also pay special attention to the area of education for democratic citizenship and youth participation. Armenia will organise a Youth Policy Symposium, which will serve as a platform for furthering discussions on youth participation and knowledge-based youth policies. It is scheduled for the beginning of November.

During its chairmanship Andorra had launched a campaign - "Nurturing Human Rights" aiming at promoting the reading of the European Convention of Human Rights, believing that it is of paramount importance to inform people about the rights enshrined in this fundamental text to safeguard them. [Sign in and share with your friends](#).

[PACE](#) will hold its third part session on 24-26 June 2013. Following the adoption last April of the PACE reports "[Young Europeans: an urgent educational challenge](#)" and "[Young people's access to fundamental](#)

[rights](#)” the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media has invited the AC to participate in an exchange of views during the June session on “Identities and Diversity” (rapporteur: Mr Costa Neves).

On 24 May the PACE Committee on equality and non-discrimination, following a [hearing](#) on the situation of transgender persons, decided to further discuss the issue to improve the situation of transgender persons in the field of healthcare, transphobic hate crime and gender recognition. On the same day the PACE General rapporteur on LGBT rights expressed [concern](#) at repeated infringements of freedom of expression and assembly.

(2) Youth Department update

Minister Alica Maric, [Minister of Youth and Sports of Serbia](#), paid a visit to Strasbourg on 22 May where [she met members of the CoE Secretariat](#) dealing with youth and sport questions. She also visited the EYC and participated in the follow-up group on the No Hate Speech Campaign where she informed participants of one of the campaign events in Serbia involving footballers (see link in box above).

The [Programming Committee](#) will be meeting in Budapest on 4-5 June to establish the various programmes of the CoE’s work in the youth sector, including decisions on applications for study sessions at the EYCs and grants of the EYF.

The new [EYF website](#) and the application and registration system are now up and running.

Following the request by Romania to follow-up on the CoE youth policy review made in 2000, a preliminary visit to prepare for this 2nd phase review will take place on 3-4 June in Bucharest.

CDEJ and AC members have been invited to attend the annual CDEJ summer university which this year will be held on 20-22 August in Košice (Slovak Republic) at the kind invitation of the Slovak government. An information day on the CoE youth policy programmes and structures will be also organised on 19 August.

Applications for representatives of youth NGOs or networks (not members of the [YFJ](#)) to become members of the Advisory Council in 2014-2014 have reached the CoE and are being examined. The YFJ has

already elected 20 organisations which should select a representative to be proposed to the CM to form part of the new AC mandate.

Activities held in May included:

- “*European Young Women Advocating for Human Rights and Equality*” in co-operation with the European Young Women’s Christian Association ([European YWCA’s](#)) (05-12 May, EYCS)
- “*Coaching for inclusion: closing the gap between urban and rural youth – inclusion for all*” in co-operation with Rural Youth Europe ([RYE](#)) and Youth Express Network ([Y-E-N](#)) (16 May-2 June, EYCS)
- “*Social inclusion for active youth participation*” in co-operation with Participation for All network ([PAFA](#)) (26 May-2 June, EYCB)
- [Enter!](#) Project advisory group (5-8 May, EYCS)
- Training course "50-50" on youth participation and youth policy in the Russian Federation (12 -19 May, EYCS)
- 4th meeting of the Follow-up Group of the No Hate Speech Movement (21-22 May EYCS).
- Consolidation training seminar of the Youth Peace Ambassadors (28 May-1 June 2013, EYCB)

Forthcoming activities include:

- National Training Course on Human Rights Education for trainers and multipliers from the Russian Federation (9-16 June 2013, EYCB)
- “[Youth Peace Camp](#)” - bringing together young people from conflicting sides and communities to initiate dialogue and conflict transformation. (21–30 June 2013, EYCB)
- Seminar for the Members of Youth Parliaments (23–29 June 2013, EYCS)
- Toolkit on combating discrimination, antigypsyism and Romaphobia affecting young people (1-2 July EYCB)
- Youth Camp on Intercultural Dialogue in the Russian Federation with neighbouring regions (Kaluga) (3 - 6 July 2013)
- Participation at the [EuroDIG](#) conference, Lisbon, 20-21 June
- [No Hate Speech Movement](#) European Action Day on Hate speech targeting refugees and migrants, Lisbon, 20 June
- Regional Training seminar for the [No Hate Speech Movement](#), Serbia, 26-28 June

EU-CoE partnership

[Symposium on Youth Policy Cooperation in South East Europe](#) “The role of information and counselling in fostering young people's social inclusion and access to their rights” organised by the [EU-CoE youth](#)

[partnership](#), the Ministry of Social Policy and Youth of Croatia, [ERYICA](#) and [SALTO RC SEE](#). (19-20 June, Zagreb).

