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The Education and Youth Department (DGII) came together in June to discuss ways of improved cooperation. One result was to include a section in *Think Youth!* containing news from the Education Department. The news will be available in paragraph (3) below.

(1) The big picture



“The fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism” remains high on the CoE Agenda according to the Secretary General’s [Action Plan](#) adopted at the 125th Ministerial Session in Brussels on 19 May which foresees the extension of the “[No Hate Speech Campaign](#)” until 2017.

The extended No Hate Speech Campaign will focus on continued support to existing and new National Campaign Committees and in the production and wide dissemination of items to children, young people, parents and other adults through schools, universities, youth clubs and youth organisations. The campaign will also be extended to off-line hate speech.

Following an [Evaluation and Follow-up Conference of the No Hate](#)

[Speech Campaign](#) held at the EYCS, on 28-30 May the secretariat is currently preparing a draft programme and strategy for the future of the campaign, based on the proposals made by the conference participants. [\[Photo Gallery\]](#)

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](#).

[Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), took over the CM Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in May 2015. Its [priorities](#) include social inclusion of youth, with particular attention to the most vulnerable, the efficiency of the judiciary, rights and access to education, cybercrime, the strategic development of higher education and qualification standards, and the promotion of the Council of Europe's "No Hate Speech" Campaign. A meeting of high-level officials on Youth Mobility – Measures to combat Radicalisation is now scheduled to take place in July. Other events include: a Conference on Youth and Women Employment in South East Europe (Sarajevo, 17-18 September); a Seminar on Youth Policy in South-East Europe – Social Inclusion of Youth (Mostar, 27-29 October).

On 19 June [Secretary General](#) Thorbjørn Jagland addressed the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee on "[New initiatives to address the foreign terrorist fighter challenge](#)" in which he expressed his concern regarding the radicalisation of young Europeans saying "*we must prove to the young, the poor, the marginalised, the fearful, the angry that democracy, tolerance and pluralism, our ideas, ideas cherished by people across the world are better than division and hate.*"

[PACE](#)

On 23 June the PACE [re-elected Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni](#) as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

On 20 June, World Refugee Day, PACE President Anne Brasseur [appealed](#) to CoE member states to face their responsibilities towards refugees in need of protection, and support the countries which are coping with these refugee flows. In her PACE [opening speech](#) on 22 June, President Brasseur stressed the importance of education of young refugees which is “*essential in order to prevent their radicalisation*”.

That same day, Malta President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca made [an appeal](#) to find a global solution to the current migration and to combat gender inequalities in its different forms, including domestic violence and long-term unemployment. Radicalisation of young Europeans was a grave concern. “*Why are young people, born and bred in our democracies, choosing to risk their lives, rather than enjoying the benefits afforded by human rights? What has gone wrong? What has affected their choice in life? Who failed them? Was it our attitudes, prejudice or policies?*”

In his [speech](#) to the PACE on 23 June, UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon warned that “*when counter-terrorism violates human rights, countries lose their moral standing – and terrorists cheer. They have been handed one of their best recruiting tools. Women are often the first target. Young people, even children, are being conscripted as fighters. Some young people may be vulnerable to radicalization – but youth are vital to our response. With support, they can be a force against terrorism and the appeal of violent extremism.*”

The [No Hate Parliamentary Alliance](#), set up in accordance with [PACE Resolution 1967\(2014\)](#) on “A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe”, held its 3rd meeting on 23 June in Strasbourg. On that occasion it held a Hearing, jointly with PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development on “[Preventing Islamophobia while combating radicalisation of young people](#)”. Speakers included Tahir Abbas of the Fatih University of Istanbul , Bernard De Vos, Ombudsman for Children’s Rights of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels and Francesco Ragazzi of the University of Leiden.

On 23 June, PACE’s short film “[The Lake](#)”, which encourages young people to speak up about sexual abuse as part of the ONE-in-FIVE

campaign, was [awarded](#) the EACA Care Award for 2015 in the category “government bodies and related organisations”. http://www.act-responsible.org/ACT/EACAwinner15/eaca_winners15.htm

On 24 June PACE formally launched its investigation into the genital mutilation of women in Europe. [[Interview with Professor Roger Somé, Ethnologist](#)]

The CoE [INGO Conference](#) on 25 June welcomed AC member Youssef Himmat who spoke about the role and activities of the Advisory Council on Youth and made some concrete proposals for cooperation. Anne Krause, INGO Conference representative on the Advisory Council on Youth was elected Rapporteur /Board member of the INGO Conference.

