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



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.

A seminar for Bloggers and Activities will be held in Strasbourg on 4-6 November. The seminar will draw conclusions from past online actions, to clarify the distribution of roles within the online campaign and to prepare media and online activities related to the upcoming European Campaign Conference (7-9 November).

The European Action Week of Local Democracy took place on 14-20 October. The following issues were addressed: hate speech in local political discourse ('If they are elected by the people, they can say whatever they like'), hate speech as a trigger for hate crimes ('Hate speech is more than speech') and possible action plans at the local level to counter hate speech ('Start from your backyard').

The Brussels Workshop for National Campaign Coordinators (9-11 October) was a huge success, bringing together representatives from 28 countries. The event allowed NCCs and the European campaign committees to exchange expectations before the upcoming European Campaign Conference and to gain deeper insight into the current state of play of the national campaigns.

A national seminar was held in Mollina, Spain on 24-25 October

organised by [InJuve](#), the Spanish Youth Institute, coordinator for the campaign in Spain. The seminar was attended by 60 representatives of youth and human rights organisations who welcomed the campaign and the recent decision of the Joint Council on Youth to extend the campaign until the end of 2014.

The campaign will be also present at the World Forum on Democracy (Strasbourg 27-29 November) in a special laboratory (number 20).

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.

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.*

In the framework of the CM [Armenian Chairmanship](#) which ends on 14 November, a high-level Conference on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance in Europe was held in Yerevan on 21-22 October. The Chair of the Committee of Ministers, Edward Nalbandian and Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland, opened the conference which brought together state representatives, governmental, international and independent experts, representatives of international organisations and civil society.

The [priorities](#) of the Austrian CM Chairmanship which will start on 14 November are: fighting against human trafficking, the respect of freedom of expression and media freedom, social cohesion issues, particularly in relation to the living conditions of people with disabilities, the protection of women from violence and the need to adapt education and democratic participation to contemporary lifestyles; the respect for human rights and the commitment to intercultural dialogue. Within the Austrian Chairmanship, a conference on “*Combating racism, xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance against asylum-seekers and refugees in Europe*” is being organised in co-operation with [ODIHR](#) and the [UNHCR](#) in Strasbourg on 19 November. The Youth Department will be represented in the programme by the No Hate Speech Movement and by the study on the situation of minors (refugees, asylum-seekers) in transition to adulthood.

On 16 October 2013 the CM adopted Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)2](#) on ensuring full inclusion of children and young persons with disabilities into society.

The [PACE](#) Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons meeting during the October part-session involved the participation of AC Bureau member Sergio Belfor in its discussion on “[Unaccompanied migrant children: what rights at 18?](#)” presented by Rapporteur: Ms Mailis Reps.

The [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#) of the Council of Europe held its 25th session in Strasbourg on 29 to 31 October. Under this year’s heading of “*Europe in crisis – the challenges for local and regional democracy*”, the session focused on possible local and regional responses to the economic crisis and challenges in the field of social cohesion. The debates covered “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 also celebrated the

European Charter of Local Self-Government, covering all 47 member states of the CoE.

[ECRI](#) has just published its 2012 annual report which urges Europe's governments to address trends in racism and intolerance.

The [World Forum for Democracy](#) (WFD) 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](#). . A Laboratory will be dedicated to the No Hate Speech Movement campaign. [Ahmad Alhendawi](#), UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth will also attend the Forum.

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

The statutory meetings of the CDEJ, CMJ and CCJ were held in Strasbourg on 14-16 October – attended for the last time by the current Advisory Council on Youth whose mandate ends on 31 December 2013. In the Advisory Council on Youth Vladimir Kharchenko was elected new member of the Bureau replacing Matti Niemi who had resigned.

The CMJ was honoured to welcome Ms Cécile Kyenge Kashetu - Minister for Integration Italy to its meeting on 15 October where she addressed the Committee briefly. Youth is part of Ms Kyenge Kashetu's ministerial portfolio.

The Committee of Ministers on 16 October designated the [30 new members](#) of the Advisory Council on Youth for 2014-2015. Congratulations to the new young members of the AC and to those who will be still part of it for another mandate! A first training session will be held for them on 29-31 January 2014 in Strasbourg.

The CMJ agreed to send a letter to the CoE Secretary General drawing his attention to the financial difficulties encountered by trainees in the CoE and inviting him to take measures to improve the situation.

The results of the European Youth Card Association ([EYCA](#)) study session on "Partnerships for Youth Mobility and Active Citizenship" and the Seminar on "Employability and mobility for young people – youth cards contribution" organised for CoE member states permanent representations, was presented to the CDEJ during its statutory meeting in October.

The European Platform of Youth Centres will meet in Kokkola in early February 2014. The “European Platform of Youth Centres” is an annual meeting of European youth centres interested in applying for the [CoE Quality Label for Youth Centres](#) or which have already been awarded the label. It serves as a forum for exchange and knowledge-sharing on the Quality Label and questions pertaining to the management of youth centres with a European focus. 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.

