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Foreword



Tobias Flessenkemper

Head of the Youth Department

Building a confident future starts with action and partnership today. This was the message of *Confidence in Tomorrow*, a youth event organised by the Council of Europe to mark its 75th anniversary on 5 May 2024. The

2024 annual report highlights how the Youth Department has strengthened the integration of youth perspectives across the Council's work, advancing the Reykjavik Declaration and the Principles for Democracy.

The European Youth Centres in Strasbourg and Budapest empower young people through study sessions, training courses, and seminars focused on democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. In 2024, accessibility and inclusivity – especially for young people living with disabilities – became central to the department's efforts following a consultative meeting in Strasbourg.

The European Youth Foundation remains vital in supporting youth-led multi-lateral projects, as demonstrated by its special call for Ukraine. It fosters trust-based relationships with youth organisations, reinforcing their independence and commitment to peace, justice, and international co-operation.

The Joint Council on Youth, Advisory Council, and European Steering Committee on Youth have strengthened collaboration between young people and policy-makers. Their efforts led to a landmark recommendation on youth and climate action, adopted by the Committee of Ministers in October 2024.

Since 1972, the Council of Europe's youth participation, policy, and work standards have only gained in relevance. In May 2025, the Committee of Ministers welcomed key elements for a youth perspective framework and confirmed the 10th Ministerial Conference on Youth in Malta.

In 2024, the youth department laid the foundation for a stronger partnership between the Council of Europe and young people across the continent.



The Joint Council on Youth, April 2024

1 / Statutory bodies and youth policy

The Council of Europe's co-management system is a living example of participatory democracy. It is a place for common reflection and co-production, combining the voice of young Europeans and that of public authorities responsible for youth issues.

■ The **Joint Council on Youth** (CMJ) brings together the **European Steering Committee for Youth** (CDEJ) and the **Advisory Council on Youth** (CCJ). It is a co-decision-making body of the for the Council of Europe's governmental and non-governmental partners in the youth sector, which establishes the youth sector's priorities, objectives, and budgets.

Main tasks of the Joint Council on Youth:

- ▶ Developing a shared position on the youth sector's overall priorities
- ▶ Deciding on the annual/pluriannual objectives
- ▶ Agreeing on the main budget envelopes and necessary budget specifications, **within the political and budgetary framework established by the Committee of Ministers**
- ▶ Contributing to the effective mainstreaming of youth policies into the Council of Europe's programme of activities

■ 2024 was marked by significant activity and positive developments for the Council of Europe's youth statutory bodies. They played a crucial role in steering and supporting the thematic priorities of the [Council of Europe Youth Sector Strategy 2030](#), while also implementing the decisions of the [Reykjavik Summit](#).

■ A key focus was the “**integration of a youth perspective** into intergovernmental work and other deliberations”, a priority that gained momentum following the Joint Council on Youth's adoption of elements of a conceptual framework in October 2023. This framework defines the youth perspective as: *an Attitude – Think with Youth; an Experience – Learn from and with Youth; a Skill – Participate with Youth and an Action – Act with and for Youth*.

■ The Reykjavik Declaration calls for a youth perspective and youth participation in decision-making processes in public policies and democratic institutions, aiming for inclusive, transparent, and meaningful co-operation with young people. In line with this vision, work is underway on a comprehensive **Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective** to be applied within the Council of Europe and in member States, across all policy areas extending beyond the youth sector.

■ In 2024, the youth statutory bodies undertook to **organise the 10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth**, scheduled to take place in Valletta, Malta, on 8–9 October 2025. This event, occurring 13 years after the last ministerial conference, will be preceded by a youth event on 7 October 2025. During the conference, themed “Young People for Democracy: Youth Perspectives in Action,” ministers responsible for youth will evaluate progress since the last conference and in light of the Reykjavik Declaration and agree on the main orientations for European youth policy and Council of Europe youth sector's work for the coming years, building on the Council of Europe Youth Sector Strategy 2030.

■ The mid-term review of the Council of Europe Youth Sector Strategy 2030, expected to conclude in 2025, aims to assess achievements, propose adjustments, and identify new areas of focus in response to evolving circumstances since the strategy's adoption in 2020.

■ A notable contribution to this year's agenda by the youth statutory bodies was the adoption of the Committee of Ministers [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2024\)6 on young people and climate action](#) on 23 October 2024. This landmark document, the first international text on this subject, identifies climate action as a key priority for young Europeans. It calls for enhanced access to climate-related decision-making and emphasises combating discrimination, particularly with a focus on climate justice.

■ Additionally, the CMJ adopted a **draft recommendation on the social, economic, and political participation of rural youth**, which was transmitted to the Committee of Ministers for further examination and final adoption.

■ The youth event *"Confidence in Tomorrow – Sharing and shaping democracy and human rights together with young people"*, organised to mark the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe, was the year's highlight also from the perspective of the statutory bodies. As the Advisory Council on Youth emphasized, "the event underscored the crucial role of young representatives in steering our democratic institutions towards a vibrant future" with an unwavering commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. The youth statutory bodies also emphasised that the message of the event, phrased as "more than a call to action, more than mere words", shall also guide the preparation and inform the outcomes of upcoming key events and policy processes, such as Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective, the ministerial conference, and the mid-term review of the Youth Sector Strategy 2030.

■ During its two plenary sessions held in April and in October, the CMJ discussed a broad range of issues concerning young people at pan-European level: the revision of the text of the European Charter on the participation of young people in local and regional life; results and follow-up to the consultative meeting on accessibility and inclusiveness of the youth programme; the reform of the European Youth Foundation; as well as the strengthening of Council of Europe activities in Ukraine under the framework agreement with Ukraine and the "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine" project.



Seminar "Let's get political", 2023

2/ Programme activities

The Youth for Democracy programme aims to support the active participation and autonomy of young people in peaceful and inclusive societies of Europe. Its work is based on a [co-management principle](#) that actively involves young people in the decision-making processes.

■ The programme activities – training courses, conferences, seminars, consultative meetings, youth peace camps and study sessions – prepare young people from across Europe to promote the core values of the Council of Europe. They bring youth from all 46 member states and beyond to the European Youth Centres in Budapest and in Strasbourg to delve deeper into these [priority themes](#).

■ Research and educational manuals are also prepared and widely distributed to support youth workers, NGOs, and policymakers on the priorities of the programme.

■ In 2024, numerous activities took place in support of the main strategic priorities for the period 2024-2027.

2024 AT A GLANCE

26 study sessions
in co-operation with
international youth
organisations, with a
total of **819** young
people attending

12 Compass training
courses on human
rights education with
young people involving
541 participants

5
fora/
large-scale
events

6 Training courses for multipliers

2
Youth
Peace
Camps

Also...

10 new language versions
of educational publications

200
new users of the Youth
Worker Portfolio

1373
young people attended
programme activities at the
European Youth Centres
(704 in Strasbourg,
669 in Budapest)

500 new users of the
E-Learning for Youth in the
Council of Europe (ELFY)
platform for blended learning

100 000
monthly
visitors of
Gender
Matters online

220 000
monthly
visitors of
Compass
online



Revitalising pluralistic democracy

Confidence in tomorrow

■ **Confidence in Tomorrow** was organised as part of the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe under the Presidency of Liechtenstein. It strengthened the relationship between the Council of Europe and young people.

Find more information in chapter 8: Major events.

Youth participation is key

■ A **training course** for the new **Advisory Council on Youth** was held in Strasbourg to introduce the new members to the work of the Council of Europe and of the Youth Department. With many new members, this induction was essential for preparing them for their responsibilities over the next two years.

■ **Seven study sessions** were conducted in partnership with youth organisations and networks including **DYPALL network**, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) Youth & Student Organisation (**IGLYO**), Youth and Environment Europe (**YEE**), Cooperation and Development Network (**CDN**), International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People (**IFHOHYP**) and Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (**FEMYSO**). These sessions focused on empowering young people to voice their concerns on key political issues, including the climate crisis, socio-economic inequality, and the exclusion of minority groups.

Youth in the World Forum for Democracy

■ A key highlight of this programme was the **participation of a youth delegation** in the **World Forum for Democracy 2024**, held in Strasbourg from **November 6–8** under the theme “*Democracy and Diversity – Can we transcend*



Forum Talk “Youth Engagement in Democracy – on What Terms?“,
World Forum for Democracy, November 2024

the divides?” The forum focused on three main issues: elections and value divides, combating disinformation, and citizen engagement for democratic renewal.

■ The **70-member youth delegation**, representing youth organisations and civil society from **Council of Europe member states and beyond**, played an active role in all major discussions. They shared their perspectives and best practices with experts and decision-makers. To prepare, the delegates met **two days before the Forum**, and a **Youth Rapporteur** presented key takeaways in the closing session.

Youth and Internet Governance

■ A youth delegation associated to the Youth Department took part in the **Pan-European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG)** in Lithuania from **June 14–19**. They focused on meaningful youth participation in internet governance and tackling online human rights violations. As a pre-event to EuroDIG, the **Youth Dialogue on Internet Governance (YOUthDIG)** brought together young people (18–30 years old) from across Europe to draft and advocate for youth-led digital policy initiatives.

