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(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.

Following an [Evaluation and Follow-up Conference of the No Hate Speech Campaign](#) held at the EYCS, on 28-30 May a preliminary compilation and analysis of the online survey which was presented at the Conference is now available on the platform. It will be completed in September. [[video](#)]

On 25 June 2015, the PACE adopted [Resolution 2069 \(2015\)](#) on “Recognising and preventing neo-racism”. The resolution has important sections on hate speech and the role of education and training.

“Preventing Islamophobia while combating the radicalisation of young people” was the title of a joint meeting of the PACE’s [No Hate Parliamentary Alliance](#) and the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development held in Strasbourg on 23 June. [cf. the [Charter of commitments](#) and [the list of members](#) of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance].

The NHSC will be represented by 5 activists at the conference “Human Rights and Democracy in Action: Addressing Radicalisation and Extremism through Education”, organised by the Education Department in Strasbourg on 24 and 25 September. The conference aims to facilitate a debate on the role of education in preventing radicalisation and extremism, to explore the experience of recent initiatives in this area and to discuss priorities for future action. [cf. the [EDC/HRE site](#)]

A final meeting of the Follow-up Group on the NHSM will be held in Strasbourg on 21 – 22 September.

NHSM in Ukraine

On 25-28 June the Ukrainian Campaign Committee organised several events in cities on the edge of the conflict zone. The Association “KVN of Ukraine”, with the support of the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine, brought the No Hate Speech Movement to Donbass by holding seminars, concerts, art exhibitions and video presentations. Twenty kilometres away from the conflict zone, the Ukrainian campaign managed to share humour and knowledge with local communities in 5 cities of the Donetsk and Lugansk regions – Kramatorsk, Severodonetsk, Rubizhne, Slovyansk and Svyatogirsk. Traces of the war are still alive in the ruined buildings and in the eyes of people who experience a lot of grief. A team of activists from Ukraine and the Czech Republic held seminars on human rights and No Hate Speech in Kramatorsk and Severodonetsk, promoting human rights with instruments of the [No Hate Speech Campaign](#) in Ukraine. Concerts organised by youth teams from 14 regions of Ukraine shared solidarity and a positive attitude towards the people of Donbass. There was also a display of “No hate” cartoons([Vasyl Voznyuk](#)) and a photo exhibition “Positive” by Sergey Denisenko. “Art is a universal language that speaks from heart to heart. We face not only war losses but lack of understanding among people from both sides of conflict zone. It is extremely important to promote tolerance and common dialogue in order to combat hate speech and build peace.” said Nadija Pavlyk, Ukrainian campaign coordinator.

The participants of the “Enter! Youth Meeting - Access to Social Rights for all Young People!” (held in Strasbourg on 30 June – 3 July) sent a [Message to the Council of Europe](#), calling for the NHS Campaign “to be taken more seriously by our authorities. We claim equal dignity for everyone, everywhere!”

Campaign Secretariat

Estelle Glessinger will continue providing administrative assistance to the campaign. Rui Gomes, Head of the Education and Training Division of the Youth Department, will secure coordination until the new Campaign Coordinator is appointed. [youth.nohatespeech@coe.int]

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](#).

On 1 September 2015, commenting on the ECHR judgment in the case of [Khlaifia and Others v. Italy](#), [Secretary General](#) Thorbjørn Jagland stated: “Today’s judgment is a timely reminder to all 47 Council of Europe countries that asylum seekers and migrants must be treated as individual human beings with the same basic rights as everyone else, as guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights.”

[Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), took over the CM Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in May 2015 and announced its [priorities](#) which 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 high-level conference, entitled “Women in today’s film industry: gender issues. Can we do better?” was held in Sarajevo on 14 August, in the framework of [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)'s Chairmanship of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. A [declaration](#) was adopted at the

conference calling for policies to counter the gender imbalance in the European audio-visual industry.

A Seminar on “Youth Policy in South-East Europe – Social Inclusion of Young People in Vulnerable Situations” will be held within the CM Chairmanship of Bosnia-and-Herzegovina on 27-29 October in Mostar. The Seminar is organised by the [EU-CoE youth partnership](#) and will draw on the results of the [Mapping of Barriers study](#) and focus on the potential and role of youth policy to support youth in overcoming the obstacles to inclusion in society. The seminar will bring together a variety of actors relating to policy, research and practice to exchange how an effective and sustainable implementation of youth policy can contribute to the social inclusion of young people in vulnerable situations. Successful policy examples from different geographical areas relating to social inclusion of young people in vulnerable situations will be analysed and their transferability to other geographical/national/political settings discussed.

