

JOINT COUNCIL ON YOUTH (CMJ)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Type of committee: ad hoc Committee

Terms of reference valid from: **1 January 2018 until 31 December 2019**

MAIN TASKS

Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the Joint Council on Youth (CMJ) will oversee the Council of Europe's programme in the youth field and advise the Committee of Ministers on all questions within its area of competence. Taking due account of relevant cross-cutting perspectives, the Joint Council on Youth, within the framework of the Council of Europe policy established by the Committee of Ministers, is the youth policy-making body of the youth sector, bringing together the members of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ). With this purpose, the Joint Council on Youth is instructed to:

- (i) develop jointly between member States and non-governmental youth organisations standards of European youth policy with a view to submitting them, where appropriate, to the Committee of Ministers and other relevant bodies of the Council of Europe;
- (ii) prepare the priorities and expected results of the youth sector and apportion the budgetary means available in the political and budgetary framework established by the Committee of Ministers;
- (iii) establish the youth sector's structure and policy for its programme in particular through the Strasbourg and Budapest European Youth Centres and the European Youth Foundation;
- (iv) contribute to the effective mainstreaming of youth policies into the Council of Europe's programme of activities;
- (v) contribute to the cross-cutting activities of the Council of Europe that concern youth;
- (vi) evaluate as necessary the implementation of Resolution [CM/Res\(2008\)23](#) on the Council of Europe policy in the field of youth (Agenda 2020) and develop a new strategic document on its youth policy for the period 2020-2030;
- (vii) where appropriate, contribute to the preparation of the Council of Europe Conferences of Ministers responsible for Youth and ensure, as appropriate, that any decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers subsequent to the Conferences are followed up;
- (viii) identify opportunities for input and/or complementary measures and programmes by the Council of Europe into the activities of other international organisations, in particular the European Union and the United Nations;
- (ix) take due account of a gender perspective, to building cohesive societies, and to promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in line with the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-23 in the performance of its tasks;
- (x) implement the youth-related elements of the Council of Europe's thematic and country-specific action plans as necessary.

PILLAR/SECTOR/PROGRAMME

Pillar: Democracy

Sector: Promoting Participation and Diversity

Programme: Youth for Democracy

SPECIFIC TASKS

- (i) Access to rights: support young people's access to rights by promoting the implementation of the relevant Committee of Ministers standards in this field with special emphasis on: Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights, Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)3 on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (ENTER Recommendation), and Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)7 on the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education;
- (ii) Youth participation and youth work: support youth participation and youth work as a way of increasing the possibilities for all young people to contribute actively to society in their living environment with special emphasis on: the implementation of relevant Council of Europe standards, including Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work, Recommendation Rec(2006)14 on citizenship and participation of young people in public life, Congress Resolution 152 (2003) on the revised European Charter on the participation of young people in Local and Regional Life;
- (iii) Inclusive and peaceful societies: support young people's capacities to promote peaceful and inclusive societies, with special emphasis on: the preparation of a draft recommendation on hate speech to update the definition as in Recommendation R (97) 20, basing it on the lessons learnt from the No Hate Speech Movement and proposing notably youth and education-policy measures to prevent and counter its further dissemination online.

COMPOSITION

Members:

The members of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the members of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ).

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of each member (two in the case of the State whose representative has been elected Chair).

Participants:

The participants in the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets.

Observers:

The observers in the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ), without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses.

The "Pool of European Youth Researchers" (PEYR), co-operating with the Council of Europe Youth Department and the European Commission in the framework of their partnership in the field of youth, will be invited to send a representative without the right to vote. The expenses of this representative are borne by the Council of Europe in derogation from Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

WORKING METHODS

Meetings:

Eighty members, two meetings in 2018, 1.5 days.

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The meetings of the CMJ are held during the meetings of the CDEJ and CCJ.

The Committee will also appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur from amongst its members.

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by Resolution [CM/Res\(2011\)24](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The meetings of the CMJ take place during the meetings of the CDEJ and the CCJ at no extra cost.