■ Within this programme component, the **“Finding Your Voice”** study session, held in partnership with the **International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People**, took place at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. It aimed to empower hard-of-hearing youth by helping them share their stories and strengthen advocacy skills in technology, AI, and human rights.

■ Another study session, **“Breaking the Barriers – Green Economics and Youth Political Participation in Eastern Europe,”** was organised with the **Co-operation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN)** from

November 4–9 in the European Youth Centre Budapest. This session explored economic inequalities and the challenges young people in Eastern Europe face in political participation.

Young people's access to rights

From hate speech to mental health

■ The **Activist Academy: Standing up for Human Rights and Democracy** study session empowered 35 youth leaders to combat online hate speech through human rights education. Over six days, participants explored human rights, democracy, and hate speech analysis using the **Hate Speech Calculator**. They engaged in activities from *Compass* and *Bookmarks* and studied past Council of Europe campaigns like **Democracy Here, Democracy Now** and the **No Hate Speech Movement**. The session concluded with the creation of a digital campaign to be implemented in the near future.

■ The “(De)Grading Education” study session, organised with **OBESSU**, brought together 35 school students from across Europe. It aimed to help students rethink school assessment systems, advocate for their educational rights, and push for greater representation in decision-making.

■ In February, the **International Youth Health Organisation** led the “**Protecting Health as a Human Right in the Modern World**” study session at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. Participants examined the links between health, human rights, and youth participation, discussing topics like intercultural understanding, mental health, gender, migration, peacebuilding, conflict and climate. They also explored key Council of Europe instruments, including the **European Convention on Human Rights**, the **Enter! Recommendation**, and the **European Social Charter**. The session culminated in the development of a **health and human rights toolkit**.

Access to social rights

■ Pilot activities supporting local authorities in implementing the **Enter! Recommendation on Access to Social Rights of Young People from Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods** continued in **Portugal**, with partnerships in **Belem, Loures, and Lourinhã**, and in **Hungary**, where a workshop was held in **Almosd** in April. These initiatives explored strategies to engage young people in addressing issues such as poor sanitary conditions, health problems, limited cultural and professional opportunities, adolescent pregnancies, and school dropout rates.

■ In November 2024, the “Human Rights-Based Advocacy Unleashed: Access to Rights and Services for Young Migrant and Refugee Women in Europe” study session took place at the European Youth Centre Budapest. Participants developed human rights-based advocacy skills and explored discrimination, intersectionality, and human rights challenges. They concluded the session by creating action plans to address the specific needs of young migrant and refugee women.

Human rights education

■ **LIVING COMPASS - Training Course for Multipliers for Human Rights Education with Young People** - is a new training course that brings together 35 human rights educators and activists worldwide to enhance their skills in youth-focused human rights education. The programme, which started



online in **June 2024** and ended in **December 2024**, was organised by the **Youth Department** in co-operation with the **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**.

■ Its key event, a **residential seminar** in **September** at the European Youth Centre Budapest, deepened participants’ understanding of human rights education and strengthened their ability to apply these concepts in non-formal learning settings. They also gained expertise in using **Compass - the Manual for Human Rights Education with Young People**, to support local initiatives.

■ The course successfully increased the participants’ commitment to promoting human rights education in their communities.

■ Additionally, new editions of **Compass**, the manual for Human Rights Education with Young People, have been published in Korean and Lithuanian; updated versions have been published in English, French, Russian and Ukrainian. **Compasito**, the manual for human rights education with children, has also been updated in English and French.

Compass national training courses

- ▶ The Youth Department promotes human rights education with and by young people as part of its mission to foster a culture of human rights. This work supports the **Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education (EDC/HRE)**, which urges member states to ensure quality education that upholds human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.
- ▶ In 2024, the **Compass** programme included **12 training activities** across **13 member states**, including **Albania, Andorra, France, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Portugal, Slovakia, Ukraine, and the UK**. These activities trained multipliers to promote human rights education using the Compass manual, contributing to the **Roadmap for education for democratic citizenship and human rights education with young people**, adopted by the Joint Council on Youth in **October 2023**.
- ▶ Key achievements included strong **institutional support**, growing **interest from both formal and non-formal educators**, and the expansion of Compass translations into **Lithuanian and Portuguese**. Some training courses were initiated by past participants, demonstrating the **programme's sustainability and impact**.
- ▶ The programme involved **541 participants and team members**. Additional events included the **launch** of the **Lithuanian edition of Compass** at the **Human Rights Film Festival in Vilnius** and the **"Human Rights Passwords"** exhibition in **London**, marking the Council of Europe's 75th anniversary. Two **Council of Europe Quality Label Youth Centres** – **Marienthal in Luxembourg** and **Braga in Portugal** – hosted training sessions under the programme's auspices.



Seminar Roma Youth Together – Call 2024

Living together in inclusive and peaceful societies

Roma youth participation

■ Following the adoption of [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2023\)4 on Roma Youth Participation](#), a consultative meeting, “**Realising the Potential of Roma Youth Participation**,” was held to develop a **roadmap** outlining priorities and tasks for its implementation. The **Joint Council on Youth** adopted the **roadmap in April 2024**, setting the stage for the first review in 2028.

■ The annual **Roma Youth Together seminar in April 2024** brought **35 Roma and non-Roma youth** together to address challenges in Roma youth participation and implement the Recommendation. Co-organised with Roma-led youth organisations, including the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAN), [TernYpe](#) International Roma Youth Network, the European Roma Grassroots Organisations (ERGO) Network and [Phiren Amenca](#), and in co-operations with the **Council of Europe’s Roma and Travellers Team**, the event featured a discussion with **Michael O’Flaherty**, the new Commissioner for Human Rights, on Roma youth engagement and human rights in Europe.

■ A **celebration of International Roma Day** was held on 8 April during the meeting of the CMJ at the European Youth Centre Budapest, in the presence of the Deputy State Secretary for Youth Zsófia Nagy-Vargha and over 25 Ambassadors and representatives of the diplomatic corps in Hungary.

■ **The preparation and launch of the official Hungarian translation of the Recommendation CM/Rec (2023)4 of the Committee of Minister to Member States on Roma Youth Participation** was co-led by the Hungarian member of the CDEJ in close cooperation and consultation with representatives of the Hungarian Roma youth organisations, other Roma civil society organisations and experts.



TURNING 18 - Launching of guide to help young migrants and refugees in transition to adulthood

■ A **workshop on Roma youth participation** was held at the European Youth Centre Budapest, organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Innovation and the National Youth Council, where the official Hungarian translation of the Recommendation was launched and close to 50 participants worked on developing plans for its effective implementation in Hungary.

■ Two study sessions further advanced Roma youth participation and the fight against **antigypsyism**. **“Echoes of Remembrance: Empowering International Roma Youth Leaders in Commemorating the Roma Genocide”**, co-organised with **TernYpe International Roma Youth Network**, focused on commemorating the **Roma Genocide**. The **“Remembering, resisting and rebuilding: Combating together antigypsyism for inclusive societies”** session, held in Strasbourg in partnership with **Youth Express Network (Y-E-N)** and **Youth of European Nationalities (YEN)**, empowered young Roma and non-Roma to combat antigypsyism and promote inclusivity, marking the **80th anniversary of the Roma Genocide**.

Social inclusion of young refugees

■ The **“Supporting Confidence at 18”** seminar took place on 20-21 June at the European Youth Centre Budapest to reassess the needs of young refugees and migrants transitioning to adulthood. It focused on implementing **CM/Rec(2019)4 on Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood**. Participants engaged in plenary sessions and working groups discussing rights access, with a report summarising key findings. The seminar was co-organised with the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (**PICUM**), the European Forum for Youth with Lived Migration Experiences (**VOICIFY**), Voices of Young Refugees in Europe (**VYRE**), and the Council of Europe’s Special Representative on Migration and Refugees.

■ Another session, “**Creating Safe(r) and Brave(r) Spaces**”, held on 10-15 June in Strasbourg, focused on intersectionality and accessibility. It supported underrepresented communities in claiming and defending their rights through active participation, organised with the European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) Youth Network and with A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe (CEJI).

Intercultural dialogue

■ In October 2024, the European Youth Centre Budapest hosted 38 young people from Europe and Asia for the **Asia-Europe Training Seminar on Youth, Digitalisation and Intercultural Dialogue**. The seminar aimed to explore technological developments and their societal implications, helping youth reflect on their role. It was organised in partnership with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and was part of the ASEF Young Leaders Summit, a platform connecting young people from both regions.

■ Also in October, the **8th Arab-European Youth Forum** was held in **Luxor, Egypt**, co-organised by the **Council of Europe** and the **League of Arab States**. The forum marked the resuming of Euro-Arab youth co-operation and focused on “Intercultural Dialogue in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”. Participants discussed the risks and opportunities of AI in education, employment, and media literacy. The **Luxor Declaration**, a youth-led call to action, summarised the concerns and aspirations for a fairer, more just world.

Peace education, conflict transformation

■ The Council of Europe youth sector is committed to engaging young people in **peacebuilding and human rights education**. In July, the **Youth Peace Camp** in Strasbourg gathered more than 80 participants from Cyprus (Greek speaking Cypriots and Turkish speaking Cypriots), Kosovo* (from Albanian, Serbian and Roma communities), the South Caucasus (in particular from border regions and ethnic minorities), both banks of the river Nistru/Dniestr, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The camp focused on dialogue, peacebuilding, and human rights education, resulting in more than 20 project ideas for local and regional communities. It was supported by the CoE Directorate of Political Affairs and External Relations and the Cyprus Youth Board.