On 25 June PACE adopted [Resolution 2067 \(2015\)](#) on Missing Persons in Ukraine asking the Ukrainian authorities to co-ordinate the action of all governmental and non-governmental bodies dealing with this problem, including the work of volunteer associations and human rights organisations. In its [Recommendation 2076 \(2015\)](#) the Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers identify possible contributions by the Council of Europe to the ongoing process of clarifying the fate and whereabouts of missing persons in connection with the conflict in Ukraine, and offer relevant expertise, especially in the framework of co-operation programmes.

(2) Youth Department update

The CoE organised a call for 10 representatives of NGYOs and/or networks **not** members of the [European Youth Forum](#) (YFJ) to be selected in June by the CoE Secretary General to sit on the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) in 2016-2017. The selection of these 10 representatives together with the nominations of 20 representatives elected by the YFJ (13 NGOs and 7 NYCs) will be put forward in the autumn to the Committee of Ministers of the CoE for approval.

Following the 6th European Platform of Youth Centres which took place on 12-15 May 2015 at Ecocenter Radulovački, Sremski Karlovci, Serbia, hosting 28 participants from 20 centres and 17 countries, a third pillar has now been added to the [CoE's Quality Label for youth centres project](#) which will focus on a training session for educational staff of youth centres to be held once a year. The first training session will take place from 29 September to 2 October at the EYC in Budapest. The overall evaluation of the Platform by participants was extremely positive (92%).

The 7th European Platform of Youth Centres should be held at the Lisbon Youth Centre in 2016. The Lisbon Youth centre had been awarded the CoE's Quality Label for youth centres by the European Steering Committee for Youth at its 53rd session (12-14 November 2014). The official award ceremony will take place on 1 July 2015 in Lisbon in the presence of the Portuguese Prime Minister.

The European Youth Foundation ([EYF](#)) visited the international activity "[In the eyes of the beholder](#)", organised by YMCA Parthenope Onlus, on 20 – 27 June 2015 in Cork, Ireland. The meeting aimed at raising awareness about human rights, with a specific focus on individuals with disabilities, using dance, music and theatre. The EYF will also be visiting 2 pilot activities in Serbia from 10-15 July. Links will be made with the [No Hate Speech Movement](#). It is still possible to submit a pilot activity application for 2015 (it must start before the end of the year and be submitted online at least 3 months before the start date) – see [the EYF website](#) for more details. The priorities for 2016-2017, as defined by the CMJ, should be referred to for grant applications for international activities and work plans taking place in 2016. Deadline for submitting applications: **1 October 2015**.

The Trainers Pool has moved to a [new platform](#) which includes several new features: 1. Explanation on what the TP is, why the Youth Department has organised it, its role, functions and rules; 2. A page displaying the public profiles of all the members of the Pool; 3. Visibility of the public profile of trainers; 4. Search function to facilitate finding a member or members according to specific criteria; and 5. Messaging system via the public profiles – trainers can be directly contacted via an on-line form. The system sends the information collected from the form both to the trainer and the related shared mailbox of the Department.

Activities held in June included:

- Study Session *Bordering on the Possible* – Migration, Policy-making and Youth - in cooperation with the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe AISB (CDN) (EYCB, 8 - 13 June)
- Study Session *You(th) in Decision Making: Re-inventing/enforcing the Co-management procedure* - in cooperation with the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) (EYCB, 8-12 June)
- Training of Trainers for Youth in the Council of Europe (TRAYCE) (EYCS, 15 - 23 June)
- Study Session *Roma Mobility - Building Bridges!* - in cooperation with the Forum of European Roma Young People (FERYP) (EYCB, 22 - 26 June)

- Enter! youth meeting: youth workers, local/regional authorities and young people, on solutions to fighting exclusion, discrimination and violence affecting young people and facilitating the integration of young people at risk (EYCS, 30 June - 3 July)

- EEA Norway grants programme for children and youth at risk in Bulgaria: study visit by the youth centres (EYCS, 2 - 4 June)

Forthcoming activities:

- Youth Peace Ambassadors Network Development meeting (EYCB, 6 - 7 July)

- Power of words: capacity-building Training Course of the No Hate Speech Movement Albania - National training course on Human rights education using Compass (Durrës, Albania, 6 - 12 July)

- Training course for trainers and multipliers on youth transition to working life and on access to social rights for young people in Ukraine (EYC Budapest, 20-25 July)

- Youth Dialogue Camp (Kaluga Region, Russian Federation, 17 - 21 July)

- *Formation à l'éducation aux droits de l'homme* - National training course on Human rights education using Compass (Caen, France, 14-17 September)

- Towards human rights together with student self-government - National training course on Human rights education using the Ukrainian version of Compass (Kobleve, Mykolaiv region, Ukraine, 23 - 29 August)

- 5th Euro-Arab Youth Forum (EYCS, 2 - 5 September)

- *Promote and protect human rights in your environment* - National training course on Human rights education using Compass (Stasiūnai village, Lithuania, 8-11 September)

- No Hate Speech Movement Network seminar for online coordinators (EYCS, 9- 11 September)

The 5th Euro-Arab Youth Forum, hosted by the Youth Department and co-organised with the League of Arab States in partnership with the European Youth Forum, will be held on **2- 5 September** in Strasbourg. The Forum will focus on fostering mutual cooperation and dialogue among young Arab and European leaders, representatives of associations and decision-makers, on the meanings and practices of citizenship by young people and the challenges they face in their paths to autonomy.