[EYF](#) Head Jean-Claude Lazaro attended the "Info days" organised by the Serbian Ministry of Youth and Sport on 24 September. Also present were Serbian Minister of Youth and Sport, Vanja Udovicic and the Head of the CoE office in Belgrade, Antje Rothemund. The Info Days focused on presenting the CoE youth sector and the EYF, particularly the new online system to Serbian youth NGOs attending the event. The EYF [user-guide](#) on how to apply for a pilot activity is available on the website.

***Activities held in October included:***

- *“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)
- Youth Peace Ambassadors Thematic Meeting – Gender Based Discrimination (26 October -1 November, EYCB)
- Seminar with National Youth Councils on access to social rights and youth work, in cooperation with the [European Youth Forum](#) (28 October to 1 November, EYCS)

### ***Forthcoming activities include:***

- International seminar with bloggers and campaign activists (3-7 November, EYCS)
- European campaign conference against hate speech online – (6-10 November 2013, EYCS)
- Conference on youth participation and access to social rights (in cooperation with the Congress) (12- 16 November, EYCS)
- Seminar on the role of youth policy in the support of the social inclusion of young Roma. (18-22 November, EYCB)
- Training course on the management of youth organisations for Roma youth leaders (16-24 November, EYCB)
- Euro-Arab training course on democratic youth participation and intercultural dialogue (29 November-6 December, EYCB)
- National Seminar ‘From Regional and local youth policies opportunities for young people to access to social rights for all young people (3-7 November 2013, Florence, Italy)

### ***EU-CoE youth partnership***

- The [conference "Youth in 2020 - the future of youth policies"](#), held on 1-3 October 2013 in Budapest with approximately 150 participants, focused on key themes for Youth in the coming years. . [\[video\]](#) The EU Observer covered the conference collecting some interviews among the participants [\[video\]](#). Interviewed people described a situation where there is “*an imbalance between young and old generations... [there is] the necessity for a generational transfer of opportunity, resources, employment and education*” (Dr H. Williamson); there should be “*a little more innovation in the policies, in the inclusion and in the green agenda... Youth 2020 is too much based on the hopes and on the means of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*” (Dr Csaba Káncz).
- [A Youth Policy Symposium with EECA countries](#) will be held in Yerevan on 13-14 November, organised by the EU-CoE youth partnership in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth of Armenia, [SALTO Resource Centre for Eastern Europe and Caucasus](#) and the [European Youth Forum](#).
- A seminar on Youth and Citizenship with a focus on various types of participation in different areas in which young people live and act will be organised on 19-22 November in Amman, Jordan. The event will be held in cooperation with UNFPA and gathers around 40 young people and experts from both sides of the Mediterranean.

## **Staff**

Ms Sophie de Peco assisting the Advisory Council on Youth left the CoE on 16 October. Many thanks to her precious help over the past three months. Welcome to Kata Takács who has taken up her duties in Budapest as a temporary programme assistant for the Roma Youth Action Plan until 20 December.

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

In October, [Commissioner for Human Rights](#) Nils Muižnieks issued a press releases on the legal recognition of LGBTI families [[video](#)]; [Human rights at risk](#) when secret surveillance spreads; and [Irresponsible media reporting on Roma](#).

On 6-7 November, the North South Centre ([NSC](#)) will organise the Lisbon Forum on “Valuing civil society as actor of governance: Perspectives for the South Mediterranean” as part of the EU/CoE Programme “Strengthening democratic reform in the southern neighbourhood”. It is being organised in cooperation with the [Anna Lindh Foundation](#), the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance ([International IDEA](#)) and the Aga Khan Development Network ([AKDN](#)).

At its 10th EXASS Net meeting on Drug prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of young people held in Israel on 15-18 October, Israel become the second non-Council of Europe country, after Morocco to become a full member of the [Pompidou Group](#).

## **(4) Other news**

The World Youth Forum for Ethics in Business (WYFEB) will take place on 9-16 November in the European Parliament, Brussels and Hasselt University, Belgium. [[Registration](#)]

[Joint Conclusions](#) were adopted at the EU Youth Conference held in the framework of the Lithuanian presidency in Vilnius on 9-12 September. These focused on: adapting education to the needs of young people and demands of the labour market; information and guidance of young people in their transitions; facilitating transition from education to employment; improving the labour market for young people; supporting

young people's autonomy; enhancing the role of youth organisations and developing cross-sectoral cooperation.

In the context of the Eastern Partnership Platform 4 and within the EU Lithuanian presidency, an information day was hosted in [Kaunas](#) on Erasmus+, the EU's new programme for education, training, sport and youth, which will provide more opportunities for students and staff in Eastern Partnership countries to study or train in the European Union – and vice versa. Erasmus+, to be launched in January 2014, will promote cooperation between the EU and Eastern Partnership countries, in particular by supporting short-term student and staff mobility.

