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(1) The big picture



The NHSM FORUM will be held on 2-5 October in Gabala, Azerbaijan. Over 180 participants have been confirmed, and invitations are now being sent to persons on the waiting list.

A training course for trainers on combating hate speech online will be held in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium from 15 to 19 October. The course will be based on [Connexions](#), the French version of Bookmarks.

A seminar on “Educational responses to Islamophobia and Discrimination against Muslims in Europe”, part of the European programme of activities, will be held in Budapest from 17 to 19 September, prior to the European Action Day against Islamophobia and Religious Intolerance (21 September). The seminar is co-organised with OSCE / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights in cooperation with the Education Department.

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The Secretary General made an [appeal](#) on 21.07.14 to support and show solidarity for victims of hate crimes and for greater public awareness about the consequences of hate speech in our society.

The [NHSM Petition](#) to make 22 July European Day for Victims of Hate Crime has now been signed by 3553 people, including Roberto López

Díez, Alfredo Fernandez Ojeda and Maria Nuñez Cuenca. The more people sign, the better chances of succeeding. *Have you invited your colleagues to sign it?*

2 August has been added to the NHSM as an exceptional Action Day. 2 August is the *Remembrance Day of the Roma Genocide* and this year it coincided with the 70th anniversary of the Day when more than 200 Roma men, women and children were exterminated in Auschwitz. In addition to online activities, the Council of Europe provided financial and educational support to the meeting of 1000 young people who commemorated this day in Krakow and Auschwitz, organised by Ternype, the Roma Youth Network. [Videos made by campaign activists from Poland about the activity in [Krakow](#) and [Auschwitz](#)].

Forthcoming European Action Days are:

21 September – Combating Islamophobia and Religious Intolerance
9 November – Combating Fascism and Antisemitism
8 December – Human Rights Day

Country action:

The NHSM was promoted at the Sziget Festival in Budapest on 11-17 August, in a joint organisation of the [Foundation of Subjective Values](#) and the national committee of the campaign in Hungary. On 16-17 August they were joined by three international online activists and the [Living Library project](#) of the European Youth Centre Budapest.

The No Hate Speech Regional Bus, a 9-day regional tour promoting awareness raising activities on hate speech and public actions to raise support for the NHSM campaign, started on 27 August in Budapest and will end on 4 September in Budapest. The Bus tour, organised by the Serbian Association for Youth in partnership with the National Campaign Committees in 7 countries will bring together 50 volunteers and will tour Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and Serbia.

The United Kingdom launched its national campaign with the training of their first group of online ambassadors on 9 July. The UK campaign can be followed on Twitter [@noh8speechuk](#).

The project “[From West to East](#)” was held in Azerbaijan on 25-29 July 2014. This regional meeting was organised by the National Assembly of Youth Organisations of Azerbaijan and brought together representatives from national youth councils and national campaign committees from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine. The participants met youth organisation representatives in two regional cities of Azerbaijan – Shamkir and Ganja, the European Youth Capital for 2016.

A team of Ukrainian campaign activists toured a number of European countries on 17 - 27 August with the aim of publicising the Campaign and ended with a visit to the European institutions in Strasbourg.

[CONAPRED](#) (National Council for the Prevention of Discrimination), the partner for the No Hate Speech Movement Campaign in Mexico organised a national training course on 23 - 28 August in the state of Puebla. The campaign in Mexico can be followed on Twitter #DiloSinOdio” (Say it without hate).

The state of play of the national campaign committees can be found and checked on the [website](#) and on the [new map](#) of national campaign coordinators. The second meeting of National Campaign co-ordinators will be held in Warsaw on 10 and 11 November.

A campaign newsletter is produced twice a month. Please send your contributions to: youth.nohatespeech@coe.int. You can also subscribe to the newsletter by joining the movement or clicking “sign up to our newsletter” in www.nohatespeechmovement.org.

