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(1) Campaigning for Human Rights online



'We CAN!' manual launched

On 20 March the manual '[We CAN! Taking action on hate speech through Counter and Alternative Narratives](#)' was launched in Strasbourg. Complementing the manual [Bookmarks](#), 'We CAN!' presents communicative and educational approaches and tools for youth and other human rights activists to develop their own counter and alternative narratives to hate speech. Check out the [We CAN! video](#) and find more [information and the manual hand-outs](#) online.

8 April International Roma Day

On 5-6 April in [EYCS](#), the [CoE](#) arranged a training course for young people on the question of perceptions and participation in partnership with [the French No Hate Speech Movement](#) and the organisations ARPOMT-GDV (Association de Recherche Pédagogique Ouverte en Milieu Tsigane-Gens du Voyage), LATCHO ROM STRASBOURG and [Le Collectif Européen des minorités discriminées](#).

NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS

France

A Training course on Human Rights Education against Hate Speech was organised in EYCS on 16-17 March in cooperation with the municipality of Strasbourg. It aimed at increasing the engagement of youth workers from Strasbourg in campaigning against hate-speech in their organisations, clubs and schools.

Belgium

The [Bookmarks in Dutch](#) was launched in March and the [City council of Oosterzele](#) became the first municipality to join the [Flemish Campaign](#) in Belgium on 22 March.

Germany

The German campaign coordinator spoke on '[Aljazeera Stream](#)' on the proposed new [German Law on Hate Speech](#) forcing social media platforms to take an active role in policing illegal hate speech on their sites on 27 March.

Sweden

On 3-6 April the World Culture Museum in Gothenburg hosted 25 activists and educators for a [regional course based on Bookmarks](#). The events was jointly organised with the [Anna Lindh Foundation network of Sweden](#).

Portugal

The [Portuguese Institute for Sports and Youth](#) coordinator of the [Portuguese campaign](#) with the participation of [Movijovem](#) will host 25 campaign activists and educators to introduce the campaign to the local youth in Porto, Portugal on 18-21 April.

Greece

14-17 March [Youthnet Hellas](#) hosted Greek and Norwegian youth workers and activists to plan new programmes for 2018 and continue their cooperation for the movement against hate speech.

(2) Council of Europe – main developments

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

On 23 March, [the Special Representative of the Secretary General on migration and refugees](#), Tomáš Boček launched a report stating that about 30% of asylum seekers arriving in Europe in the last two years were children. The report highlighted that the current system in Europe is not only unable to tackle increasing number of children fleeing conflict in Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq but also it tends to make those children outsiders that increases the chance of later radicalisation.

“The Irish government should ensure that the economic upturn benefits the most vulnerable groups and should promote equality of Travellers, women and children by removing the barriers that disproportionately hinder them from fully enjoying their rights”, said the [Commissioner for Human Rights](#), Nils Muižnieks, in a [report](#) launched on 23 March based on his visit to the country in November 2016.

Detrimental effects of the economic crisis in 2008 continue in Slovenia with 14.5% of the total population claiming benefits, according to a [report](#) of the [Commissioner for Human Rights](#), Nils Muižnieks released on 23 March. He highlighted that “Economic deprivation can have particularly negative consequences for children, as it hinders their chances at a good education and can lead them to repeat poverty patterns in adulthood.”

On 4 April, the [Commissioner for Human Rights](#), Nils Muižnieks introduced a [report](#) underscoring an increasing tendency since 2012 to adopt or draft legislation with a view to limiting freedom of expression of civil society organisations including youth NGOs across the globe. The Commissioner, therefore, invites Member States to attach the utmost importance to the protection and promotion of freedom of association in order to stop this alarming trend.

The 32nd Session of the [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities](#), was on 28-30 March. It welcomed the active participation of youth delegates from 44 countries in local and regional decision making alongside Congress members. The Congress also provided a platform for young people to share good practices of their active involvement in decision-making processes at a regional level. This active participation will be further promoted through funding youth delegates’ projects to be carried out between the two 2017 sessions.

[The North South Centre \(NSC\) of the Council of Europe](#) has launched [Nominations for the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe 2017](#). Do you have proposals? Please send your nominations by **15 September 2017**. More information is available [here](#).

(3) Youth Department update

- The Council of Europe statutory bodies on youth– the [Joint Council on Youth](#) (CMJ), the [European Steering Committee for Youth](#) (CDEJ), and the [Advisory Council on Youth](#) (CCJ) met in Budapest on 27-29 March.