A [Seminar](#) on the practical implementation of the [Youth Guarantee](#) was organised by the Commission in Belgium on 17-18 October. The event formed part of an on-going programme set up by the Commission to help Member States design and develop their national Youth Guarantee schemes. The [European Social Fund](#), (some €10 billion every year from 2014 to 2020) can help EU countries set up Youth Guarantee schemes. EU member states with regions of youth unemployment above 25% are eligible for additional EU funding through the €6 billion [Youth Employment Initiative](#)). Member states eligible for this additional funding must submit youth guarantee implementation plans before the end of this year. The Czech Republic, Croatia and Poland have already submitted first draft implementation plans.

As of 1 January 2014, a new set of [EU programmes](#) for education, training, youth, sport, audiovisual, culture, EU aid volunteers and citizenship will be launched. ([Creative Europe](#), [Erasmus+](#), a new [Europe for Citizens](#) programme, the [EU Aid Volunteers](#) initiative).

On Thursday 17 October, the [FutureLab Europe](#) participants joined forces with [ThinkYoung](#) and the Bruges [College of Europe](#) to define their input for Council meeting end of October. Following the European Council's [meeting](#) on 24-25 October, a youth delegation from EuroLab [met](#) Luuk van Middelaar, from the cabinet of the President of the European Council and presented four main topics: more solutions geared to online government; European wide innovation, potential markets and opportunities for marketing innovative ideas; centralised European wide database to help scientists, universities and companies to communicate better; and a new chapter on “social and technological innovation” in the Erasmus+ programme.

In view of the past [meeting](#) at the Council of the EU (24-25 October), a youth delegation from the [FutureLab Europe](#) think tank [had a meeting](#) with Luuk van Middelaar, a representative from the cabinet of the

President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy. Four main topics were presented: a. more solutions geared to online government; b. European wide innovation, potential markets and opportunities for marketing innovative ideas; c. centralised European wide database to help scientists, universities and companies to communicate better; d. a new chapter on “social and technological innovation” in the Erasmus+ programme.

[MyVote2014.EU](#) was set up by [VoteWatch Europe](#), the [European Youth Forum](#) and the Ligue des Jeunes Electeurs to encourage young people to vote at the forthcoming European elections in May 2014. Information includes the categories which can be voted on, such as the Youth Guarantee.

The [8<sup>th</sup> UNESCO Youth Forum](#) was held in Paris on 29-31 October. In her opening speech, Director General Irina Bokova appealed to all youth forum delegates to “Take control. Speak up and speak out. Be bold and be audacious” and stating that saying that “The world needs your ideas, your vision more than ever before. You are not the subjects of change – you are its greatest leaders.” The Forum focused on identifying common concerns and problems and supporting concrete projects.

On 24 October the 2014 [European Charlemagne Youth Prize](#) was launched by EP President Schultz who stated “*Play your part in shaping the Europe of tomorrow and make your voice heard. Your ideas can make a difference.*” The Prize, which is awarded annually and jointly by the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen, aims at encouraging the development of European consciousness among young people, as well as their participation in European integration projects. The Prize is awarded to projects which foster understanding, promote the development of a shared sense of European identity, and offer practical examples of Europeans living together as one community.

On 28 October the [European Youth Forum](#) organised a [Round Table](#) on “The promotion of Youth Rights in Europe” in Strasbourg. The event brought together some 30 youth organisations and representatives of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Social Charter Department, the Youth Sector of the Council of Europe and the Ibero-American Convention on Youth Rights Experts’ Commission. The event aimed at discussing various measures that can improve the access young people have to their rights including the introduction of innovative legal and non-legal instruments as well as a better use of the existing international legal tools.

The European Youth forum also recently launched its 2014 election campaign ahead of the European elections in 2014. As part of the [Love Youth Future](#) initiative, MEP candidates are being encouraged to sign up to eleven pledges covering a wide range of issues that concern young Europeans.

The 5th edition of the [ITU Measuring the Information Society](#) (MIS) report was launched on 7 October. In its Chapter 4 on “Measuring the world’s digital natives” (pp. 127-158) the [report](#) provides an interesting and useful study on the worldwide use of internet by young people.

A Joint Conference on “[Integrity and the crisis: How to earn back the trust of young people](#)”, will be organised by [Transparency International](#) and the [OECD](#) on 9 December in Paris. The OECD is also organising a [workshop](#) for members of the OECD [Higher Education Programme](#) on “Fostering quality teaching within higher education institutions” in Istanbul on 9 to 10 December.

## **(5) Publications**

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

- [Youth Policy in Ukraine](#) is now available. Other [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line including the youth policy review on Belgium which is available in [English](#) and soon available in French.

- The Advisory Council on Youth’s leaflet on its activities, already available in [English](#) and [French](#), is now also available in [Russian](#).

- The revised European Youth Foundation leaflet is now available in 5 languages: [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#)

### *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*

*ODIHR: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*

*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*

*UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

*YFJ: European Youth Forum*

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