* All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations’ Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.



TRAYCE - Training of trainers for youth in the Council of Europe 2023-2024

■ A follow-up **Regional Youth Peace Camp** in **Budapest** brought together **17 participants** from **Georgia** and **Abkhazia**. This camp aimed to strengthen their skills in countering hate speech and promoting empathy and collaboration.

■ Additionally, a **feasibility study on peace education** in non-formal youth education was presented in October 2024. Based on the study's findings, the Joint Council on Youth decided to create a drafting group for a new recommendation on peace education.

Youth work

Quality in youth work and non-formal education

■ A training course on the **Essentials of Non-Formal Education** was held to ensure quality implementation of upcoming European Youth Foundation (EYF) study sessions and projects. Participants, including trainers and facilitators, learned about key concepts and Council of Europe tools, enabling them to transfer their knowledge to future teams. The course also connected the Youth Department with organisations planning EYF-supported activities.

■ The study session **“Rural youth work 101: Advancing the inclusion of rural youth in Europe through volunteering and rural community-building”** was organised in partnership with Rural Youth Europe to promote the inclusion of rural youth through volunteering and community-building. Participants explored challenges and opportunities in rural youth work and discussed their vision for the next 10 years.

■ The **“Transforming Social Work with the Power of Youth Work”** study session, co-organised with the FEANTSA Youth Network, helped practitioners adopt

youth work approaches to support young people experiencing homelessness. Participants evaluated current social work practices and discussed necessary adjustments.

■ The “[Strengthening Resilience of Youth Spaces](#)” study session, co-organised with the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), focused on developing youth organisations’ resilience. Participants improved their competencies related to leadership, culture, behaviours, procedures, finances, all of them factors impacting organisational resilience. They also worked on an organisational resilience framework and created individual work plans.

■ The [Training of Trainers for Youth in the Council of Europe \(TRAYCE\)](#) course, aimed at developing youth trainers’ skills, concluded in September 2024. Participants completed e-learning modules, took part in a residential seminar, and deepened their knowledge of contemporary youth issues, including human rights, climate change, gender, peace and conflict transformation, transition for young refugees and youth participation. They also planned future work in non-formal education settings.



European Youth Centre Budapest

3/ European Youth Centres

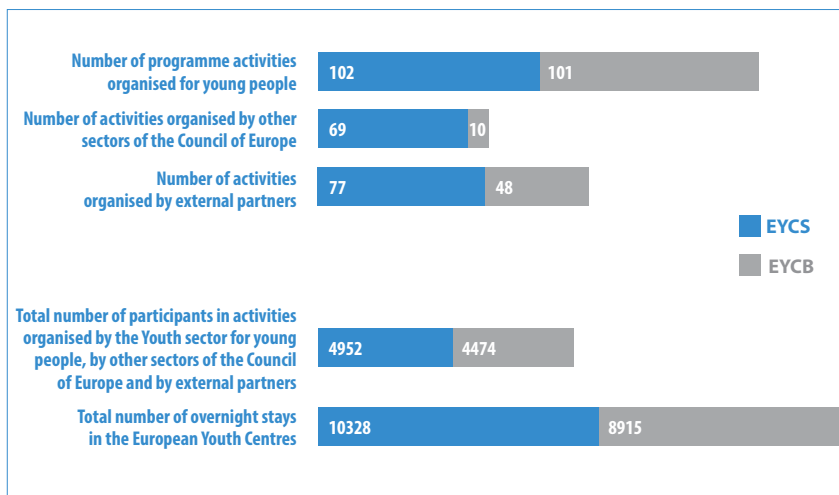
The European Youth Centres are part of the Youth Department and are essential instruments of the Council of Europe's youth policy. They are international residential training and meeting centres located in Budapest and Strasbourg, hosting most of the youth sector's activities.

201
activities

57
visits

781
visitors

■ In 2024, the two European Youth Centres together hosted **201 activities** of the Council of Europe youth programme, 79 activities from other Council of Europe sectors and 125 activities organised by external partners. In total, 9,388 participants were hosted in the European Youth Centres.



■ The satisfaction rate with the quality of services provided by the two centres was above 88%, based on the returned evaluations from guests and participants.

■ The European Youth Centres regularly host information visits for study groups, students, representatives of Permanent Representations and the international community, journalists and other interested groups. In 2024, **57 such visits** were organised for **781 visitors** by the two centres.

■ Among these several were high level visits:

24 January 2024

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

Visit of the President of Montenegro



On the occasion of his visit to Strasbourg to address the Parliamentary Assembly, H.E. Mr Jakov MILATOVIĆ, President of Montenegro, visited the European Youth Centre Strasbourg (EYCS) where he was welcomed by Marie Farigoules, Executive Director of the EYCS and Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.



European Youth Centre Strasbourg

8 November 2024

European Youth Centre Budapest



Secretary General of the Council of Europe visits the European Youth Centre Budapest

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe Alain Berset visited the European Youth Centre Budapest (EYCB). The visit took place following the Meeting of the European Political Community in Budapest on 7 November. The Secretary General was greeted by Executive Director of the EYCB, Balint Molnar and Deputy Director, Marcos Andrade, before being given a tour of the European Youth Centre's premises and holding a wide-ranging Q&A with participants of two study sessions taking place at the EYCB at the time of the visit.

21 November 2024

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

H.R.H. the Grand Duke of Luxembourg and H.R.H. the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg visit European Youth Centre Strasbourg



Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Luxembourg were welcomed by Matjaž Gruden, Director of the Council of Europe's Directorate for Democracy. The Head of the Youth Department, Tobias Flessenkemper has given a tour of the European Youth Centre to Their Royal Highnesses and presented the Centre's main areas of activity and its role as a living standard in promoting youth participation across Europe.

European Youth Centre Budapest

President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Visits the European Youth Centre Budapest



The President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Theodoros Rousopoulos visited the European Youth Centre Budapest (EYCB). The visit took place as part of the President's official visit to attend the Interparliamentary Conference on Cultural Heritage and the Identity of Traditional

Minorities. The President of the Parliamentary Assembly was greeted by Executive Director of the EYCB, Balint Molnar and Deputy Director, Marcos Andrade, before being given a tour of the European Youth Centre's premises. The President also held an informal roundtable discussion with the EYCB team and the members of the preparatory team for the study session "Digital Citizenship for Health: Empowering Young People to Co-Create Tools and Innovate Solutions."

Quality Label for Youth Centres Programme

Launched in 2008, the [Quality Label for Youth Centres](#) programme connects European youth centres with the Council of Europe's youth work and policies, enabling centres with shared goals to collaborate across borders.

Quality Label youth centres serve as democracy hubs, strengthening youth participation and empowerment through democratic citizenship and human rights education. They equip young people with knowledge and skills to advocate for human rights, promote diversity and inclusion, and contribute to peaceful societies.

2024 Achievements

Network Growth: The Braga Youth Centre in Portugal received the Quality Label, expanding the network to 15 centres. An exploratory visit to the European Youth Education Centre Magdeburg in Germany demonstrated the growing interest in joining this European network.

Strategic Collaboration: The annual European Platform for Youth Centres focused on strategic communication and celebrated the programme's 15th anniversary, while preparing for a high-level event on 'quality spaces for young people' under Luxembourg's Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in 2025.

Professional Development: The first Educational Forum for pedagogical staff promoted innovation in youth work practices, and the revised quality criteria brochure strengthened programme standards.



Enter! Youth Week : Nos droits, notre vie, July 2019

4/ European Youth Foundation

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) supports co-operation among young people in Europe by funding activities that promote peace, understanding, and co-operation among the peoples of Europe and the world, in a spirit of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It assists international and national youth organisations and networks, as well as other non-governmental groups, working in areas aligned with the Council of Europe's youth policy.

■ In 2024, the European Youth Foundation (EYF) allocated a total of €3,874,622 in grants to youth NGOs across Europe. This funding supported a wide range of activities, including 18 work plans¹, 35 international activities², 78 pilot projects³, and structural grants for 33 international youth organisations. The EYF continued to prioritise support for young people affected by the war in Ukraine, providing targeted grants to initiatives promoting youth leadership, social cohesion, mental health, resilience, and assistance for vulnerable young Ukrainians.

■ Within this overall budget, €2,794,659 was granted specifically to 131 youth-led projects implemented by youth organisations in 34 Council of Europe member states. As part of its response to the war in Ukraine, the EYF funded 17 pilot projects and 4 international activities with a total of €329,715, directly supporting young people impacted by the conflict both within Ukraine and those displaced in other member states.