Among other things, the [Joint Council on Youth](#):

- took note of the update on the 2018-2019 Programme and Budget process;
- adopted a road map for the development of a Council of Europe youth strategy from 2020 to 2030 (including an evaluation of Agenda 2020);
- adopted the road map 2017-2019 for the dissemination and implementation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2016\)7](#) of the Committee of Ministers to member states on young people's access to rights;
- approved the final draft of the Recommendation on youth work and its explanatory memorandum, and agreed to submit them to the Committee of Ministers for consideration and final adoption;
- held a thematic debate on the co-management of the Council of Europe's youth sector to shed further light on ways to advance this unique co-decision system between governments and youth organisations;
- welcomed the study on new and innovative forms of youth participation in decision-making processes;
- reiterated the importance of including the situation of unaccompanied minors in transition to adulthood in the future Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe 2017-2019; charged a drafting group with preparing a draft text to be presented to the 37th CMJ meeting (October 2017), in order that it may take a decision on whether to draft a CM Recommendation or to develop CMJ policy guidelines on this issue;
- appointed Alice Barbieri as Gender Equality Rapporteur of the CMJ, and
- appointed Mihai Sebe as Rapporteur on Roma issues of the CMJ.

- The 8th European Platform of Youth Centres will focus on the exchange of knowledge among youth centres will take place from 26 to 29 June in [Vormingscentrum Destelheide](#), Dworp, Belgium. The call for participants can be found at www.coe.int/youth. The application deadline is 28 April.

- The [European Youth Foundation](#) organised [\(Re\)wind seminar](#) on 1-4 March to raise awareness and share good practices among 30 representatives of local and national youth NGOs from 24 countries. The seminar was specifically devoted to introducing the EYF's spirit and working methods to the participants with the aim of improving the quality of grant applications. The videos of the seminar are available on its [website](#).

- The **EYF** continues visiting some of the projects it is supporting in order to increase the visibility of the EYF and the Council of Europe.

- The **European Youth Foundation (EYF)** has reviewed its [webpage](#) on gender perspectives to encompass a more diverse and inclusive approach. The EYF is actively promoting the integration of a gender perspective in the youth projects it supports and this page contains resources created by the Council of Europe and youth NGOs, as well as links to relevant tools and actors.

- The No hate practitioners meeting took place in Bucharest on 1-3 March with the participation of 41 NGOs representing 16 countries. The meeting yielded an agreement of NGOs on maintaining their support for the continuation of No Hate Civil Society Initiatives in the 2014- 2021 programming cycle.

-A [Study Session on Building a Socially Inclusive World through Personal Empowerment International](#) was organised in cooperation with the [International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People](#) in EYCB on 6-12 March. An action plan for the World Hearing Day 2018 was devised by IFHOHYP and its members' organisations. The study session also included various subjects of human rights and protection mechanisms, practical tools for social inclusion, and the CoE Disability Strategy.

Activities in April:

- 6th Euro-Arab Youth Forum in cooperation with the League of Arab States and the Euro-Arab Youth Forum (Fez, Morocco, 24-29 April)
- Study session United Youth against Hate and Violent Extremism in Europe in cooperation with the Human Rights Education Youth Network (HREYN), UNITED for Intercultural Action - European

network against nationalism, racism, fascism and in support of migrants and refugees and European Youth Press (EYCB, 24-28 April)

- IV International Youth Seminar "Remembrance and Learning from World War II" (EYCS, 24-27 April)

- Integrating human rights education in youth work: an advanced residential training for youth workers and trainers - National Training Courses on Human Rights Education 2017 (Dworp, Belgium, 28 April-01 May)

- Youth Peace Camp (EYCS, 30 April – 07 May)

[EU-CoE youth partnership](#)

- On 29 March the panel discussion on '[European Youth Work: towards the 3rd European Youth Work Convention](#)' was organised within the European programme at [the 16th German Child and Youth Welfare Congress](#) in Düsseldorf. The panel was organised in cooperation with [JUGEND für Europa](#). The panel represented an opportunity to take stock of the developments after the Second European Youth Work Convention and to identify some orientations towards possible themes as well as ways ahead for the next Convention.

(4) Other news

The EU launched a guide to help stop young people signing up to violent extremism at an event organised with young people on the connection between promoting democracy and the key role that young people can play in achieving the universal sustainable development goals (SDGs) on 28 March. [Extremely Together](#) is a Kofi Annan Foundation initiative co-financed by the EU to tackle violent extremism.

The European Commission set in motion an initiative under the [Erasmus+ programme](#) which further supports learning and mobility of young Europeans on 27 March. The initiative, [Move2Learn, Learn2Move](#), will enable at least 5,000 young citizens to travel to another EU country in a sustainable manner – individually or together with their school class.

The EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini introduced the '[Young Med Voices Plus](#)' initiative to "open all channels" to youth agency across the Mediterranean through large-scale communication and advocacy actions on 23 March. The meeting was organised in partnership with [the Anna Lindh Mediterranean Foundation](#) and [the European Youth Forum](#) to devise innovative solutions with EU high-officials to common challenges affecting the Mediterranean societies.