Say it with a balloon: Real red heart-shaped No Hate Balloons are now available. Ideal for public events (especially with children!) – not suitable for Valentine’s Day (so, order it now!). Other campaign material – videos, templates for posters and the brochure presentation can be downloaded from www.coe.int/youthcampaign. Also: [Detailed brochure](#); [Flyer](#); [Poster](#).

Have *you* joined the official online Campaign? Please check out the [site](#). You are also encouraged to “like” our campaign on [Facebook](#) (we now have over 13,700 “likes”) and to follow the campaign on Twitter [[#nohatespeech](#)] where our followers have more than doubled again over the summer to over 13,000.

Hate speech, as defined by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, covers all forms of expression which spread, incite, promote or justify racial hatred, xenophobia, antisemitism 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, christianophobia, islamophobia, misogyny, sexism and discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity fall clearly within the scope of hate speech.

For up-to-date CoE action please check the [CoE website](#) and the [CoE Journal](#).

Currently chair of the Committee of Ministers, [Azerbaijan](#) will host *The Forum of the No Hate Speech Movement* (Gabala, 2-5 October) as well as the [First Global Forum on Youth Policies](#) to review the significance and importance of the UN plan of action on youth (Baku, 28-30 October). Co-organised by the UN special envoy on youth, Unesco, UNDP and the CoE Youth Department, the Global Forum will include some 700 participants: country representatives, youth representatives and experts. Within its Chairmanship Azerbaijan is also hosting the 2014 Council of Europe Exchange on religious dimension of intercultural dialogue on 1-2 September.

On 4 July, the Ministers' Deputies held a thematic debate on the report of the Secretary General on the "[State of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe](#)". Concerning the [Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child](#), the Deputies agreed to extend the [ONE in FIVE Campaign](#) for an additional year, until the end of 2015.

On 9 July the Ministers' Deputies adopted the [CoE Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions](#) (which will open for signature on 18 September at the 13th CoE Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport, in Magglingen (Switzerland)). The Deputies also adopted the [CoE Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs](#). A [Statement on the prohibition of any form of commercialisation of human organs](#) was also adopted.

On 1 August the CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence ([Istanbul Convention](#)) entered into force [[video](#)].

On the 65th anniversary of the PACE, President Anne Brasseur [paid tribute](#) to past members and Presidents. She thanked them for “*not giving up on the European dream, for keeping it inclusive and open to new member states and for having transcended their national and political differences to defend the values that are common to us*”.

The [PACE](#) 2014 4th part-session will be held in Strasbourg on 29 September – 3 October. The Advisory Council on Youth has contributed to the report on “student mobility” which is being prepared.

(2) Youth Department update

Antje Rothmund was appointed Head of the Youth Department. She takes up her duties on 1 October 2014. Many thanks to Tina Mulcahy who has been holding the fort for two years as acting Head of the Youth Department.

The Youth Department and activists from the No Hate Speech Movement cooperated closely with Roma youth organisations in commemorating 2 August in several member states as Roma and Sinti Genocide Remembrance Day. The date marks the liquidation of the so-called “Gypsy Family Camp” when Nazis murdered almost three thousand men, women and children in the Birkenau gas chambers on the night of 2/3 August 1944. The work on identity and history is a priority in the [Roma Youth Action Plan](#).

On this occasion, and together with 1000 young human rights activists gathered in Krakow and Poland, the Youth Department launched its latest publication: *A Handbook for Education with Young People on the Roma Genocide*. [[blog](#); [factsheet](#)].

Kompass in Estonian was launched in Tallinn on 25 August during a Conference attended by over 70 people. Published by the [Estonian Institute of Human Rights](#), with the support of the Open Estonia Foundation, *Compass*, the manual for human rights education with young people is now available to educators and facilitators of human rights education in Estonia. Estonian *Kompass* is the *first* translation

published of the 2012 edition of the manual. Congratulations to the publishers!

The Catalan version of *Compasito*, the manual for human rights education with children has just been published by Ahead, *Associacion d'Educators en Drets Humans*, with the support of the City of Barcelona.

