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### **(1) The big picture**



European Action Day ([EAD](#)), observed on **21 September**, was devoted to Peace and Dialogue. The [NHSM](#) featured in the [Peace One Day](#) initiative and a [live web TV panel discussion](#) on hate speech and violence against women took place. Peace One Day is a global awareness-raising campaign which aims to make 21 September the International Day of Peace.

A workshop for NHSM **national coordinators** will be held in Brussels on 9-10 October co-organised with the *Bureau International de la Jeunesse* (French-Speaking Community of Belgium).

The NHSM **European Campaign Conference** will be held in **Strasbourg on 7-9 November**. This will be *the* main activity of the campaign in 2013.

New campaign coordinators have been nominated in **Sweden, Belarus, Republic of Moldova** and **Ukraine**. Coordinators and committees are still being formed and hopefully all countries will be represented at the upcoming NHSM Campaign Conference in November. Committee members from **Poland** and **Croatia** have been in touch to change the No Hate material – logo, flyer, [platform](#) – into their own language. All national campaigns are welcome to edit campaign materials for this purpose. Examples to watch: [Ministry of Youth and Sports of Turkey added subtitles](#) to our campaign video.

The campaign in Poland was launched on 18 September in Warsaw. The Secretary General of the CoE made a [statement](#) on this occasion.

The International Forum for National Campaign Committees took place in Baku, Azerbaijan on 27 and 28 September. The Forum brought together some 150 youth leaders from Azerbaijan to inform and motivate their youth organisations for the campaign. The Forum, also attended by 10 participants from other campaign committees, was a very important and successful activity to test the reaction of grass-roots organisations to the campaign. It provided great moments of creativity. The [Forum](#) was organised by the National Assembly of Youth Organisation of the Republic of Azerbaijan (the organisers of the campaign in Azerbaijan) with the support of the Ministry of Youth and Sport.

*“Living Together as Equals: Participate, No Hate”* is the motto for the next European Action Day – which in fact will be a week, coinciding with the Local Democracy week from 14 to 20 October.

The list of coordinators of the national campaign structures is available on the campaign [website](#). Coordinators are invited to help keep this list updated. 35 projects have benefited from the EYF [“Cyberspace is public space: young people defending human rights online”](#) which is linked to the NHSM.

A campaign newsletter is produced twice a month. You may wish to contribute to the campaign’s newsletter by writing to: [youth.nohatespeech@coe.int](mailto:youth.nohatespeech@coe.int). You can also subscribe to the newsletter by joining the movement or clicking “sign up our newsletter” in [www.nohatespeechmovement.org](http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org). National coordinators and members of the Joint Council on Youth receive a Flash newsletter with information about the campaign preparations.

The campaign will also figure in the programme of the High Level Conference on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance, organised in Yerevan by the Armenian chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers on 21 and 22 October.

Campaign material – videos, templates for posters and the brochure presentation can be downloaded from [www.coe.int/youthcampaign](http://www.coe.int/youthcampaign).

Have *you* joined the official online Campaign? Please check out [www.nohatespeechmovement.org](http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org). You may also wish to join the

campaign on [Facebook](#) and subscribe to the campaign Tweets [[#nohatespeech](#)].

*Hate speech, as defined by the Committee of Ministers of the CoE, covers all forms of expression which spread, incite, promote or justify racial hatred, xenophobia, anti-Semitism or other forms of hatred based on intolerance, including intolerance expressed by aggressive nationalism and ethnocentrism, discrimination and hostility against minorities, migrants and people of immigrant origin. For the purpose of the campaign, other forms of discrimination and prejudice, such as anti-gypsyism, christianphobia, islamophobia, misogyny, sexism and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity fall clearly within the scope of hate speech.*

On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the European Convention on Human Rights, the [Armenian Chairmanship](#) reiterated its support of the values of the ECHR and its recent Protocols (15 and 16). Armenia's [priorities](#) during its chairmanship included: promoting European values through intercultural dialogue; strengthening European standards on human rights and the rule of law; combating racism and xenophobia in Europe, fostering democratic societies; and reinforcing co-ordination and promoting synergies between pan-European organisations. The Armenian chairmanship will end on 14 November when Austria will take over.