[ERYICA](#) will arrange the [European Youth Information Day \(EYID\)](#) on 17 April to highlight the prominent role of having reliable information on youth in the Post-Truth era. To this aim, it invites its members, stakeholders, youth workers and young people to take a moment to create memes that begin with "Who told you..." and spread the message of the need for reliable sources and a critical view on information.

The [European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights](#) published a report on "[Together in the EU – Promoting the participation of migrants and their descendants](#)". It investigates EU Member States' policies including non-discrimination, social cohesion, education, employment, language learning and political engagement. The report underlines that only twelve Member States specifically target migrant youth and descendants of migrants in their national migrant integration policies. That calls for taking drastic measures for promoting inclusive societies across Europe.

On 3 April, the Council of the European Union adopted [conclusions on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child](#). These conclusions follow the '[Guidelines for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the Child \(2017\) - Leave No Child Behind](#)' adopted by the Council on 6 March. These guidelines underline EU commitments to secure and advance the rights of the child in its external human rights policy.

Youth unemployment is still one of the major concerns in many EU Member States. A statement adopted by the SEDEC commission of [the European Committee of the Regions \(CoR\)](#) on 31 March highlighted the need to strengthen cooperation with the public and private sector to ensure that employee skills can be in compliance with labour market needs.

[The European Dialogue on Internet Governance \(EuroDIG\)](#) has launched an initiative to promote youth participation throughout the EuroDIG process. Funds covering travel and accommodation will be awarded to selected young people. The application deadline is **15 April 2017**. More information is available [here](#).

(5) Publications

[List of Youth Department publications](#) (updated April 2017)

YOUTH POLICY

- [The Council of Europe and Youth policy](#) - Support, assistance and resources for youth policy development in Member States

NEW! [Le Conseil de l'Europe et la politique de jeunesse – Soutien, assistance et ressources pour le développement des politiques de jeunesse dans les Etats membres](#)

- [Youth policy reviews](#) are available on line. The youth policy review on Serbia is now available from the [CoE online bookshop](#)

- The [Advisory Council on Youth leaflet](#) in English; the former version of the Advisory Council on Youth leaflet available in [French](#) and [Russian](#).

NO HATE SPEECH MOVEMENT

NEW! [We CAN! Taking action against hate speech through counter and alternative narratives](#) (French under preparation)

[BOOKMARKS - a manual for combating hate speech through human rights education & CONNEXIONS – manuel pour la lutte contre le discours de haine en ligne par l'éducation aux droits de l'homme](#)

[Other linguistic versions](#): Armenian, Dutch, German, Finnish, Greek, Hungarian, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese and Ukrainian.

And also: [No hate speech movement PR materials and goodies](#) (flyer, brochure, business cards, pins, stickers, balloons, tshirts) available upon request or downloadable

YOUNG PEOPLE & SOCIAL RIGHTS

[TAKING IT SERIOUSLY - Guide to Recommendation CM/Rec\(2015\)3](#) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights

NEW! [A PRENDRE AU SERIEUX – Guide de la Recommandation CM/Rec\(2015\)3](#)

- [Access of Young People from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods to Social Rights](#) (Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 21 January 2015) (in [French](#)) – German, Russian, Turkish, Spanish and Italian now available on the ENTER! [Portal](#)

YOUNG PEOPLE & ACCESS TO RIGHTS - NEW!

Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on young people's access to rights: [Young people's access to rights](#)

Recommandation CM/Rec(2016)7 du Comité des Ministres aux Etats membres sur l'accès des jeunes aux droits: [L'accès des jeunes aux droits](#)

YOUNG PEOPLE & HUMAN RIGHTS

- The updated [Russian version of "Compass"](#) is available online

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

[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](#)".

El Petit Compass has been translated and disseminated in Catalan. You can find the translated version of *Compass* [here](#).

YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Youth portal [dedicated page on youth participation](#): Have your say! manual on the Revised European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life. Also available in French, German, Russian and Turkish, as well as the Plain language version and Introduction leaflet on the Charter in the same languages.

NEW! The Italian version is now available on-line: "[Di La Tua!](#)" [Manuale sulla Carta Europea Riveduta della Partecipazione dei Giovani alla Vita Locale e Regionale](#) (or [can be ordered on the Council's Bookshop](#))

The Portuguese version of the Have your say! manual under preparation.