The Bureaus of the CDEJ and CCJ will meet exceptionally in Budapest on 14 – 15 September for members to be able to participate in the [20th anniversary festivities](#) of the Budapest Youth Centre. You are invited to use the #eycb20 hashtag to be part of the celebration. A [Symposium on Youth Participation in a Digitalised World](#) organised by the EU-CoE youth partnership will also be held on those dates.

Staff:

Many thanks to Bridget O’Loughlin, who left the Youth Department after having held the position of Manager of the No Hate Speech Campaign for the past year and a half. She has been appointed Secretary to the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ([GREVIO](#)) as from June. We thank her for wearing the red heart with pride and wish her every success in her new venture.

Welcome to Marie Cucurella who started her traineeship at the European Youth Centre in Budapest on 8 June until the end of July.

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

- [Symposium on Youth Participation in a Digitalised World](#)
(Budapest, 14-16 September)

(3) DG II - Education Department

As from September 2015, this section will be dedicated to the latest news from the Education Department. <http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/>

(4) Council of Europe

The [Congress](#) *ad hoc* reflection group on the participation of young people in its work met again on 30 June in Strasbourg. A number of young people will be invited to take an active part in the 29th session of the Congress (Strasbourg, 19-22 October).

Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe [Commissioner for Human Rights](#), addressed the International Implementation Forum for Local and Regional Authorities held in Graz on 28 May on “[Putting human rights into practice at the local and regional level](#)”. In June at a Conference presenting the results of the work of the Norwegian Tater/Romani Commission held in Oslo, he made a [speech](#) on measures to promote

reconciliation between Traveller and Roma communities and majority societies in Europe. On 1 July 2015 the CoE Commissioner for Human Rights will travel to Ukraine together with EC Humanitarian Aid & Crisis Management Commissioner, Christos Stylianides, to acquaint themselves with the situation in the combat zone in the east of the country. The EU has pledged humanitarian assistance worth 15 million euros.

A High level Round Table on Alternatives to Imprisonment for Drug Dependent Offenders was organised on 22 June in Tbilisi by the [Pompidou Group](#) and was hosted by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. Participants discussed possible policy amendments which would allow the criminal justice system to send drug offenders to treatment and rehabilitation facilities instead of prisons. The project is part of the regional project, "Criminal Justice Responses to Drug Dependent Prisoners", within the CoE/EU Eastern Partnership Programmatic Cooperation Framework (PCF).

[The North South Centre](#) deadline for [nominations](#) for the North-South Prize for 2015 is 10 July 2015. The North-South Prize has been awarded every year since 1995 to two candidates who have stood out for their exceptional commitment to promoting North-South solidarity.

The [World Forum for Democracy](#) (WFD) to be held in Strasbourg on 18-20 November 2015 will focus on "Freedom versus control: For a democratic response". The WFD will engage decision-makers, opinion leaders and social innovators in a debate about the approaches to be adopted at the international, national, regional and local levels in order to ensure the protection of freedom in democracy facing violence and extremism.

(5) Other news

Following [pledges signed in Riga](#) during the EU Latvian presidency, on 22 June some 40 companies and other organisations joined [the European Alliance for Apprenticeships](#) and committed to providing more and better apprenticeships for young people. The companies will make a total of 140 000 apprenticeships and training opportunities available to young people. The European Commission is committed to strengthening the supply, quality and image of apprenticeships.

[Luxembourg took over the presidency](#) of the Council of the EU in July bringing to a close the Italian-Latvian-Luxembourg Trio Council

Presidency. The official programme of the Presidency will be presented by Prime Minister Xavier Bettel to the Parliament on 8 July.

The European Youth Event (EYE) will be held again next year (European Parliament, Strasbourg, 20–21 May 2016). Young people between 16 and 30 are invited to take part [check out [EYE Facebook page](#)]. The event's motto will be "Together we can make a change" and five themes are being proposed: - War and peace: Perspectives for a peaceful planet; - Apathy or participation: Agenda for a vibrant democracy; - Exclusion or access: Crackdown on youth unemployment; - Stagnation or innovation: Tomorrow's world of work; and - Collapse or success: New ways for a sustainable Europe. Registration for participation opens in October, but young people and youth organisations wishing to contribute to the programme can already sign up now until 4 September.