On 6 September, an [appeal](#) to stop homophobic legislation in the Russian Federation was made by Håkon Haugli (Norway, SOC), General rapporteur on the rights of LGBT people of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe ([PACE](#)). He recalled [Resolution 1948 \(2013\)](#) on Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Among the items being discussed during the fourth [PACE](#) part-session (30 September – 4 October 2013) is: “Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?” (Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps, Estonia, ALDE) and the [World Forum for Democracy](#) (WFD) which will be held in Strasbourg on 27-29 November 2013 with the participation of youth representatives in the Forum itself as well as in the [Fringe programme](#).

The PACE President announced the winner of the [Václav Havel Human Rights Prize](#) on 30 September to Belarusian human rights activist [Ales Bialiatski](#).

Local and regional authorities' responses to the economic crisis will be central to the debates at the 25th Session of the [Congress](#) (29-31 October 2013). The debates will cover "Integration through self-employment: promoting local entrepreneurship of migrants", "Migrants' access to regional labour markets" and "Regionalisation and devolution in Europe in a context of economic crisis". The session will also celebrate the European Charter of Local Self-Government, covering all 47 member states of the CoE.

## **(2) Youth Department update**

The statutory meetings of the CDEJ, CMJ and CCJ will be held in Strasbourg on 14-16 October. These will be the last statutory meetings for the current Advisory Council on Youth whose mandate runs out in December. The members making up the new Advisory Council for 2014-2015 will be announced following the CM decision to be taken in October or November.

A strategic development proposal on a second phase of the youth policy review following the visit of a small delegation in June invited by the Romanian authorities will be presented during the meetings.

A second visit of the international expert team on the youth policy review in Greece was made in September to Thessaloniki and a first report should be presented to the Greek authorities in the beginning of 2014. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> youth policy review being carried out by the CoE. [[link](#) to previous reviews].

The meeting will also examine the results of the European Youth Card Association ([EYCA](#)) study session on "Partnerships for Youth Mobility and Active Citizenship" held on 7-11 July and the Seminar on "Employability and mobility for young people – youth cards contribution" organised for CoE member state permanent representations. 22 participants took part representing 18 delegations. The scope, scale, dynamics and nature of youth unemployment were addressed and youth policy partners considered as contributors to solutions to youth unemployment.

On 24-27 September an expert team visited the Eco Centre Radulovacki in Sremski Karlovci, a youth centre in Serbia which has applied for the [CoE Quality Label for Youth Centres](#). The Quality Label was set up in 2008 to promote the European Youth Centres of the CoE as standard-setting instruments and examples of good practice for youth policy.

The EYF [user-guide](#) on how to apply for a pilot activity is available on the [EYF](#) website.

Sincere thanks to Romania for its voluntary contribution to support the implementation of the CoE Action Plan in Ukraine, focusing on capacity-building for youth participation in youth policy and human rights education.

Thanks also to Germany for a Voluntary Contribution of 60 000 € to support the implementation of the Roma Youth Action Plan.

On 17 September the Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth, Maria Paschou, was [interviewed](#) by Human Rights Europe. The [video](#) illustrates an overall introduction on the activities of the CoE's Advisory Council on Youth, enriched by Ms Paschou's personal experience and ideas.

After a successful pilot project in late 2012, the introduction of the Living Library concept in Hungarian high schools has continued in 2013, with five new schools visited. The project will visit an additional five schools until the end of the year. A [short film](#) on this initiative was prepared by the European Youth Centre Budapest.