Petit Compass was launched on the premises of the Parliament of Andorra on 1 September, in the presence of the President of the Parliament, the Minister of Education of Andorra and the leadership of Ahead of Aina – the organisers of the course for human rights education in Andorra - based on *Petit Compass*.

A first meeting of the drafting group to prepare a Recommendation on “young people’s access to fundamental rights” as recommended by the CM in its [reply](#) to Parliamentary Assembly [Recommendation 2015 \(2013\)](#) was held in Strasbourg on 28-29 August. A second meeting of the drafting group will be held in December.

The international expert team carrying out the CoE youth policy review in Serbia will make a second visit to Serbia on 7-13 September. The report of the youth policy review in Greece, carried out in 2013 will be presented to the CMJ at their meeting in November 2014. Prof. Howard Williamson coordinated both country reviews. The University of South Wales will continue to work on the CoE international reviews of national youth policies in 2014-2016. An expert team will be visiting Romania to carry out a second phase review in 2015. Member states wishing to benefit from the CoE youth policy reviews over the next few years are invited to come forward.

The bureaus of the CDEJ and the CCJ will be meeting jointly on 17-19 September at the EYCS.

Within the Council of Europe’s [Quality Label for youth centres](#) programme, a first visit to the Destelheide Youth Centre in Belgium will be carried out on 29-30 October. A mid-term visit to the Euromed Youth Centre in Adrasan, Turkey will be held on 17-20 November. The 6th Platform will be hosted next year by Ecocenter “Radulovacki” in Serbia.

The 3rd edition of the [World Forum for Democracy “From participation to influence: can youth revitalise democracy?”](#) will take place in Strasbourg, 3–5 November 2014. Registration will open in September.

The [EYF](#) is contributing to the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 (www.coe.int/equality) by promoting the integration of a gender perspective in pilot activities run by youth NGOs with the support of the EYF. The EYF hopes to develop a user-friendly tool for youth NGOs on how to integrate a gender perspective in youth activities and asks you to share any relevant material, good practice or tools.

A 3-day workshop will be held on 22-28 September in the EYC in Strasbourg to develop new project management and non-formal education skills and to transfer recently acquired knowledge into the daily work of the [EYF](#).

Following the Joint Council on Youth's decision in March 2014, the [EYF](#) continues to give priority to pilot activities on capacity building and conflict transformation developed by Ukrainian NGOs or European NGOs wishing to cooperate with Ukrainian NGOs.

Activities held in July and August included:

- Training course on human rights education and youth leadership in Roma communities - "Human rights Education Defenders" (Thessaloniki, 4-7 July)
- Training course on Human Rights Education with Roma Young People (Hungary, 7-11 July)
- Study Session "Social Rights are Human Rights II (too)" in cooperation with the Youth Express Network ([YEN](#)) (EYCB, 14-19 July)

Forthcoming activities include:

- National Training Course in human rights education with children and launching *Compassito* in Catalan (*Petit Compass*) to promote at national level the [Recommendation on HRE/EDC](#) and *Compass* (Andorra, 1 - 5 September)
- Preparatory meeting of the "Forever Young?" Symposium on challenges to transition to working life and autonomy of young people in Europe (EYCS, 4 - 5 September)
- Second residential seminar on the Enter! Long Term Training Course for youth workers on access to social rights for young people (EYCS, 5 - 14 September)
- *Compass(ion) strengthening us!* - National Training Course in human rights education, to promote at national level the [Recommendation on HRE/EDC](#) and *Compass* (Georgia, 5 - 10 September)
- *COMPASS* All-Ukrainian Forum: New Reference Points and Missions for Human Rights Education with Young People in Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine, 9 - 10 September)

- Seminar on transitions of young people to work life (EYCB, 9 - 11 September)
- Hate speech and religious intolerance: Educational responses to Islamophobia and Discrimination against Muslims in Europe (EYCB, 17 - 19 September)
- Evaluation meeting of the Training course for trainers in human rights education with young people (EYCB, 17 - 18 September)
- Respecting Human Dignity in Schools - National Training Course in Human Rights Education - to promote at national level the Recommendation on HRE/EDC and Compass (Croatia, 22- 25 September).

