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YOUTH POLICY: FROM STANDARDS TO PRACTICE

An international seminar about Council of Europe standards on youth policy and youth work and their application in national policies and programmes

Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation

29 November – 2 December 2021

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Deadline: **26 October 2021**

Background

The Council of Europe Youth Department, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and the National Youth Council of Russia are co-organising an international seminar with youth policy and youth work experts from the Russian Federation and other states-party to the European Cultural Convention. The seminar is organised within the Framework Programme on Co-operation between the Council of Europe and the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy.

The seminar supports the application and implementation Council of Europe standards on youth policy and youth work in and by member states and by other stakeholders in youth policy. [The 2030 Strategy of the Council of Europe youth sector](#), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in 2020, sets the aim of the strategy to:

enabling young people across Europe to actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from the Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The Strategy assigns a particularly important role to cooperation and capacity-building with both governmental and non-governmental partners, notably through:

- intergovernmental co-operation at pan-European level on the preparation and implementation of youth policy, based on Council of Europe standards;
- assistance to youth policy development in member States through bilateral and multilateral support measures.

The Council of Europe and the youth partners and stakeholders in the Russian Federation have an important experience in applying and contextualising youth policy and youth work standards to local and regional realities, as exemplified by the "5050" training courses *Have Your Say!* These experiences need to be expanded so as to include other partners and countries: updated information about state and development of youth policy are important pre-requisites to deepen cooperation and dialogue on a regional or pan-European level.

The seminar *Youth Policy: from Standards to Practice* is thus organised to respond to the need for practitioners in youth policy and youth work to updated themselves and exchange with colleagues in the field about the experiences and challenges they experience with applying Council of Europe standards.

The programme of the seminar will focus on dialogue and mutual learning of youth policy and youth work. Particular attention will be given to the practices of youth policy and cross-sectorial cooperation in promoting Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe at national and local level.

The seminar is directed to representatives of authorities responsible for youth, who are interested in the standard setting work of the Council of Europe Youth Sector in the field of youth policy. The participants will explore and exchange about the standards of the Council of Europe in the youth sector, including its key principles, such as co-management, which fosters youth participation in decision making, as well as about the Council of Europe's main activities in youth policy. This seminar entails the active involvement of all stakeholders – young people, policymakers, researchers, NGOs, national and international organisations.

Aim and objectives of the seminar

The aim of the seminar is to foster dialogue and learning on youth policy standards and practices, strengthen cooperation between Council of Europe and Russia Federation in the field of youth policy and to support cooperation and exchange on youth policy and youth work.

Objectives:

- to discuss the state of youth policy and youth work in the participating countries, including the role of youth participation and youth organisations;
- to learn about the youth policy mechanisms and practices in the Russian Federation and other countries, notably in relation to Council of Europe youth policy and youth work standards;
- to explore the previous experience and future perspectives of the co-operation in the field of youth with the Council of Europe, the Russian Federation and other participating countries;
- to support dialogue and cooperation between various groups of stakeholders in youth policy and youth work, especially governmental and non-governmental partners with the view to support the implementation of the Council of Europe youth strategy 2030;
- to provide opportunities for new partnerships to develop new projects.

Co-organisers

The activity is co-organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and the National Youth Council of Russia with the support of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "MIREA - Russian Technological University".

Methodology

This seminar is designed as a mutual learning situation, where participants can share, compare and learn from each other's experiences. Inputs from experts from both Council of Europe and Russian Federation will provide a theoretical framework on principles, standards and practices of youth work and youth policy.

A significant part of the programme will be based on direct exchange and presentation of cases studies and examples of practice brought by the participants. A detailed programme is under preparation and will be sent to the participants invited to the seminar.

Participants

The seminar is organised for some 50 participants from the Russian Federation and other member-states of the European Cultural Convention, as well as invited guests from international organisations who is actively involved in the field of youth work:

- representatives of national, regional and local authorities responsible for the implementation of youth policy;
- representatives of non-governmental and public organisations, especially youth NGOs working with young people, at the international, national and regional levels;
- representatives of academic and research institutions dealing with youth policy issues;
- independent experts on youth policy issues.

All participants must:

- be residents of one of the countries of the European Cultural Convention;
- be active members of organisations/institutions that are interested in developing partnerships with other European organisations to work together on issues of youth policy and youth work;
- be motivated to take an active part in all the programme of the seminar;
- be ready in multiplying the experience and knowledge gained during the seminar;
- be ready to take part in all activities planned within the seminar programme;
- be able to communicate in English or in Russian.

Financial conditions of participation and technical information

Dates: The seminar will start on 29 November 2021 at 09:30 and end on 2 December 2021 at 19:00. Arrival day for all participants is 28 November 2021.

Place: Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation.

Working languages: English and Russian, with simultaneous interpretation

Financial conditions of participation: The co-organisers from the Russian side provide accommodation and meals during the seminar programme for all participants.

The Council of Europe will cover the travel to and from Saint Petersburg and the visa fee for 25 "international" participants selected through the Youth Department of the Council of Europe platform. Russian participants are expected to cover their trip to Saint Petersburg themselves or by their sending organisation.

The co-organisers will provide the support for visa arrangement and entry to the Russian Federation for the international participants who might require it. The event will be organised in the respect of the sanitary and epidemiological requirements of Rospotrebnadzor.

Application and selection procedures

All interested candidates residing in the **Russian Federation** are invited to fill out an online application available at <https://forms.gle/mgEgoeF4enmBx4tj9> or in the AIS "Youth of Russia" <https://myrosmol.ru/> by 23:59 Moscow time 26 October 2021.

Candidates residing in **other countries** part of the European Cultural Convention are invited to fill out an online application form by 23:59 CET on 26 October 2021 through the platform of the Council of Europe Youth Department at <https://youthapplications.coe.int/Application-forms>

All participants will be selected by the co-organisers on the basis of a completed application and taking into account considering the participants' unique experience, motivation and balanced diversity in the whole group. Selected applicants will receive additional information and instruction for their preparation.

The organisers welcomes applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

Further information

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Other joint activities of the Council of Europe and National Youth Council of Russia

If you are interested in participating in other events in the field of international youth work, human rights education and intercultural dialogue, please consult the following webpages: <http://www.youthrussia.ru/> www.coe.int/youth