	Number of grant applications	Number of granted projects	Totals of grants awarded
Annual work plans	34	18	€984 408
International activities (regular and special call)	55	35	€713 755
Pilot activities (regular and special call)	294	78	€1 096 496
Structural grants	35	32	€979 963
Integrated grant to the YFJ	1	1	€100 000
Total	419	164	€3 874 622

■ New projects in 2024 focused on revitalising pluralistic democracy, promoting the right of assembly and the right to form, join and operate freely in associations. Key initiatives supported youth-led actions promoting anti-discrimination, social inclusion and gender equality, including the participation

1. A work plan can include several activities, such as international youth meetings, local initiatives, workshops, campaigns and the development of tools; it should include at least one international activity.
 2. Including four activities funded and implemented under the EYF special call for Ukraine.
 3. Including 17 pilot projects funded under the EYF special call for Ukraine.

of Roma youth and the social inclusion of young refugees. Youth participation in political processes and decision-making at local level, including in rural areas, was the theme of many funded projects. EYF also funded initiatives supporting peace-building, intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation, as well as addressing the impact of the climate crisis and environmental degradation on young people and democracy, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth and the enjoyment of social rights, including physical and mental health.

■ In 2024, the European Youth Foundation (EYF) strengthened its commitment to supporting the growth and development of youth organisations through a series of targeted **capacity building and awareness-raising initiatives**. Two major training activities marked the year: a dedicated programme on building project management skills in international youth organisations and networks, and the Essentials of Non-Formal Education 2024 training course for youth workers and leaders. To further support youth civil society, the EYF organised **six online information sessions**, engaging over 300 youth organisations, alongside thematic sessions with national youth councils, international youth organisations involved in the Ukraine Special Call, and groups working with Roma youth. Additionally, in collaboration with the European Youth Forum, the EYF held **two in-person meetings in Brussels**, bringing together over 50 representatives of international youth organisations. To showcase the impact of youth-led initiatives, the EYF launched the **Youth Sparks Change online campaign**, inviting submissions of photos and quotes from youth projects in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe, amplifying the voices and achievements of young people and their communities across Europe.

■ Within the landscape of donors, the EYF stands out with its unique co-managed governance system, the [Programming Committee on Youth](#). The Committee is responsible for establishing and monitoring the EYF's program and making decisions on all grant applications submitted to the Foundation.

■ The [Consultative meeting](#) on the **EYF grants reform** took place on 11-12 September in Strasbourg with over 50 participants from member states, youth organisations, donors, researchers, and other sectors of the Council of Europe. The meeting provided a platform to discuss new ideas and guide the future direction of EYF grants and procedures. The reform aims to keep EYF a relevant and agile donor, supporting democratic life and human rights across Europe, while reinforcing civil society and democratic values, as mandated by the 4th Summit of Heads of States and Governments in Reykjavik, May 2023.

■ The complete 2024 report of the European Youth Foundation will be available on their [website](#).



Study visit to Lviv, Ukraine and Lublin, Poland; Benedetta Veneruso, October 2024

5/ Co-operation in the field of youth

In addition to its training programme, the Youth Department engages in bi-lateral co-operation on youth policy with several member states. These activities may fall under the Youth for Democracy programme, specific bi-lateral agreements, or Council of Europe Action Plans with particular countries.

Support to and co-operation with Ukraine

■ The Council of Europe and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine have strengthened their co-operation since 2012, focusing on supporting Ukrainian youth workers both in Ukraine and abroad. Key areas include addressing mental health challenges and enhancing youth organisations' capacity to run projects and non-formal education activities in Ukraine and with European networks.

■ Following the war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, co-operation with the Ukrainian youth sector was expanded through framework co-operation programmes and technical assistance projects and adapted to address the emerging needs of young people in the war and post-war periods.

■ At the October 2024 [Management Committee](#) meeting, focus was firmly on the challenges faced by young people from Ukraine in member states and the importance of supporting Ukraine's youth sector in its EU integration efforts.

■ The **"Youth for Democracy in Ukraine" project**, part of the Action Plan for Ukraine, aims to strengthen youth policies and youth work to better address the needs of young people during and after the war. It focuses on building capacity and preparing the youth sector for post-war challenges, using tools and standards developed by the Council of Europe.

■ In 2024, the project supported youth policies and work amidst the ongoing war. Key activities included a [round table](#) in Kyiv and the [Ukrainian Youth Forum](#), highlighting the critical role of youth policy in Ukraine's recovery. Capacity development programs trained 353 civil servants on participatory youth policies, while 20 young activists from 10 regions of Ukraine contributed to the new State Programme "Youth of Ukraine." A new board game "Solutions Exist" has been developed and disseminated.

■ Training for youth workers, social workers, and psychologists focused on trauma-informed approaches for working with displaced and returning young people. A new [long-term training programme](#) for trainers was launched. Additionally, 28 youth trainers received specialised training in non-formal education methods, using tools like the "Compass" manual in Ukrainian and the newly developed and disseminated visual tool "Зірки. Stars. Les Étoiles".

■ The project also provided technical assistance to the Ukrainian Youth Foundation and supported youth-led organisations and youth centres. Peer exchanges and financial support for new NGOs working with youth were also part of the initiative.

■ As the war continues, there is growing awareness of the long-term impact on generations of young people. The project has helped strengthen Ukraine's youth policy and youth work sectors, preparing them for ongoing and future challenges.



Study session with the European Students' Union-ESU, March 2025

Highlight

- ▶ The seminar “**Coming of age during war. Youth work in Ukraine today. How can European youth policy adapt?**” took place from 30 September to 4 October at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. It brought together 30 youth workers from Ukraine to explore a human rights-based approach to supporting young people growing up in war. A **public discussion** focused on how European youth policies can better support young people facing the impacts of war.

Youth Revitalising Democracy

■ The “**Youth Revitalising Democracy**” project aims to strengthen democracy through youth participation, building on the success of the “**Democracy Here | Democracy Now**” campaign. It focuses on enhancing youth involvement in decision-making at local and national levels and creating a supportive environment for youth civil society. The project also promotes youth participation in democratic life through education about human rights and democratic values.

■ In 2024, the project focused on three key areas: *enhancing youth participation in and through political and policy processes, capacity development for political youth participation, and fostering reflection and networking.*

■ The Council of Europe’s Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) held a hearing on a **resolution** about the role of youth in revitalising democracy in October, with input from the Chair of the Advisory Council on Youth. Additionally, the revision of the **European Charter on youth participation in local and regional life** continued alongside efforts on the recognition of local youth councils.

■ Under capacity building, the “[Young Activists for Democracy](#)” training course trained 27 activists from 19 countries in advocating for youth involvement in democracy. A [study visit](#) supported local authorities in creating participative youth strategies, and the “[Youth Spaces 2024](#)” event in Berlin brought representatives of several youth councils to the German Bundestag to discuss democracy’s future and youth involvement in the Council of Europe. This event was organised in co-operation between the German Bundestag, the German PACE Delegation, the German Federal Youth Council and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. It marked the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe and brought together 50 representatives of national youth councils from member states of the Council of Europe, as well as Belarus.

■ Networking activities included the “[Let’s Get Political!](#)” seminar, organised in partnership with the [European Youth Forum](#) and the [German Federal Youth Council](#), where young people discussed ways to engage youth in democratic life and with the members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the fringes of the 3rd part session. Also, the project supported the youth delegation’s participation in the World Forum for Democracy, national training courses in human rights education and the flagship event Confidence in Tomorrow.

Highlight

- ▶ The seminar Let’s get political! took place from 24 to 28 June 2024 in parallel with the session of the Parliamentary Assembly bringing together young people from political parties and movements, as well as from civil society in dialogue with members of national parliaments on how to address youth disengagement from political life. The participants also took part in the PACE debate that led to the adoption of the resolution [Strengthening a youth perspective in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly](#) which proposes innovative measures such as the nomination of a youth rapporteur for each PACE Committee (except for the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights).

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

Established in 1991 following the Council of Europe's Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth in Lisbon, this Partial Agreement promotes youth mobility between East and West. It enables member governments and EYCA organizations to collaborate on improved mobility solutions for young people.

2024 Programme Priorities

Aligned with the Council of Europe's Youth Sector priorities (2024-2027), the programme focused on:

- ▶ Creating stakeholder synergies to boost investment in youth infrastructure and youth work as a social safety net
- ▶ Exploring how the European Youth Card can enhance sustainable youth infrastructure
- ▶ Examining the Card's role in advancing peace, conflict transformation, and democratic engagement

Key 2024 Seminars

Youth Infrastructure Essentials (Podgorica, Montenegro, May 30-31): Explored youth ecosystems that integrate public spaces, services, and expertise to empower young citizens. The seminar examined how the European Youth Card strengthens these ecosystems by connecting young people with youth-friendly services through partnerships with public authorities and private sector providers.

Access for Rural Youth (Visegrad, Hungary, September 23-26): The "Walk the Talk" seminar focused on how the European Youth Card improves rural youth access to cultural heritage and mobility opportunities, fostering partnerships between youth organizations and cultural heritage actors.

Urban Youth Participation (Andorra la Vella, November 27-29): Addressed inclusive youth spaces in urban contexts (*see section VIII/Major 2024 events for details*).



Symposium: Young people, democracy and climate action, September 2024

6/ Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth

The Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth (EU-CoE Youth Partnership) fosters synergies between the priorities and programmes pursued by the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the youth field.

■ In January, the Youth Partnership launched its **2024-2025 biennial programme**, laying the groundwork for projects, events, research, publications, and capacity-building materials. This involved setting up expert teams and holding over 25 meetings throughout 2024 with representatives from the

youth sector, including the Council of Europe, the European Commission, CDEJ, CCJ, Salto Resource Centres, Erasmus+ National Agencies, European Youth Forum members, and thematic experts.