Last April some 21 civil society organisations and 5 political youth forums, decided to establish the [Albanian National Youth Network](#) (ANYN). The Network will be an umbrella organisation of youth organizations and those working for young people all over Albania, which have a consolidated and long-term activity locally and nationally to promote youth issues.

“Only one quarter of workers worldwide is estimated to have a stable employment relationship”, according to a new report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

(6) Publications

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

NEW!

- A new report by SG Thorbjørn Jagland on the “State of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe” is [now available](#). The report assesses the capacities of the CoE member states to guarantee and enhance democratic security within their borders and, collectively, across the continent. The report also draws on the CoE’s capacity to monitor and evaluate performance in terms of democracy, human rights and rule of law and to identify remedies for shortcomings and provide assistance in their implementation.

- [Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#)
- A survey carried out by ERYICA which suggests that the vast majority of the many young people who use Youth Information and Counselling (YIC) services in Europe are grateful for their existence. This unique compendium – prepared by ERYICA and the CoE – traces the history of YIC services across the continent, describes in detail the vital role YIC services play and offers guidance and advice for those countries wishing to expand, improve or establish their own structures. In an age when mass online communication can often be overwhelming and confusing, the compendium provides a valuable single reference for those interested in and working hard for a bright future for Europe’s younger citizens.
- New film:
 - [“100%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)
- New [Leaflet](#) on the EU-CoE youth partnership 2014-2016

Reminder:

[List of Youth Department publications](#)

- The “Youth Information Starter Kit” is now available in [Italian](#). The Kit gives a first insight as to what Youth Information is, the underlying working principles and missions, how to start creating Youth Information Services and some practical information on what the different European structures have to offer to those who want to step into the world of Youth Information. Other linguistic versions: [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Turkish](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Macedonian](#). *Polish version (planned in 2015)*
- [Young people’s access to rights through youth information and counselling](#) was produced in partnership with ERYICA. This publication is a toolkit intended to assist youth information experts working directly with young people, but it can also be used in other non-formal activities. The toolkit offers many sources of information and inspiration on how to inform young people about their rights, in an attractive way. The publication offers a summary of the most relevant and useful material available in the online world. At the end of the publication one can find suggestions of practical activities and examples of good practice that can help young people better understand human rights and ways to access

them. Also available in [Russian](#). *French version available in September.*

- [Mirrors](#) – A Manual on combating antigypsyism through human rights education. French version in preparation

- [Islamophobia and its consequences on young people / L'islamophobie et ses conséquences pour les jeunes](#)

- The [Advisory Council leaflet](#) has been updated in English. The French, German and Russian editions will be available soon.

- The French version of the Manual for facilitators in non-formal education “[Manuel de l'animateur en éducation non-formelle](#)” is now also available in [Russian](#) and in [Turkish](#).

- [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line. The youth policy review on Greece should appear soon.

- 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.10 Educational Evaluation in Youth Work - [now available in Czech](#)

- 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 former version of the Advisory Council on Youth leaflet is still available in [French](#) and [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
- [Young people’s access to rights through youth information and counselling](#). This publication is the result of the [partnership between the Council of Europe and ERYICA](#).

[Recent and upcoming EU-CoE youth partnership publications:](#)

- Perspectives on youth, volume 1 – ["2020 - What do you see?"](#). The [French](#) and [German](#) versions are also available.
- Perspectives on youth, volume 2 – [“Connections and disconnections”](#) available now in English.
- Youth knowledge book 18 – ["History of youth work" volume 4](#).
- [Getting there...](#) – a publication on the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning.
- [Coyote #20](#) – “What’s Xtreme about youth?!” – electronic and printed versions available.
- [Coyote # 21](#) – “Know What?” – electronic version available.
- [Coyote #22](#) – “Discriminating(,)me?!” – electronic pdf version and [epub version for tablets](#).
- [Leaflet](#) on the EU-CoE youth partnership 2014-2016
- Films:
 - [“What is youth work today”](#)
 - [“100%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)

Wishing you a wonderful and relaxing summer!

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](#)

[No Hate Speech Movement](#)

Abbreviations:

CCJ: Advisory Council on Youth

CDDH: Steering Committee for Human Rights

CDEJ: European Steering Committee on Youth

CDMSI: Steering Committee on Media and Information Society

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

ECHR: European Court of Human Rights

ECRI: European Commission against racism and intolerance

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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