EU-CoE youth partnership

The [new website](#) of the EU-CoE youth partnership was launched on 3 July.

Forthcoming partnership activities include:

- Expert seminar on barriers to social inclusion (Strasbourg, 30 September – 2 October)
- Youth policy seminar in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus on youth participation (Chisinau, Moldova, 14-16 October).
 - Conference on the role of youth work in supporting young people in vulnerable situations (Malta, 25-28 November).
- PEYR (Pool of European Youth Researchers) is being renewed.

Staff

Daniele Cangemi was appointed to the post of Special Coordinator in DGII (Directorate General of Democracy) as from 1 September. He replaces Ulrich Bunjes who was appointed Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues.

(3) Council of Europe

“Universal access to health care is about respecting everyone’s human dignity” underlined the [Human Rights Commissioner](#) in his appeal on 7 August to maintain universal access to health care.

On 14 August the [Congress](#) announced that it had produced a campaign toolkit in 22 language versions to encourage local and regional authorities in Europe to sign up to the Pact of Towns and Regions to Stop Sexual Violence against Children and take measures at local and regional level.

The overarching theme of the [27th session of the Congress](#) will be “Empowering youth: a shared responsibility for cities and regions”. Youth has been a common theme in the Congress’s activities in 2014.

On 31 July, within the Italian Presidency of the European Union, and with the co-operation of the City of Turin, the Council of Europe held a high-level conference on social rights focusing on the [European Social Charter](#). The [Charter](#) establishes a system of legal standards which help to reduce economic and social tensions while facilitating sustainable and mutually beneficial development in the States Parties. The European Youth Forum has recently been included in the list of NGOs entitled to [lodge collective complaints](#). The main aim of the conference was to bring together European policy-makers and reaffirm the importance of social rights in times of crisis.

During the summer break, [EYCA](#) Director, Bob Forsyth, resigned. The newly appointed Director, Manel Sanchez, officially took up his duties on 1 September. Manuel Sanchez was previously responsible for the Andorran Youth Card Agency “Carnet Jove Andorra”. The [Croatian Youth Hostel Association](#) (CYHA), Croatian EYCA member, launched a special edition of the European Youth Card to promote the No Hate Speech Movement in partnership with the Croatian Ministry of Social Policies and Youth. 5,000 special cards bearing the No Hate logo have been produced in order to increase youth participation in the campaign activities.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the [North-South Centre](#) was held in Strasbourg on 10 July. AC member Eliza Popper represented the CMJ at this meeting. Efforts continue to attract new accessions. In line with the decision of the Minister’s Deputies at their 1171st meeting on 29 May 2013, an independent evaluation report will be prepared under the aegis of the Directorate of Internal Oversight (DIO) and submitted no later than June 2015 to facilitate further stock-taking of the Centre’s activities. The Executive Committee of the NSC will meet on 26 September in Strasbourg.

The 16th Ministerial Conference of the [Pompidou Group](#) will be held on 19-20 November in Strasbourg. The main theme will be “New generations – challenges for existing drug policies” and statements will be made on new generations (young people); new forms of addiction and new challenges and opportunities from the Internet. The European Prevention Prize 2014 will be awarded on that occasion.