■ In 2024, **climate and sustainability** was a key focus for the Partnership. The **Symposium “Young People, Democracy and Climate Action”** was held from 24 to 26 September in Strasbourg, with 120 participants, including representatives from CDEJ, CCJ, and the European Commission. The event featured five working groups on topics like mental health and climate emotions, climate litigation, local climate activism, global activism and multiple insecurities. Two research papers were presented, *The Role of the Youth Sector in Addressing Young People's Climate Emotions* and *Young People and Climate Litigation: Situation Mapping and Recommendations*, along with a Youth Knowledge Book *Youth and Democracy in the Climate Crisis*.

■ In the area of **youth participation**, the **Review of 9 Cycles of the EU Youth Dialogue (2010-2022)** was published, assessing the EU's key mechanism for youth participation and its impact on over 131,000 participants. In addition, new issues of **Coyote magazine** were released in May and December, focusing on youth political participation and providing tools to empower young people in decision-making. The Youth Partnership also launched the **T-kit on participatory youth policy** in Faro, Portugal, in April. This event, hosted by the Portuguese Institute for Sport and Youth, gathered 55 participants to explore resources for implementing participatory youth policy. The Symposium report is available [here](#).

■ **Youth work** is another key area of activity for the Youth Partnership. A **seminar on youth work in Eastern and Southeast Europe** was held on 29-30 October in Skopje. It tackled important issues such as advocating for the formal recognition of youth work as a profession, increasing youth involvement in policymaking, and addressing regional challenges like brain drain and mental health. During this seminar, the findings of a new study titled *Youth Brain Drain from the Western Balkans, the Eastern Partnership, and Türkiye* were presented, analysing causes, consequences, and policy responses to youth migration. Outcomes from this seminar laid the groundwork for the **4th European Youth Work Convention**, which will take place on 28 and 29 May 2025, in Malta. The Youth Partnership supports the preparations for the Convention with knowledge gathering, facilitating exchanges, and providing research-based support and support to the Maltese authorities in their communication effort.

■ **Online learning** also remained a significant component of the programme. **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on youth policy, youth work, and youth research** continued to be accessible, with updates underway to address

the evolving needs of the sector. On 21 March 2024, a **Masterclass on Youth Policy** took place, with 35 participants. This 90-minute session offered a comprehensive overview of mapping and engaging with key policy actors in the youth policy ecosystem. The event combined presentations, group work, and collaborative learning opportunities.

■ **Publications** in 2024 included *Insights into Selected Case-Law of the European Court of Human Rights on Young People*, which examined the evolution of litigation involving young people and its national implications. Another highly timely publication, *Insights into Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on the Youth Sector*, explored how AI is shaping youth rights, employment, education, and governance. Other publications in 2024 include: *Putting the puzzle pieces together: Study on models for the recognition of youth workers competences in Europe* by Andreas Karsten, Darko Markovic and James O'Donovan; *Growing youth work in Europe: Results of the "Mapping European youth work ecosystems" study* by Dragan Atanasov and Frederike Hofmann-van de Poll, as well as *Handbook on quality in learning mobility* (2nd edition), by Søren Kristensen, Susana Lafraya and Dragan Stanojević.

■ In terms of support to the initiatives of the partner institutions with research, knowledge gathering and expertise, the Youth Partnership contributed to the reform process of the European Youth Foundation and is currently supporting the **mid-term review of the Council of Europe Youth Sector Strategy 2030**, addressing essential themes such as rural youth, climate, democracy, and the shrinking of civic space. The Youth Partnership has also carried out the studies on youth perspective and youth mainstreaming, as a contribution to the development of the Reference Framework on a Youth Perspective.

■ Throughout 2024, **the Youth Partnership's networks** – The **European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy (EKCYP)** and the **Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR)** – played a crucial role in implementing the workplan and reaching the above-mentioned achievements.



A participant at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg, March 2024

7 / Improving accessibility

The Youth Department is focused on improving accessibility and inclusiveness of its programme activities and its physical venues. In 2024, small-scale renovations to the buildings of the European Youth Centres were carried out and the Department also conducted two studies on accessibility needs for young people living with disabilities.

■ The **small-scale renovations** to the two European Youth Centres were done with the support of an externally funded project. All renovations are in line with ongoing maintenance and improvement plans.

■ Two **in-depth studies** were launched to better understand the needs of young people living with disabilities wishing to take part in the Youth Department's programme and benefit from its physical infrastructure.

■ The **first study examined necessary infrastructure improvements** to ensure young people living with disabilities have equal access and safety, aligning with the European Convention on Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The **second study** explored the **broadier inclusivity of activities** organised by the Youth Department. Both studies highlight significant access barriers—physical and attitudinal—and reveal that disability inclusion is inadequately addressed in several Council of Europe policies on buildings, technology, websites, staff training, as well as the strategies of youth organisations supported by the European Youth Foundation.

■ In June 2024, a **Consultative Meeting** at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg **discussed the findings of both studies**. The meeting gathered experts, mostly with lived experience of disability, including youth sector representatives. They examined ways to improve access for young people living with disabilities, focusing on both infrastructure and deeper issues like societal ableism, staff competence, and perceived safety.

■ Following the meeting, each division of the Youth Department began reviewing and improving its practices based on the study recommendations. However, some necessary changes require institution-wide policy adjustments and the allocation of additional resources.

■ In October, the findings were presented to the Joint Council on Youth, which also emphasised the need for financial and organisational support to enhance accessibility. The CMJ agreed to **develop a strategic plan with short-, medium-, and long-term goals**. A **working group on the Accessibility Agenda of the Youth Department was formed**, composed of members of the statutory bodies and the Rapporteur to the Joint Council on the Rights of People with Disabilities (the only one in the Council of Europe system). This working group is currently refining priorities and monitoring progress, with a review scheduled for November 2025.



Symposium: Young people, democracy and climate action, September 2024

8/ Major events

On the next pages, you may find the list of major 2024 events. The full list of training courses and study sessions, as well as other activities is available in Appendix I.

5 – 8 April, Strasbourg

Young Roma celebrating International Roma Day 2024 in Strasbourg

The European Youth Centre Strasbourg hosted the “Roma Youth Together” seminar, bringing together 40 young Roma activists to celebrate the International Roma

Day. Organised by the Council of Europe and partner organisations, the event featured workshops on Roma identity, arts, advocacy, and storytelling, fostering youth empowerment. The celebration concluded on 8 April with a ceremony emphasising Roma heritage, culture, and participation.

15 April – Braga, Portugal

Braga Youth Centre receives the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres award

On 11 April 2024, Braga Youth Centre in North Portugal was awarded the Council of Europe's Quality Label for Youth Centres award for the period 2024-2026 and has therefore become the 15th youth centre to join the network.

17 April – Strasbourg

Towards democratic Belarus with youth leaders and activists for democracy

Supporting Belarusian youth is an investment in the democratic future and the stability of the European continent. These were some of conclusions from the exchange with members of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on revitalising democracy in Belarus with and for young people, which was organised as a side event to the PACE spring session on 17 April within the project "Youth revitalising democracy".

14 – 16 May – Strasbourg

Confidence in Tomorrow: Youth event on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe – Watch video

The "Confidence in Tomorrow" conference was organised with the aim of young people sharing their commitment to a democratic Europe

and contributing to shaping the mission of the Council of Europe. Some 150 young people, representing a variety of youth civil society organisations, notably international non-governmental youth organisations and national youth councils, and representatives of the governments of the Member States of the Council of Europe, shared their concerns about, commitment to and aspirations for the revitalisation of democracy in Europe.

The three-day programme immersed participants in participatory approaches central to non-formal education and youth work. It included plenary sessions, themed working groups, and a dialogue on 16 May with several Foreign Ministers attending the Committee of Ministers meeting. Special focus was given to applying the Reykjavík Principles of Democracy in shaping participants' roles alongside the Council of Europe.

[Key messages](#) from the youth event were shared at the official celebrations in the Strasbourg Opera House on 16 May.

17 – 18 June – Budapest

Council of Europe Days 2024: Youth Seminar and Policy Symposium on the Active Political Participation of National Minority Youth

The 2024 edition of the Council of Europe Days event in Hungary continued to highlight the Council

of Europe's crucial contribution to the protection and promotion of national minority rights through its standard setting work, specifically the political rights of young people belonging to national minorities.

19 – 21 June - Strasbourg

Towards accessible and inclusive policies and measures by design

Accessibility and inclusiveness, notably in relation to young people living with disability, are yet to be fully understood and applied across the Council of Europe. Holistic planning and informed investment in staff capacity, working methods, and internal regulations—particularly by involving young professionals living with disabilities and specialising in access issues—can bring sustainable results and measures. These were some of the key messages of the Consultative meeting on the accessibility of the European Youth Centre and the activities of the Youth Programme of the Council of Europe.

25 – 26 June – Andorra

Youth policy advisory mission to Andorra

A team of Council of Europe experts visited Andorra on 25-26 June 2024, to advise the Andorran Government on the draft Youth Action Plan under preparation and future implementation steps.

2 – 9 July – Strasbourg

Youth Peace Camp - Dialogue for peacebuilding in action!