Staff

Welcome to Morgane Adelsbach, who started her traineeship in the Youth Department on 13 May. Her traineeship will end on 16 July. Welcome also to Aileen Donegan. Aileen joined the Education & Training Division to work as No Hate Speech Movement (NHSM) Campaign Officer following the departure of Laslo Földi who remains involved as a moderator for the NHSM.

(3) Council of Europe

On 20 May, Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland met Russian President Putin and Foreign Minister Lavrov in the Sochi, the host city of the 2014 Winter Olympics. An outcome of the talks was an agreement to transform the existing CoE presence in Russia to a programme office to support the administration of CoE programmes in Russia. Discussions also covered recent legislative initiatives in Russia, including the [new law on NGOs and foreign agents](#).

The Secretary General has submitted his priorities to the CM for 2014-15. Priorities will first be discussed and the draft programme and budget will then be prepared during the summer. In September the CM will focus on the actual programmes and the new biennial budget and programme should be voted before the end of this year.

[Commissioner for Human Rights](#), Nils Muižnieks' presented his [1st Quarterly Activity Report for 2013](#) to the CoE Ministers' Deputies on 29 May 2013.

A Hearing on Roma Young People will be held during the meeting of the Current Affairs Committee of the [Congress](#) on 26-27 June in Ankara.

The Executive Committee of the [North South Centre](#) will meet in Strasbourg on 28 June.

(4) Other news

At its 3239th meeting on 16-17 May 2013, the [Council of the European Union adopted conclusions](#) on: maximising the potential of youth policy in addressing the goals of the Europe 2020 Strategy; the contribution of quality youth work to the development, well-being and social inclusion of

young people. Ministers also held a policy debate, in public deliberation, on the subject "Europe's young people: what can quality youth work contribute to addressing current challenges?"

On 28-29 May, the [OECD](#) held its regular May Forum to coincide with the annual [OECD Ministerial Council Meeting](#) where leaders from all sectors of civil society gathered to debate the most pressing social and economic challenges confronting society.

Among the items to be discussed during the [ILO's 102nd Session](#) on 5-20 June are [Sustainable development, decent work and green jobs](#); [Employment and social protection in the new demographic context](#); and [Social dialogue](#).

On 24 May [EUROSTAT](#) published a new Eurobarometer study "[European Youth: Participation in Democratic Life](#)".

A European Forum of Youth Municipal Councils will be organised by [COJEP](#) in coordination with the Congress on 26-27 June in Ankara.

[AEGEE-Europe](#) is organising a conference on "A co-management system for youth inside the EU on 5-6 June in Brussels.

(5) Publications

The Council of Europe Youth Department [publications](#) may be consulted online.

Just published:

- "[Youth Information Starter Kit](#)" has now been published in [German](#) and [Turkish](#).

Reminder:

- "[Visegrad Youth – Comparative review of the situation of young people in the V4 countries](#)"

(in the series of Knowledge based youth policy)

- The Right to be Young – report of the [Roma Youth Conference](#) – available from the Youth Department: youth@coe.int [please mention Roma Youth in header].

- T-Kit No.11 – Mosaic: The training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work is now available in French: "[Mosaïques](#)".

“Pensez Jeunesse!”

The French version of *Think Youth !*, kindly translated by the « *Mission coopération européenne et internationale jeunesse vie associative, Ministère des Sports, de la Jeunesse, de l'Education populaire et de la vie associative* » is available on request.

Facebook pages:

[Advisory Council on Youth](#)

[Council of Europe - Youth](#)

[European Youth Centre, Budapest](#)

[Combating hate speech](#)

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

Best regards,

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Abbreviations:

CCJ: Advisory Council on Youth

CDEJ: European Steering Committee on Youth

CDPPE: Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice

CM: Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

CMJ: Joint Council on Youth

CoE: Council of Europe

Congress: The Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

DG: Directorate General

EDC: Education for Democratic Citizenship

EPSCO: Council of Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Ministers

EuroDIG: Dialogue on Internet Governance

EYCA: The European Youth Card

EYCB: European Youth Centre Budapest

EYCS: European Youth Centre Strasbourg
EYF: European Youth Foundation
GR-C: Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment of the Committee of Ministers
HRE: Human Rights Education
ILO: International Labour Office
NSC: North South Centre of the Council of Europe
NHSM: No Hate Speech Movement
PACE: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
SALTO: Support, Advanced Learning and Training Opportunities
YFJ: European Youth Forum

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