YOUTH INFORMATION

- **NEW!** [Compendium des structures nationales pour l'information et le conseil des jeunes](#)
- The [Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#) available on-line and in print.
- [Young people's access to rights through youth information and counselling](#) was produced in partnership with ERYICA. Also available in [Russian](#) and [French](#)
- The [Youth information starter kit](#) is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Italian](#), [Turkish](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#), [Makedonski](#), [Polish](#),

YOUTH WORK / NON FORMAL EDUCATION

The [Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio](#) has now its own website with updated English & French versions. *The Russian version of the website coming soon!*

Presentation brochure of the Council of Europe Youth Work Portfolio in [English](#) and in [French](#)

The Russian version of the Portfolio presentation brochure to be published early November 2016

- [European Portfolio for youth leaders and youth workers](#) is available in English, French, German, Dutch, Russian and Turkish

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

ROMA YOUTH RIGHTS

- **NEW!** Edition 2016 of [Right to Remember – A Handbook for Education with Young People on the Roma Genocide](#)

- [Mirrors](#) – A Manual on combating antigypsyism through human rights education. The French version, [Miroirs](#) – Manuel pour combattre l'antitsiganisme par l'éducation aux droits de l'homme is also available

The Russian version of Mirrors will be published in 2017; also a Castilian and Catalan versions will be published in partnership with the Municipality of Barcelona

- [Barabaripen](#) - Young Roma speak about multiple discrimination

- [Right to Remember](#) – A Handbook for Education with Young People on the Roma Genocide (2014)

YOUTH MOBILITY

The leaflet presenting the [Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card](#) available in English, French and Russian, is also available in Albanian, Bulgarian, Estonian, German, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Spanish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/Partners/2016_JAN_Partial_Agreement_Youth_Card_en.asp

YOUTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS MATERIALS

Requests to youth@coe.int Subject line: PR materials order

- The leaflet on the Youth Department is available in [English](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Russian](#) and [Turkish](#)
- The [European Youth Foundation leaflet](#) is available in 5 languages: English, French, German, Russian and Turkish. Online versions now offer the following [languages versions](#) : Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian (**NEW**), Croatian, Estonian, Finnish, Greek (**NEW**) Italian, Lithuanian, Makedonski, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Spanish, Serbian and Ukranian; (*In preparation: Armenian & Georgian*).
- [Compendium](#) of Council of Europe approaches to key youth policy and youth work issues; in [French](#)

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

NEW [Coyote #24 – “Learning Mobility: opportunities for all?”](#)

NEW [Youth Knowledge book 19 – “History of Youth Work” volume 5](#)

NEW [Perspectives on youth, volume 3 – “Healthy Europe: confidence and uncertainty for young people in contemporary Europe” – English and German versions available, French version – forthcoming](#)

NEW Youth knowledge book – Youth policy manual – now available in [Arabic](#) and [Russian](#)

- Youth Knowledge book 20 – “Thinking seriously about Youth Work” – *forthcoming*
- T-kit No. 8 on Social inclusion – revised version - *forthcoming*
- Youth Knowledge book 21 – Learning Mobility – *forthcoming*
- Perspectives on youth, volume 2 – “Connections and disconnections” – [English](#), [German](#) and [French](#) versions available now
- [T-Kit No.12](#) – Youth transforming conflicts – *Now available in French*
- [Visegrad Youth](#) – Comparative review of the situation of young people in the V4 countries”, a contribution to knowledge based youth policy development
- [Getting there...](#) a publication on the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning
- [T-Kit No.11](#) Mosaic: Training kit for the Euro-Mediterranean youth work - available also in [French](#)
- Perspectives on youth, volume 1: ["2020 - What do you see?"](#) – available also in [French](#) and [German](#)
- Youth knowledge book 17 ["Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts"](#)
- Youth knowledge book 18 ["History of youth work" volume 4](#)
- [Coyote #20](#) – “What’s Xtreme about youth?!” – electronic and printed versions available
- [Coyote #21](#) - Know what? – electronic and printed versions available
- [Coyote #22](#) – “Discriminating(,)me?!” available in [pdf version](#) and [e-book format](#)
- [Coyote #23 – Finding common ground \(2nd European Youth Work Convention\)](#) available in [e-pub format](#)

[New EU-CoE youth partnership online resources:](#)

- [Future agenda for youth research – exploring young people’s lives for development of youth policy and youth work](#)
- [Key Messages](#) of the Expert seminar “Journeys to a New Life: Understanding the role of youth work in integrating young refugees in Europe”; Brussels, 23-24 November 2016
- [Report](#) of the Symposium '(Un)Equal Europe? Responses from the youth sector', 30 May - 2 June 2016
- [Report](#) and [conclusions](#) from the second EPLM conference: Learning mobility in the youth field, towards opportunities for all. Evidence, experience, discourse.
- New country information on youth policy in [Estonia](#), [Portugal](#) and [Norway](#).
- Contribution of non-programme countries to EU Youth Wiki. Chapter I: Youth policy governance: [Serbia](#), [Montenegro](#) and [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

Films

- [“100%” \(Giving 100% of young people 100% of information on their opportunities and potential\)](#)
- [“What is youth work today”](#)

ERYICA

- [Compendium of national youth information and counselling structures](#)

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 for 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: *Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*

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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