The European Youth Centre in Strasbourg hosted the [Youth Peace Camp](#), a transformative event that brought together 80 young participants from regions deeply affected by conflicts, including Cyprus (Greek speaking Cypriots and Turkish speaking Cypriots), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo* (with a focus on Albanian and Serbian communities), South Caucasus (in particular from border regions and ethnic minorities) and both banks of the river Nistru/Dniestr.

2 – 5 September – Portugal

Youth Policy Advisory Mission to Portugal

The Council of Europe Youth Department conducted a youth policy advisory mission to Portugal from 2 to 5 September 2024 within the framework of the European Steering Group for Youth (CDEJ) bilateral assistance measures.

11 – 12 September – Strasbourg

Updating the European Youth Foundation's work after Reykjavik

The European Youth Foundation gathered partners, international and independent funders active in the field of youth and member of the Council of Europe Joint Council on

Youth in Strasbourg to chart the way to updating the Foundation's work. The Foundation's grants are a key tool to follow-up on the Reykjavik declaration by fostering young people's participation in democratic life and decision-making processes, working for peace based on international co-operation.

19 – 20 September – Strasbourg

Including youth perspective and participation across the Council of Europe's work

The Council of Europe held a ground-breaking two-day consultative meeting on the inclusion of a youth perspective in the Organisation's intergovernmental and other deliberations on 19-20 September 2024 at the European Youth Centre. Consultations were held as the Organisation is committed to increase youth participation in decision-making processes, to improve the effectiveness of public policies and strengthens democratic institutions through open dialogue.

24 – 26 September – Strasbourg

Symposium: Young people, democracy and climate action

Climate justice and effective action ending the triple planetary crisis of global warming, pollution and a loss of biodiversity are key concerns of young people. From 24 to 26 September, 120 young people, members of non-governmental

youth organisations, voluntary and professional youth workers as well as researchers and policy makers met at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg for the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership's "Symposium: Young people, democracy and climate action".

**30 September – 4 October -
Strasbourg**

Coming of age during war. Youth work in Ukraine today - how can European youth policy adapt?

How can we support the well-being of young people coming of age in war conditions, displaced within their own country or temporarily living abroad? This was the key question of a five-day seminar that took place from 30 September to 4 October 2024 at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, with a focus of young people from Ukraine.

**10 – 15 October –
Lviv and Lublin**

In European Youth Capitals, young activists discuss new initiatives in times of war

More than 30 young activists from across Europe are gathering in Lviv, Ukraine and Lublin, Poland, to discuss on how to best support Ukrainian youth, amid the ongoing war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. Organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department, this series of meetings emphasises

the efforts to address the unique challenges facing young Ukrainians in times of conflict.

14 – 19 October – Luxor

8th Euro-Arab Youth Forum: Young people want a role in advancing ethical AI, bridging cultural divides, and addressing key global issues

The forum – focussed on ‘Intercultural Dialogue in the Age of Artificial Intelligence’ – brought together youth leaders, activists, and stakeholders from Arab and European countries to engage in dialogue, and to discuss and debate some of the most pressing issues affecting young people across the regions.

6 – 8 November – Strasbourg

Youth delegation at the World Forum for Democracy

The World Forum for Democracy (WFD) brings together again this year policy-makers, academics, activists, youth representatives and democracy innovators. A global youth delegation of participants in the WFD gathered at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg two days before the start of the Forum to learn about the Council of Europe and its work with youth, to get to know each other, to develop their ideas, work together and prepare for the Forum.

13 – 15 November – Berlin

Youth Space Conference 2024: Young people from 21 countries discuss the future of Europe in the German Bundestag

50 young people from 21 European countries gathered for the 2024 Youth Space Conference (Y-Space) in the German Bundestag. This event, now for the third time, was organised by the German Federal Youth Council, the German Bundestag, the German delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Youth Department.

18 – 22 November – Budapest

Educational Forum for Youth Centres in the Council of Europe Quality Label Network

The first Educational Forum for youth centres in the network of the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres gathered more than 20 participants from youth centres across Europe, which is an evolution of previous Council of Europe training offers for pedagogical staff in labelled youth centres.

27 – 29 November – Andorra

Partnership Agreement on youth mobility-Urban youth participation and inclusive youth spaces

The final Partial Agreement seminar of the year addressed urban youth participation and the creation of

inclusive spaces, emphasising how cities can act as testing grounds for innovative solutions to social challenges affecting young people. It promoted the EYC as a tool for policy advocacy and encouraged governments to prioritise youth mobility in public policy, while providing a platform for sharing good practices and building collaborative networks for inclusive youth engagement.

25 – 29 November – Chisinau

Young people have a key role in building resilient democracies

The delegation of the Youth Department visited Republic of Moldova ahead of its Presidency over the Committee of Ministers. The visit included meetings with both governmental and non-governmental actors, the Ministry of Education and Research and National Youth Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Parliamentary Commission responsible for youth, as well as youth civil society organisations, including the National Youth Council of Moldova and National Network of Local Youth Councils.



Symposium: Young people, democracy and climate action, September 2024

9/ Communication of the Youth Department

Besides hosting visits at the European Youth Centres, the Youth Department is using various social media platforms and other digital channels to reach its main audiences and to showcase the activities and developments in the Council of Europe youth sector.

■ The **youth portal** is the main hub of information about Council of Europe youth sector. It has large number of visitors every month and very well-established audience – the portal received **279.586** visits in 2024. Besides the youth portal, there are **several websites** covering youth themes, handled by the youth teams. Among those, the most visited ones are **Compass** (with 3,064,684 visits in 2024), Youth Work Portfolio (with 10,680 visits) and ENTER (8,584 visits).

■ Interested audiences can sign up for the **Think Youth newsletter**, issued every month. This tool allows the Youth Department to communicate the upcoming events, activities and calls for participants, and also to make an overview of the events that marked the previous month. On average, in 2024, Think Youth has been delivered to an average of 7,350 recipients every month.

■ Our various **social media** platforms have become important channels of communication, especially with young people. The two main channels used by the Youth Department are [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). The Department also had an account on X, but it was permanently deleted in October 2024, it having been decided that the changing nature and quality of discourse on X was increasingly antithetical to the values of the department.

■ The most popular social media posts for the Youth Department's channels continue to be calls for participants (activities, training courses, seminars) and photo albums, interviews and videos of key flagship events.

■ The **Instagram** account has a large and growing audience (cca 8,700 followers), which can be attributed to the wide use of Instagram among its target audience (18-35 years olds). Followers of this channel have doubled in size since 2023.

■ In 2024, the content shared through Instagram was viewed 528,997 times, and the reach has increased by 237% compared to 2023. There have been 14,397 interactions with the content (an increase of 100%) and the profile has received 29,832 visits.

■ The **Facebook** page continues to be the most popular and effective means to share call for participants, tenders and job advertisements.

■ Facebook youth content was viewed 151,154 times in 2024, and the reach has increased by 30% compared to 2023. Interaction of Facebook users with the content shared has increased by 126% and 29,929 visitors have visited the Facebook page (82.4% increase). The page had cca 23,000 followers by the end of 2024, out of which 1,709 were gained during 2024.

Appendix I

List of activities in 2024

Study sessions (in chronological order)

5 – 10 February

Active and Inclusive Citizenship Lab – strengthening youth participation and youth work through the creation of innovative inclusive projects

Organised in co-operation with the European Youth Parliament, European Youth Centre Budapest

16 – 20 February

Protecting Health as a Human Right in the Modern World

Organised in co-operation with the International Youth Health Organisation, European Youth Centre Strasbourg

4 – 8 March

Echoes of Remembrance: Empowering International Roma Youth Leaders in Commemorating the Roma Genocide

Organised in co-operation with TernYpe - International Roma Youth Network, European Youth Centre Budapest

15 – 19 April

United in diversity – youth educating on diversity (inclusive project)

Organised in co-operation with the European Coordination JECI-MIEC (International Young Catholic Students - International Movement of Catholic Students), European Youth Centre Strasbourg

15 – 20 April

Activist Academy: Standing up for human rights and democracy

Organised in co-operation with the No Hate Speech Network, European Youth Centre Strasbourg

22 – 26 April

Rural youth work 101: Advancing the inclusion of rural youth in Europe through volunteering and rural community-building

Organised in co-operation with the Rural Youth Europe (RYEurope), European Youth Centre Budapest

22 – 26 April

(de)Grading of education

Organised in co-operation with OBESSU - Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions, European Youth Centre Budapest

13 – 18 May

We choose PEACE

Organised in co-operation with the Erasmus Student Network, European Youth Centre Budapest

27 – 31 May

Reaching Further: Decentralising LGBTQI Youth Activism

Organised in co-operation with the IGLYO - International Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer & Intersex (LGBTQI) Youth & Student Organisation, European Youth Centre Budapest

27 May – 1 June

Finding your voice

Organised in co-operation with the International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People (IFHOHYP), European Youth Centre Strasbourg

27 May – 2 June

Right to a healthy environment, a young activists perspective

Organised in co-operation with the Youth Environment Europe and "Yeghvard" NGO, European Youth Centre Budapest

3 – 7 June

Right to Fit – Countering Shrinking Spaces in Civil Society

Organised in co-operation with the Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO), European Youth Centre Budapest (only in the ETCD calendar)

10 – 15 June

Creating Safe and Brave Spaces

Organised in co-operation with ENIL Youth network & CEJI - A Jewish contribution to an Inclusive Europe, European Youth Centre Strasbourg