(4) Other news

On 17 July the European Parliament, criticising the [Youth Employment Initiative](#), adopted a [resolution](#) calling on the European Commission and member states to do more. The [political guidelines](#) which newly-elected President Jean-Claude Juncker presented to the European Parliament in July include the fight against youth unemployment: *“My first priority as Commission President will be to strengthen Europe’s competitiveness and to stimulate investment for the purpose of job creation. I intend to present, within the first three months of my mandate and in the context of the Europe 2020 review, an ambitious Jobs, Growth and Investment Package. ... A significant amount should be channelled towards projects that can help get the younger generation back to work in decent jobs, further complementing the efforts already started with the Youth Guarantee Scheme, the implementation of which must be accelerated and progressively broadened.”*

The [European Youth Forum](#) (YFJ) recently published [“Money grows on trees”](#) which focuses on youth organisations which set up cooperatives. The [report of the Yo! Fest](#) held in Strasbourg in May was published in July and an “Open Letter” was sent by the YFJ to the European Parliament

On 11 July observing [World Population Day](#), UNFPA called for investments in support of the largest-ever generation of young people. *“We know that healthy, educated, productive and fully engaged young people can help break the cycle of intergenerational poverty and are more resilient in the face of individual and societal challenges,”* said Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA. *“As skilled and informed citizens, they can contribute more fully to their communities and nations.”*

On 12 August the UN celebrated [International Youth Day 2014](#) focusing on “Youth and Mental Health” under the slogan ‘Mental Health Matters’.

(5) Publications

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

Reminder:

- [List of Youth Department publications](#)
- [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line.

- The revised European Youth Foundation leaflet is available in 5 languages: [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#). Online versions now offer the following [languages versions](#) : Slovenian, Romanian, Finnish, Spanish and Serbian (NB. more to come!)
- “[Have your say](#)” – A manual on the Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life.
- T-Kit No.11 – [Mosaic: Training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work](#) - available in French: “Mosaïques – kit de formation pour le travail euro-méditerranéen de jeunesse”.
- T-Kit No. 12 – [Youth transforming conflicts](#)
- The leaflet on the Youth Department is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#).
- The leaflet on the Advisory Council on Youth is available in [English](#) / [French](#) / [Russian](#).
- The Right to be Young – report of the [Roma Youth Conference](#) is available from the Youth Department: youth@coe.int
- A [Survey on young people’s awareness of their access to rights](#) - by trainee Chaim Waibel. It complements the publication inspired by the Advisory Council on Youth: “[Young Persons and the case-law of the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter](#)”. [*Former AC member, Thomas Leys (IFLRY) has published an article “[Where is our European Bill of Rights](#)” in a new publication “[Redrafting Europe - The Young Liberals' White Paper on the Reform of the European Union](#)”].*
- [Compendium](#) of Council of Europe approaches to key youth policy and youth work issues (French).
- The [European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers](#) is available in [Turkish](#).
<https://book.coe.int/eur/en/>
- [Youth knowledge book 17](#): “Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts”, published by the EU-CoE youth partnership.
- “[Visegrad Youth – Comparative review of the situation of young people in the V4 countries](#)”, a contribution to knowledge based youth policy development

[EU-CoE Youth Partnership publications](#):

- Perspectives on youth, issue 1 - “[2020 - What do you see?](#)” The French and German versions will soon be available.
- Youth knowledge book 18 - “[History of youth work](#)” volume 4.
- Coyote #20: “[What’s Xtreme about youth?!](#)” – print version
- [Getting there...](#) - publication on recognition of youth work and non-formal learning

Past issues of *Think Youth!* are available on the [website of the Youth Department](#).

Facebook pages:

[Advisory Council on Youth](#)

[Council of Europe - Youth](#)

[European Youth Centre, Budapest](#)

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

[European Youth Foundation](#)

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Abbreviations:

CCJ: Advisory Council on Youth

CDDH: Steering Committee for Human Rights

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

CPJ: Programming Committee on Youth

DG: Directorate General

EDC: Education for Democratic Citizenship

EURODIG: European Dialogue on Internet Governance

EYCB: European Youth Centre Budapest

EYCS: European Youth Centre Strasbourg

EYF: European Youth Foundation
ncc: National campaign coordinator
NSC: North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
NHSM: No Hate Speech Movement
ODIHR: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
OSCE: Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PACE: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
YFJ: European Youth Forum

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