

FIELDS OF ACTION

Promotion of knowledge-based youth policy through the development and provision of efficient tools for:

- further improving the European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy (EKCY);
- establishing a Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR);
- holding research seminars, fora and events in order to enhance knowledge in the youth field.

Support for youth work and improvement of the capacity of youth workers at European level through:

- the promotion of recognition of youth work and non-formal learning;
- the development of innovative youth work-related training;
- exchanges of good practices and support for related policy measures (peer reviews).

Special attention to the geographical scope of initiatives and application of the order of priority shown below:

- CoE member states which are candidates for EU membership (south-eastern Europe);
- CoE member states which are covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy (including the Eastern Partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean) and the Russian Federation;
- other countries/regions such as those involved in current EU-Africa co-operation arrangements.

Collection, dissemination and provision of information and publications on youth issues via:

- the web portal, including the European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy and its European youth policy topics database and country information;
- training kits, "Coyote" magazine, the series of youth research books and the newsletter.



MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

→ Partnership Management Board

All decisions are taken jointly by the two partners in a Partnership Management Board which brings together European Commission and Council of Europe representatives and observers at least once a year. Meetings are held in Brussels and Strasbourg alternately.

→ Partnership Advisory Group

This group comprises representatives of the principal stakeholders in the youth field, such as the European Youth Forum, the National Agencies of the European Commission's Youth in Action Programme and the SALTO Resource Centres linked to the National Agencies, policy-makers and researchers. These stakeholders are to be invited at least once a year to make an active contribution to defining the content of the EU-CoE youth partnership's activities.

→ The EU-CoE youth partnership team

EU-CoE youth partnership activities are carried out by a team of eight staff members, who are responsible for the coordination, quality and visibility of activities.



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in the field of Youth
("EU-CoE youth partnership")

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BACKGROUND

The Council of Europe and European Commission have developed close co-operation in the youth field over the years since 1998.

This co-operation mainly relates to:

- knowledge and evidence-based youth policy, and
- support and recognition of youth work

Special attention is paid to the geographical scope of activities and to the dissemination and publication of results.

The close involvement and participation of young people, youth workers, youth researchers and youth policy-makers are essential to a successful EU-CoE youth partnership.

The EU-CoE youth partnership is based on the principle of balanced involvement of the European Commission and the Council of Europe in terms of political priorities, management, funding and visibility. This principle is firmly established in the political processes of both partners:

- for the European Union: a strategy entitled “Youth - Investing and Empowering” and the “renewed framework for European co-operation in the youth field”;
- for the Council of Europe: the Final Declaration of the 8th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth, held in 2008: “The future of the Council of Europe youth policy: Agenda 2020”;

- for both the European Union and the Council of Europe: the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2007, which provides a framework for enhanced co-operation and political dialogue, taking due account of the comparative advantages and respective competences of both institutions.

The current partnership agreement between the two institutions covers the period 1st July 2010 - 31st December 2013.



OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the partnership are to develop:

Social inclusion:

- to strengthen the social inclusion of young people, particularly those most disadvantaged;
- to combat exclusion, precarious social conditions and marginalisation;
- to improve access to employment, entrepreneurship, education and training;
- to promote intergenerational dialogue and solidarity and foster equal opportunities for all, especially those at risk of exclusion;
- to promote young people’s health and well-being.



Democracy and human rights, democratic citizenship and youth participation:

- to make young people aware of human rights and foster youth participation, voluntary activities and democratic citizenship as well as to promote gender equality;
- to address issues relating to sustainable development, the environment and climate change.

Intercultural dialogue and diversity:

- to foster intercultural dialogue and youth work in a multicultural environment and to promote responses to racism, intolerance and discrimination;
- to support peace-building and inter-regional co-operation;
- to support co-operation with regions outside Europe;
- to support young people’s creativity and participation in culture.

TARGET GROUPS

The activities of the EU-CoE youth partnership mainly address the needs of young people, resource persons and youth policy players in both partners’ member states. There is currently a specific regional focus on countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Union for the Mediterranean. Both partners may give extra priority to any other country.



CO-OPERATION PARTNERS

Activities are carried out directly by the EU-CoE youth partnership team, in co-operation with other organisations with relevant experience in the field, such as the National Agencies of the European Commission’s Youth in Action Programme, SALTO Resource Centres, Ministries responsible for youth issues in the participating countries, research bodies and institutes and the European Youth Forum.

ACTIVITIES

The main activities are training sessions, thematic research seminars, workshops, symposia and networking meetings involving youth workers and youth leaders, trainers, researchers, policy-makers, experts and practitioners on specific topics, leading to a structured dialogue and exchanges of good practice. The results of activities are disseminated through the EU-CoE youth partnership website and publications.

PUBLICATIONS

To maximise the impact of the EU-CoE youth partnership, the results of its work are disseminated via the EU-CoE youth partnership website and the following publications:

→ Thematic T(raining) Kits	→ COYOTE magazine (published once a year)	→ The EU-CoE youth partnership newsletter	→ Research books

Website: www.youth-partnership.eu.coe.int

EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE CENTRE FOR YOUTH POLICY (EKCYIP)

The EKCYIP is an on-line database intended to provide the youth sector with a single access point to knowledge and information about the situation of young people across Europe. It was developed in the framework of the EU-CoE youth partnership, according to the knowledge-based approach to youth policy-making shared by both institutions. Since 2008, it has formed an integral part of the EU-CoE youth partnership website: www.youth-partnership.eu.coe.int

Content quality is regularly monitored by an interdisciplinary group of experts (Quality group).