2 – 6 September

Advocacy in Action: Safeguarding a sustainable and peaceful future

Organised in co-operation with Don-Bosco Youth Network, European Youth Centre Strasbourg

9 – 12 September

Highway to Wellbeing: Improving Mental Health and Physical Activity of Youth through Human Rights

Organised in co-operation with the European Non-Governmental Sports Organization Youth International (ENGSO Youth) and the Youth Health Organization (YHO), European Youth Centre Budapest

9 – 14 September

From European commitment to local action: Decade against antigypsyism

Organised in co-operation with the European Roma Grassroots Organisations (ERGO) Network and Ternype International Roma Youth Network, European Youth Centre Budapest

7 – 11 October

Remembering, resisting and rebuilding: Combating together antigypsyism for inclusive societies

Organised in co-operation with the Youth Express Network (Y-E-N) and in co-operation with Youth of European Nationalities (YEN), European Youth Centre Strasbourg

9 – 13 October

Strengthening resilience of youth spaces in Europe

Organised in co-operation with the Bureau Européen du Scoutisme ASBL-World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), European Youth Centre Strasbourg

14 – 18 October

Transforming social work with the power of youth work

Organised in co-operation with FEANTSA (European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless) youth network, European Youth Centre Budapest

14 – 18 October

You co-create the future

Organised in co-operation with the European Students' Union, European Youth Centre Budapest

28 – 31 October

Youth Democracy Academy for young policy-makers

Organised in co-operation with the DYPALL Network: Developing Youth Participation at Local Level, European Youth Centre Strasbourg

4 – 9 November

Achieving justice through our youth minorities: building capacity to work together for a fairer future

Organised in co-operation with the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization Youth (UNPOY) with the support of Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO), European Youth Centre Budapest

4 – 9 November

Breaking the barriers - green economics and youth political participation in Eastern Europe

Organised in co-operation with the Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe (CDN), European Youth Centre Budapest

11 – 15 November

Human rights-based advocacy unleashed: access to rights and services for young migrant & refugee women in Europe

Organised in co-operation with the Voices of Young Refugees in Europe (VYRE), European Youth Centre Budapest

18 – 22 November

Improving the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Roma Women and Roma LGBTQ+ Communities

Organised in co-operation with Phiren Amenca International Network, European Youth Centre Budapest

25 – 30 November

Positive storytellers

Organised in co-operation with the Youth Social Rights Network with the support of the I-PARTICIPATE NGO (Greece), European Youth Centre Strasbourg

Training courses (in chronological order)

29 January – 2 February

Training course on non-formal education for facilitators and organisers of study sessions and of projects supported by the European Youth Foundation

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

6 – 9 February

Induction course of the new members of the Advisory Council on Youth

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

15 – 20 April

Training course “Young activists for democracy”

European Youth Centre Budapest

20 – 24 May

Project management in international youth organisations and networks

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

27 – 31 May

Participation matters! Compass national training course in Andorra

Organised in co-operation with the Citizenship and Youth Department of the Escaldes-Engordany City Council (Comú d'Escaldes – Engordany/ Conselleria de Ciutadania i Joventut)

21 – 24 June

Regional training course on human rights education, Compass national training course in Albania

Organised in co-operation with the Roma Versitas Albania

21 – 25 July

Compass national training course for human rights education in formal, non-formal and informal learning

Organised in co-operation with the Centre for Educational Initiatives, Ukraine

24 – 27 July

Roma youth combating antigypsyism: Compass national training course in North Macedonia, in co-operation with the Institute for research and policy analysis – Romalitico Skopje

North Macedonia

2 – 6 September

Rights in Our Language (s): Compass national training course in Greece

Organised in co-operation with the ELIX – Conservation Volunteers Greece

9 – 13 September

Promoting human rights education in Luxembourg, Compass national training course

Organised in co-operation with the Association Luxembourgeoise pour le Dialogue Interculturel, Luxembourg

11 – 17 September

Long-term training course Training of Trainers for Youth in the Council of Europe (TRAYCE)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

23 – 30 September

LIVING COMPASS, a training course for and with multipliers for human rights education with young people

European Youth Centre Budapest

29 September – 4 October

Talking with youth about human rights through non-formal education - Compass national training course in Slovak Republic

Organised in co-operation with Národný inštitút vzdelávania a mládeže – NIVAM (National institute of education and youth)

2 – 5 October

Human Rights Passwords - Compass national training course in the United Kingdom

Organised in co-operation with AICEM - International organisation for cooperation and worldwide education and Young Brent Foundation

7 - 11 October

Asia-Europe Training Seminar on Youth, Digitalisation and Intercultural Dialogue

European Youth Centre Budapest

28 October – 1 November

Training of trainers in human rights education Compass national training course in Portugal

Organised in co-operation with InvestBraga and Braga Youth Centre

21 – 25 October

Hackathon sur l'éducation aux droits de l'Homme : Compass national training course in France

Organised in co-operation with the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace (2IDHP)

31 October – 3 November

Crossing Human Rights Education Borders: Regional Compass training to empower young people in the transalpine area

Organised in co-operation with Amnesty International Sezione Italiana – ODV, Italy

4 – 6 November

Activity within the one-year capacity-building programme “Trauma-informed approach in the context of access to human rights and essential services for internally displaced persons and persons, returning to Ukraine” - educational triptych “Training. Development. Community”

Ukraine

7 – 8 November and 21 – 22 November

EmpowerEd: Human Rights Education for Educators: Compass national training course in Lithuania

Organised in co-operation with the Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights

2 – 7 December

Peace education and conflict transformation with young people

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

Consultative meetings, symposia and conferences

24 – 25 January

Realising the potential of roma youth participation, Consultative meeting to prepare a “roadmap” for the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2023)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on Roma youth participation

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

19 February

Training day with the City of Strasbourg

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

5 – 8 April

Roma Youth Together seminar

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

14 – 16 May

Youth event on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Council of Europe “Confidence in Tomorrow”

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

17 – 18 Jun

Council of Europe Days 2024: Youth Seminar and Policy Symposium on the Active Political Participation of National Minority Youth

European Youth Centre Budapest

19 – 21 June

Consultative meeting on the accessibility of the European Youth Centre and the activities of the Youth Programme of the Council of Europe

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

20 – 21 June

Seminar on sharing practices of projects and initiatives in support of Young Refugees and Migrants in transition to adulthood

European Youth Centre Budapest

24 – 27 June

Let's get political! Seminar on youth, politics and elections

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, organised in partnership with the European Youth Forum and the German Federal Youth Council

2 – 9 July

Youth Peace Camp

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

19 – 20 September

Consultative meeting on the inclusion of a youth perspective in the Organisation's intergovernmental and other deliberations

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

24 – 26 September

Symposium: Young people, democracy and climate action

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

30 September – 4 October

Seminar "Coming of Age During War: Youth Work in Ukraine Today. How Can European Youth Policy Adapt?"

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

2 October

Public discussion "Coming of age during war – Youth work in Ukraine today: How can European youth policy adapt?" with youth stakeholders, policy makers and practitioners from Ukraine and Council of Europe experts and

member states

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

3 October

Meeting of the Management Committee of the Framework Programme for Cooperation in the field of Youth Policy between the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine for 2021-2025

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

14 – 19 October

8th Arab-European Youth Forum “Intercultural dialogue in the age of artificial intelligence”

Organised in co-operation with the League of Arab States, Egypt

24 October

Launch event of the Lithuanian edition of the Compass Manual by the Lithuanian Centre of Human Rights in the Human Rights Film Festival “Inconvenient Films” within the programme of the Presidency of Lithuania of Committee of Ministers

Lithuania

28 October – 1 November

“Local youth policy and democracy”

Co-organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department and the Democracy Reloading Partnership of Erasmus+ national agencies, Strasbourg

6 – 8 November

Youth delegation at the World Forum for Democracy

Strasbourg

13 – 15 November

Youth Space Conference 2024

Organised by the German Federal Youth Council (DBJR), the German Bundestag, the German delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and the Council of Europe Youth Department, Germany

18 – 22 November

Educational Forum for Youth Centres in the Council of Europe Quality Label Network

European Youth Centre Budapest

Appendix II

List of the members of the statutory bodies of the youth sector

Members of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) in 2024

CDEJ Bureau

Member State	Name	Institution	Role
Portugal	Jorge Orlando Queiros	Instituto Português da Juventude, I.P. (Portuguese Institute for Youth)	Chair
Bulgaria	Liliya Elenkova	Ministry of Youth and Sports	Vice-chair
Belgium	Laurence Hermand	International Bureau for Youth	Bureau member
Germany	Uwe Finke-Timpe	Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth	Bureau member
Kazakhstan	Valikhan K. Bakhretdinov	NGO “The country of the Great Steppe”	Bureau member
Malta	Miriam Teuma	Agenzija Zghazagh (Maltese Youth Agency); Ministry of Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation	Bureau member
Slovenia	Igor Jesih	Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth	Bureau member
Türkiye	Enes Efendioğlu	General Directorate of International Organizations and External Relations, Ministry of Youth and Sports	Bureau member