[PACE](#)

The autumn PACE part-session will be held from 28 September to 2 October 2015. The CoE [INGO Conference](#), through its two thematic Committees ([Education and Culture and Human Rights](#)) and partner NGOs, is organising a training session on 8 – 11 October in Strasbourg. The session is open to heads of NGOs, public organisations and those involved in education (parents, teachers, heads of organisations for the education and guidance of youth...) as well as to local authorities.

PACE President Anne Brasseur and Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General for Democracy, met on 24 June with representatives of [CoExister](#), an association active in inter-religious dialogue among young people. The group visited the Council of Europe during their InterFaith Tour, promoting a better living together without any form of discrimination.

(2) Youth Department update

Following a call for 10 representatives of NGYO and/or networks **not** members of the [European Youth Forum](#) (YFJ) to sit on the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) in 2016-2017, the Secretary General short-listed 10 representatives who, together with the 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. The new Advisory

Council mandate, once confirmed by the Committee of Ministers, will be invited to take part in a training session in Strasbourg on 27-29 January 2016.

The drafting group on the preparation of a draft recommendation on young people's access to rights held its third and last meeting in Strasbourg on 31 August – 1 September. The draft will now be presented to the CMJ at its meeting in October before being submitted to the Committee of Ministers for approval.

The European Youth Foundation ([EYF](#)) visited an international activity in Germany from 9-12 August on “Diversity through Identity”. It is still possible to submit a pilot activity application for 2015. The activity must start before the end of the year and be submitted online at least 3 months before the start date. [Last deadline: 20 September 2015](#). For international activities and work plans taking place in 2016, reference should be made to the [priorities for 2016-2017](#), as defined by the CMJ. [Deadline for submitting applications: 1 October 2015](#).

In response to questions from international youth NGOs about 2016 work plan and structural grant applications, the EYF is organising an information session in Brussels on 7 and 8 September. 40 representatives of 32 organisations will be attending.

A delegation made up of 6 CMJ members (3 CDEJ and 3 CCJ), a representative of the European Youth Forum and 2 members of the CoE Secretariat will undertake a study visit to Ukraine on 21 - 23 September 2015. The aims are for the CoE delegation to be informed of the situation of youth NGOs in Ukraine and in turn to inform Ukrainian youth NGOs /networks and relevant public authorities of the possibilities offered by the CoE (programmes and financial support from the EYF, and advice on youth policy). The CoE will also aim for better association with young people, in particular those living outside the Kyiv region. The delegation will examine how the CoE Youth Department can better support Ukrainian youth projects and associate Ukrainian youth NGOs/networks and authorities with the future co-operation programme between the CoE and the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine.

The first Training Course for educational staff of youth centres that have been awarded the [CoE's Quality Label for youth centres](#) will be held at the EYC in Budapest from 29 September to 2 October. The Training Course will supplement the evaluation procedure and the annual European Platform Meeting for Youth Centres. The course will

concentrate on improving the integration of Human Rights Education into the programmes of participating youth centres. Two exploratory visits to youth centres will be carried out before the end of the year: (1) FITT- Timisoara, Romania (11-12 November) and (2) CEULAJ – Mollina, Spain (9-10 December).

Activities held in July / August included:

- 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);
- 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)

Forthcoming activities:

- 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)
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- International seminar about the role and functioning of youth centres for youth policy experts from Turkey (EYCS, 15 - 18 September)
- Youth Peace Camp (EYCB, 17 - 24 September)

- Study session Right to exist? In cooperation with Association of Service Civil International ivzw (SCI) (EYCB, 28 September - 2 October)
- Transit: development of an on-line platform for young people to share their experiences in transition to working life (EYCS, 28 September - 1 October)

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, was held on **2- 5 September** in Strasbourg. The Forum focused 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 in Budapest on 14 – 15 September allowing members 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 EYCB celebrations. A [Symposium on Youth Participation in a Digitalised World](#) organised by the EU-CoE youth partnership will also be held on those dates.