***Activities held in September included:***

- Study session: *“Hate speech in video games”* – in cooperation with the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Integration ([CIDI](#)) (9-15 September 2013, EYCB)
- Study session: *“Creative youth campaigning for a positive image of Roma”* – in cooperation with [TernYpe - International Roma Youth Organisation](#) (15-21 September 2013, EYCB)
- Study session: *“Equality in Action: mobilizing LGBTQ youth around the Council of Europe recommendations combating discrimination on the grounds of SOGI”* – in cooperation with the International LGBTQ Youth and Student Organisation ([IGLYO](#)) (22-28 September 2013, EYCS)
- Portfolio for youth workers (preparatory meeting) (10-11 September 2013, EYCS)
- Seminar *“Youth Leaders for Intercultural Dialogue”* for the Members of Youth Parliaments from CIS countries (29 September – 5 October 2013, EYCS)

***Forthcoming activities include:***

- “Deaf youth and politics: human rights, empowerment and active citizenship” - European Union of the Deaf Youth ([EUDY](#)) (EYCB, 6-13 October)
- “We participate therefore we are” - The African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe ([ADYNE](#)) (EYCB, 20-26 October)
- “Navigating Out of the Web of Violence” - Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe ([CDN](#)) (EYCB, 20-27 October)
- Workshop for national campaign coordinators, Brussels, 9-10 October
- Seminar for the Members of Youth Parliaments (EYCS, 29 September – 5 October)
- Seminar for the Russian speaking youth in Europe on youth participation (EYCS, 2-6 October)
- Seminar on youth policy and youth work in the Russian Federation – developing an understanding of the realities of youth policy and youth work in Russia by other European partners (Moscow, 22-26 October)
- Seminar with National Youth Councils on access to social rights and youth work, in cooperation with the European Youth Forum (EYCS, 28 October – 1 November)

***Forthcoming deadline:***

**8 October:** Call for participants: Training of trainers in Human Rights Education with Young People 2013-2014 (4 November 2013 – July 2014)

**14 October:** Call for participants: Seminar on the role of local youth participation for enhancing access to social rights for young people (Strasbourg, 13-15 November)

***EU-CoE youth partnership***

“[Youth in 2020](#)” – a conference on the future of youth policy is being held in Budapest on 1-4 October [[concept paper](#)].

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of experts on recognition of youth work and of non-formal learning will be held in Brussels on 10-11 October.

***Staff***

Ms Olöf Olafsdottir, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation making up the Departments of Youth and Education, retired on 30 September. Olöf directed the Youth Department for two years. Her genuine interest in the youth sector will be missed as will her open, professional and warm personality. We wish her well for her

future life. The Director General has nominated Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek as Acting Director for the duration of the regular recruitment procedure for the post of Director.

A welcome to our new interns: Chaim Waibel, in the Youth Department supporting the Advisory Council on Youth and contributing to Think Youth; Hajnalka Magacs, in the European Youth Centre in Budapest supporting the two educational advisors and Verena Jirgal in the Education and Training Division, supporting the No Hate Speech Movement campaign. Welcome also to Natalia Militello who joined the European Youth Foundation team until the end of the year.

### **(3) Council of Europe**

On 30 September, [Commissioner for Human Rights](#), Nils Muižnieks released a [report](#) on his visit to the Republic of Moldova carried out on 4-7 March

The North South Centre ([NSC](#)) organised, jointly with [INJUVE](#), [YFJ](#) and [CJE](#) as well as other international youth organisations, the 14th edition of the University on Youth and Development ([UYD](#)) in Mollina, Spain on 22-29 September.

The [Pompidou Group](#) is organising an International Conference on Transcultural Drug Work in Moscow on 3 October. The Conference will focus on the importance of cultural specificities, norms and values when planning and implementing treatment and social rehabilitation.

### **(4) Other news**

The UN International Telecommunication Union ([ITU](#)) organised the “[BYND 2015 Global Youth Summit](#)” in Costa Rica on 9-11 September. “The key to a new global development agenda is innovation,” say young people in the [BYND 2015 Declaration](#), which underscored that old methods and systems are poorly suited to the transformed and interconnected communities we live in today. “We call on Member States, civil society and the private sector to foster innovation to build the future we want.” The [declaration](#) also mentions: “[a call for] information, education and support to make our online communities safe and secure. [...] the need of educational institutions and digital content creators to aid us in this process; b) [...] the same rights of freedom of speech, association and privacy granted in the real world [should] be explicitly extended online.”

Children and youth globally may soon be able [to advise the UN](#) on violence and harmful practices they face in their everyday lives.