Other CDEJ Members

Member State	Name	Institution
Albania	Arlinda Topciu	Ministry of State for Youth and Children
Albania	Fregis Sala	Ministry of State for Youth and Children
Andorra	Joaquim Pujol	Ministry of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality
Armenia	Zara Aslanyan	Ministry of State for Youth and Children
Armenia	Armenuhi Petrosyan	Youth Policy, Supplementary and Continuing Education Dept, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports
Austria	Markus Wolf	Federal Chancellery, Section VI - Family and Youth, Dept 7 - European and International Family and Youth Policy
Azerbaijan	Matanat Mammadova	Ministry of Youth and Sport
Azerbaijan	Ramil Jabbarov	Ministry of Youth and Sport
Belgium	Jan Vanhee	Department of Culture, Youth, and Media
Belgium	Bart de Boiserie	Department of Culture, Youth, and Media
Belgium	Armand Meys	Ministry of the German-speaking Community
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Adnan Husic	Mobility and Youth Unit, Education Department, Ministry of Civil Affairs
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kemal Salic	Mobility and Youth Unit, Education Department, Ministry of Civil Affairs
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Emina Kumrić	Mobility and Youth Department, Education Sector, Ministry of Civil Affairs
Croatia	Marina Smernić	Central State Office for Demography and Youth
Croatia	Jelena Jureta Pokrovac	Central State Office for Demography and Youth
Croatia	Ivana Barac	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth
Cyprus	Maria Christodoulou	Youth Board of Cyprus
Cyprus	Konstantinos Hadjizacharias	Youth Board of Cyprus
Czech Republic	Jana Tichackova	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

Member State	Name	Institution
Czech Republic	Šárka Doležalová	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
Denmark	Katrine Holten Winther	Danish Ministry of Children and Education
Estonia	Martti Martinson	Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
Finland	Sanna Puura	Ministry of Education and Culture
France	Marie Goiset	Ministry of National Education and Youth
Georgia	Vakhtang Baakashvili	Youth Agency (Ministry of Education, Science and Youth)
Georgia	Ani Chubinidze	Youth Agency (Ministry of Education, Science and Youth)
Georgia	Nino Mikhanashvili	Youth Agency (Ministry of Education, Science and Youth)
Germany	Axel Stammberger	Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
Greece	Marina Stefou	Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family
Greece	Iouliani Zorzou	Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family
Greece	Dimitrios Lolitsas	Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family
Holy See	Renato Cursi	Representative of the Holy See
Hungary	Enikő Varga-Véghvári	Prime Minister's Office; General Youth Department
Iceland	Victor Berg Guðmundsson	Ministry of Education and Children
Iceland	Valgerdur Thorunn Bjarnadóttir	Ministry of Education and Children
Iceland	Tinna Ros Steinsdóttir	Ministry of Education and Children
Ireland	Shauna Markey	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
Ireland	Paula Keatley	Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
Italy	Marialuisa Silvestrini	Department for Youth and National Civic Service
Latvia	Dāvids Garšva	Ministry of Education and Science

Member State	Name	Institution
Latvia	Randa Keņģe	Ministry of Education and Science
Latvia	Renate Mencendorfa	Ministry of Education and Science
Lithuania	Juozas Meldziukas	National Youth Policy Division, Agency of Youth Affairs
Luxembourg	Lena Hatto	Ministry of Education, Children and Youth; National Youth Service
Luxembourg	Joan Weber	Ministry of Education, Children and Youth; National Youth Service
Luxembourg	Alix Ramos	Ministry of Education, Children and Youth; National Youth Service
Monaco	Michael Landau	Department of Education, Youth and Sport
Montenegro	Neda Ojdanic	Ministry of Sports and Youth
Montenegro	Martin Lulgjuraj	Ministry of Sports and Youth
Netherlands	Kirsten Tanis	Youth Department, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport
Netherlands	Yasemin Glasgow	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport
Netherlands	Christie Stiphout	Youth Department, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport
North Macedonia	Gjorgi Tasev	Advisor for Youth and Youth Policies to the Prime Minister
Norway	Trine-Lise Hoffman	Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs
Norway	Lillian Solheim	Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs
Norway	Terje Solberg	Norwegian Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion
Poland	Anna Dworzycka	Ministry of National Education
Poland	Ewa Raińska-Nowak	Ministry of National Education
Republic of Moldova	Ion Donea	National Agency of Programmes and Youth Activities Development
Republic of Moldova	Marcel Marin	Youth Department, Ministry of Education and Research

Member State	Name	Institution
Republic of Moldova	Larisa Macarenco	Youth Policy Directorate, Ministry of Education and Research
Romania	Mihai Sebe	Ministry of Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities
Romania	Mirela Minca	Ministry of Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities
Romania	Victor Ionescu	Ministry of Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities
Romania	Radu Dragomir	Ministry of Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities
San Marino	Riccardo Venturini	State Secretariat for Education and Culture, University and Scientific Research, Youth Policies
Serbia	Marija Ivkovic Trkulja	Ministry of Tourism and Youth
Serbia	Ivana Antonijević	Ministry of Tourism and Youth
Slovak Republic	Kamila Dankovčíková	Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth
Spain	María Moreno Rodríguez	INJUVE (Spanish Institute for Youth)
Spain	Clara Gonzalez Meseguer	INJUVE (Spanish Institute for Youth)
Spain	Antonio Miguel Seron Dieguez	INJUVE (Spanish Institute for Youth)
Sweden	Diana Simon	Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
Switzerland	Jean-Marie Bouverat	International Affairs Division, International Organisations Unit
Türkiye	Gizem Erkan	Ministry of Youth and Sports
Türkiye	Bulut Altun	Ministry of Youth and Sports
Ukraine	Andriy Chesnokov	Ministry of Youth and Sports
Ukraine	Natalia Radchuk	Ministry of Youth and Sports
Ukraine	Borys Kozyr	Ministry of Youth and Sports
United Kingdom	Kirby Swales	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
United Kingdom	Gwen Aiston	Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Members of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) in 2024

CCJ Bureau

Name	Organisation	Role
Nina Grmuša	EFIL – European Federation for Intercultural Learning	Chair
Maurizio Cuttin	BYC – British Youth Council	Vice-chair
Anja Jokić	KOMS, National Youth Council of Serbia	Bureau member
Anna Knobbout	EYMH – Euro Youth Mental Health	Bureau member
Riikka Pasanen	EEE-YFU – European Educational Exchanges – Youth for Understanding	Interim Bureau member

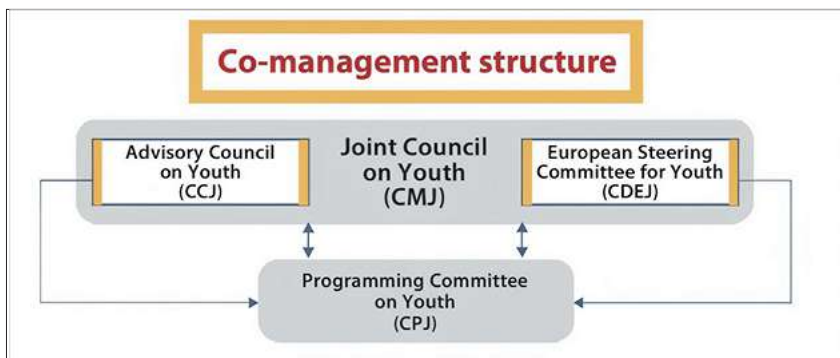
Other CCJ members

Name	Organisation
Agnes Gkoutziamani	YEE – Youth and Environment Europe
Arno Schrooyen	ESU – European Students' Union [2024-2025]
Emili Khachatryan	Youth Development Centre of Armenia
Emma Hallali	EUJS – European Union of Jewish Students
Emma Wedner	LSU – National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations
Eva Kotnik	RYE – Rural Youth Europe
Gavriel Efstratiou	CYC – Cyprus Youth Council [2024- 2025]
Iman Maslić	Youth Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jannis Gustke	IYNF – International Young Nature Friends
Jessý Jónsdóttir	LUF – National Youth Council of Iceland
Konstanze Schönfeld	World Esperanto Youth Organisation (TEJO)
Léonard Ly Tri	CNAJEP – Committee for National and International relations between youth and non-formal education organisations of France
Marharyta Vorykhava	RADA – Belarusian National Youth Council
Mariam Tartousi	No Hate Speech Network (NHSN)
Maria-Nadia Tismănaru	Timiș County Youth Foundation
Matias Rubio	La Bardal NGO

Name	Organisation
Noah Kramer	World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)
Péter Török	Federation of Children's and Youth Municipal Councils
Petr Pavel Banda	IQ Roma servis
Roberta Bojang	OJUEA – Organisation des Jeunes pour l'Union Européenne et Africaine – Youth EU AU
Sean Currie	FYEG – Federation of Young European Greens
Stanislava Stefanova	AEGEE – European Students' Forum
Xesc Mainzer	JEF – Young European Federalists
Yevheniia Fedotova	IFLRY – International Federation of Liberal Youth
Zia Perko Rogelj	CI – Connect International

Joint Council on Youth rapporteurs

Name	Role
Jannis Gustke	Rapporteur for the Rights of persons with disabilities
Jean-Marie Bouverat	Rapporteur on the rights of the child
Petr Banda	Rapporteur on Roma and Traveller Issues
Stanislava Stefanova	Rapporteur on Gender Equality



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