Staff:

Goodbye to Valérie Schaeffer who left the Youth Department on 24 August to take up a new position in DG 1/Prevention of Cyber Crime and welcome back to Bénédicte Stevenin who will provide assistance to the Advisory Council from 14 September to 13 November 2015. Sylvie Fritsch is kindly helping to tide over the gap, acting as Assistant to the Head of the Youth Department, whilst continuing her assistance to the CDEJ and CMJ.

Welcome also to:

- Tatiana Basarab, who will join the Partnership team and work in the Brussels office as from mid-September and until the end of the year during the happy occasion of Marta Medlinska's maternity leave.
- Michael Nguyen, who will assist with the preparations of the youth contribution to the World Forum on Democracy and who will work at the EYCS from 1 September until end November.

- Gordana Berjan, who will leave her present post in the Children Rights Division (DG II) to take up the post of Secretary to the Advisory Council on Youth on 1 October replacing Anna Trigona who retires on 30 September 2015. Gordana will also replace Anna as editor of Think Youth!

And a warm welcome to our three new trainees who join the Youth Department on 7 September:

- Ciara Spencer who will work in the Education and Training Division
- Alessandra Coppola who will work in the Education and Training Division
- Carmen Stolzlechner who will work in the Youth Policy Division with the CoE/EU partnership team.

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

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

(3) DG II - Education Department

This section is dedicated to the latest news from the [Education Department](#).

A Conference “Human Rights and Democracy in Action: Addressing Radicalisation and Extremism through Education”, will be held in Strasbourg on 24 and 25 September. The conference aims to facilitate a debate on the role of education in preventing radicalisation and extremism, to explore the experience of recent initiatives in this area and to discuss priorities for future action. [cf. the [EDC/HRE site](#)]

A Platform on Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education will be launched at the Prague Forum on 1 - 2 October. A dedicated website for the project will be available at the end of September.

(4) Council of Europe

The President of the [Congress](#), will address the PACE Autumn part-session in the autumn. The Independent Group of Experts will meet in Strasbourg from 24 to 25 of September. 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](#), issued a statement on 28 August entitled “Without papers but not without rights: the basic social rights of irregular migrants” in which he states that “basic social rights are also universal, because their enjoyment constitutes a prerequisite for human dignity”.

The [Pompidou Group](#) will organise a seminar on “Women, drugs, and violence” in Rome on 10-11 December 2015 in cooperation with the Department for Anti-drug Policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy which will bring together professionals working on the treatment of addiction treatment, harm and risk reduction. The Pompidou Group also conducted a [review of literature on violence](#) (experienced or perpetrated) and psychoactive substance use among women in Europe and in the Mediterranean region.

[The North South Centre](#), in co-operation with the National Youth Observatory of Tunisia and in partnership with the League of Arab States, the European Youth Forum, the Italian National Youth Forum and the National Youth Council of Catalonia organised the 3rd Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship (MedUni). AC member Eliza Popper attended.

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”. Following a call for applications, 75 young participants will be selected by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe in order to ensure a strong youth participation during the Forum.

(5) Other news

[Luxembourg took over the presidency](#) of the Council of the EU in July and announced its [priorities](#) which address youth unemployment, the Youth Guarantee and youth participation. On 31 August, the Luxembourg Minister for Immigration and Asylum, Jean Asselborn, announced a special "Justice and Home Affairs Council" (JHA) to be held on 14 September 2015 to discuss strengthening the European response to migratory pressures.

The [ILO](#) warns that the world is facing a worsening youth employment crisis: young people are three times more likely to be unemployed than

adults. The ILO's [programme on youth employment](#) operates through a global network of technical teams at its headquarters in Geneva and in more than 60 offices around the world, providing assistance to countries in developing coherent and coordinated interventions on youth employment.

A recent OECD publication, [Skills Outlook 2015](#), shows how improving the employability of youth requires a comprehensive approach. While education, social, and labour market policies have key roles to play, co-ordination between public policies and the private sector is also crucial. The publication, which builds on the results of the 2012 Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC) presented in the first edition of the Skills Outlook, also presents examples of successful policies in selected countries.

(6) Publications

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

NEW!

The youth policy review on Greece is now available from the [CoE online bookshop](#). [[pdf version](#)]

The youth policy review on Serbia should be available soon.

[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](#) is now available.

- 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 in English. German and French versions will be available very soon.
- 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%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)

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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