

Who are we?

The Advisory Council on Youth is the non-governmental partner in the co-management structure which establishes the **standards and work priorities** of the Council of Europe's **youth sector** and makes recommendations for future priorities, programmes and budgets.

It is composed by 30 youth representatives (20 European Youth Forum organisations + 10 non YFJ org) that advise the Committee of Ministers on decisions relating to youth.

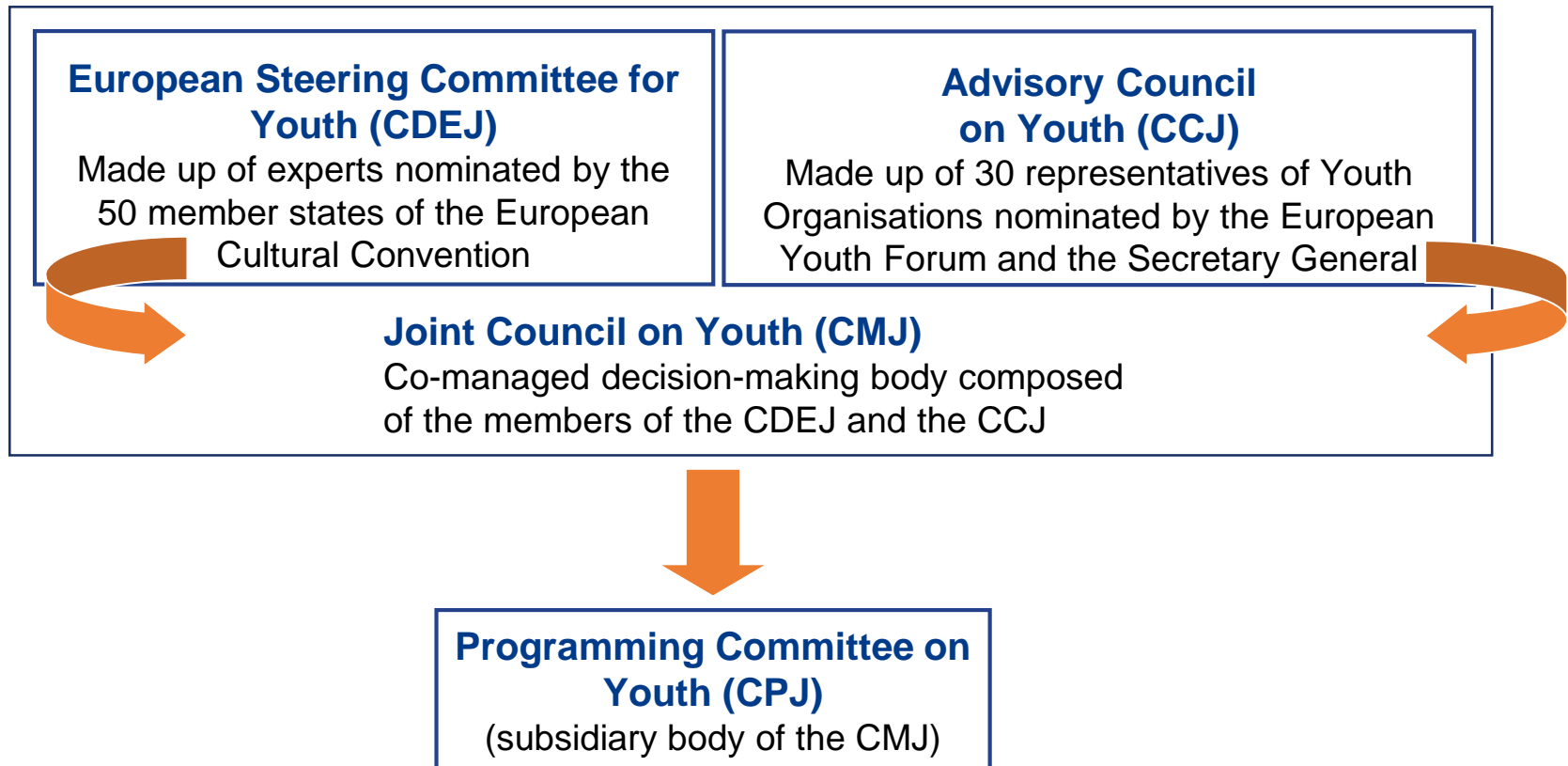
What's our structure?

The co-management system explained

Process

The co-management system involves **representatives from youth non-governmental organisations** (NGOs) sitting down in committees with **government officials** who together then work out the **priorities for the youth sector** and make recommendations for future budgets and programmes. These proposals are then adopted by the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe's decision-making body.

Youth in the Council of Europe



EU-CoE Youth Partnership activities

- The EU-CoE youth partnership stems from the close relations that the Council of Europe and the European Commission have developed in the youth field.
- The specific themes are participation/citizenship, social inclusion, recognition and quality of youth work.

What are our priorities?

Priorities of the Youth Sector 2020-2021

Access to rights

Youth Work and Youth Participation

Inclusive and Peaceful Societies

Revitalising pluralistic democracy



Priorities of the Youth Sector 2020-2021



Inclusive and Peaceful Societies



Roma Rapporteur
Disabilities Rapporteur
Gender Equality Rapporteur
Youth Peace and Security Portfolio
Euro-Arab Youth Cooperation Portfolio
North-South Center Portfolio
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Youth Peace and Security Portfolio

GOAL 1

The CoE Youth Department will gather and share examples of effective, sustainable and meaningful implementation of UNSCR 2250 across Europe, respecting varying contexts and barriers

GOAL 2

Wider recognition and support for the Youth, Peace and Security agenda at all levels of the Council of Europe; with greater collaboration on sharing YPS practices internally and externally, through existing partnerships.

Youth Peace and Security Portfolio and COVID-19

- COVID-19 Impact on YPS Portfolio
- COVID-19 has the potential to take the Youth, Peace & Security agenda (and UNSCR 2250 movements) a few steps backwards
- Other ramifications of COVID-19 on Youth, Peace & Security in Europe

How do we advocate peacebuilding?

- Government representatives in the CoE
- European Youth Forum
- UN Youth Envoy
- Relevant ministers/representatives in countries
- Cooperation with the EU
- Cooperation with the League of Arab States
- Online
- NGO Cooperations

How can you be a changemaker?

- Find out who is responsible in your government
- Join peacebuilding networks
- Become a politician and support peacebuilding policies
- Be active in an NGO / and apply for representative roles such as the CCJ or YFJ, ...
- Attend trainings
- Educate yourself on barriers
- Create peacebuilding projects

What does the youth
department of the CoE offer for
you?

EYF and the Advisory Council on Youth

- The EYF has been providing assistance and funding for youth activities which promote human rights, democracy, tolerance and solidarity. It gives young people a voice in political and democratic life and the tools they need to function effectively in today's diverse societies.

Study Sessions

- Study sessions are international educational youth seminars (meetings), which bring together members of youth organisations or networks and experts for discussions on a specific subject leading to conclusions relevant to the priorities and programmes of the Council of Europe Youth sector.
- <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/study-sessions>

Training Courses

- These courses aim to develop competence and skills for European youth work. They cover a wide range of subjects, including working in international youth structures, international youth co-operation, youth training, conflict management, human rights education, European citizenship, youth participation and democratic citizenship.
- <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/training-courses>

Real Talk

“Peace comes from being able to contribute the best that we have, and all that we are, toward creating a world that supports everyone. But it is also securing the space for others to contribute the best that they have and all that they are.” ~ **Hafsat Abiola**