On 6-17 September a European Seminar for [Eurodesk](#) Multipliers was held in Brussels where the “[Champions of European Youth Information](#)” were announced.

On 9-12 September a Conference on “[European Union Youth Conference of Lithuanian Presidency](#)” was held in Vilnius. Young people and Ministry officials from the 28 Member states [jointly defined the following conclusions](#): a) Adapt education to the needs of young people and demands of the labor market; b) Inform and guide young people in their transitions; c) Facilitate the transition from education to employment; d) Improve the labor market for young people; e) Support for young people’s autonomy; f) Enhance the role of youth organizations; g) Develop cross-sectorial cooperation.

The main [topics](#) discussed at the [EU Youth Conference of the Cyprus Presidency](#) (11-13 September) in Nicosia included: a) The role of information provision and media in social inclusion; b) Quality education for quality inclusion; c) From prejudices to intercultural dialogue; d) From combating discrimination to equal access to labor market and social welfare; e) Better policies, programmes and practices for better social inclusion; f) Youth participation in democratic and social life; g) Supporting the role of youth organisations in social inclusion.

Following the European Commission study on the “[Youth Pass - Young people's personal development and employability and the recognition of youth work](#)”, [10 testimonies](#) were released offering examples of good practice.

In a recent article, [EURYDICE](#) has revealed misconceptions concerning young people’s new approach to politics. “*Young people's disengagement from political participation has long been a cause for concern. ...Yet, as a [new report](#) prepared by EURYDICE researchers shows, it is misleading to think that young people are not interested in politics. In fact, young people generally engage and communicate on political issues even more actively than older adults. They just use different channels.*”

The OCSE is organising a Conference on 23 September – 4 October in Warsaw on the [Human Dimension](#). One of the topics in the side events will focus on [Combating hate on the Internet](#).

The [74<sup>th</sup> International Session](#) of the European Youth Parliament will be held in Tbilisi, Georgia, 3-14 October 2013.

A Seminar organised by the [Eastern Partnership Youth Forum](#) will be held in Kaunas, Lithuania, on 22-25 October in the context of Lithuania's Presidency of the Council of the EU and the Eastern Partnership Platform 4 'Contacts between people'.

Following its [call](#) on 15 July for projects driven by young people UNESCO has pre-selected the 15 projects which are expected to be in line with the [UNESCO Youth Strategy 2014-2021](#) – one of the major outcomes expected of the [8th UNESCO Youth Forum](#), to be held in Paris on 29-31 October, under the theme “Youth and Social Inclusion: Civic Engagement, Dialogue and Skills Development.”

The [ILO](#) has warned of a “scarred” [generation](#) of young workers facing a dangerous mix of high unemployment, increased inactivity and precarious work in developed countries, as well as persistently high working poverty in the developing world.

## **(5) Publications**

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

- The Advisory Council on Youth's leaflet on its activities, already available in [English](#) and [French](#), is now also available in [Russian](#).
- The youth policy review on Belgium, available in [English](#), will soon be available in French.

On 20 September, the Centre for Human Rights “[AMOS](#)” – Bitola, which had obtained the rights to translate *Compassito* into Macedonian launched the newly translated version of this popular Manual on Human Rights Education for Children. The translation was supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade.

*Coming soon:*

- [Youth policy review](#) in Ukraine.

## **Reminder:**

- [Youth knowledge book 17](#) “Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts”, published by the EU-CoE youth partnership.
- [Coyote 19](#) “What’s going on?!” (in the European youth arena), published by the EU-CoE youth partnership.
- “[Youth Information Starter Kit](#)” has now been published in [German](#) and [Turkish](#).
- “[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](mailto:youth@coe.int)
- T-Kit No.11 – Mosaic: The training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work is now available in French: “[Mosaïques](#)”.
- [T-Kit No. 12](#) – Youth transforming conflicts.

## **“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](#)

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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*

*EuroDIG: Dialogue on Internet Governance*

*EUROSTAT: Statistical Office of the European Communities*

*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*

*UNESCO: United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

*UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund*

*YFJ: European Youth Forum*

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