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International Youth Day - statement by Chairman of the Committee of Ministers

On 12 August the world celebrates the "International Youth Day". The Ukrainian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe regards this as an important occasion to highlight the specific concerns, ambitions and achievements of millions of children and adolescents living on our continent.

Recent political events in various parts of the world have shown us once again the strong commitment and creativity that young people develop when they engage themselves for the common good. At the same time, in other countries, we have been witnessing the disastrous effects which a general lack of perspectives may have on the young generation.

All of these events underline the importance of the Council of Europe youth agenda and its priorities: the promotion of social integration, intercultural dialogue and human rights. Protecting children is also an important task of the international community. This is why Ukraine has decided to make it one of the priorities of its Chairmanship.



Call for NGO representatives to sit on the Advisory Council on Youth

The Council of Europe's youth sector works on the basis of a partnership between non-governmental youth organisations and governments, in what is known as the co-management system. This involves representatives from non-governmental youth organisations (NGYOs) closely cooperating with government officials to establish the standards and work priorities of the youth sector and make recommendations for future budgets and programmes.

The Advisory Council on Youth is the non-governmental partner in the co-management system.

Non-governmental youth organisations or networks not members of the European Youth Forum are invited to apply for a seat on the Advisory Council on Youth for a two-year mandate (January 2012 to December 2013).

Deadline: 15 September 2011

http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/news/attachments/Call_AC_2012_2013_E.pdf

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The EU Youth Strategy 2010 – 2018

In April 2009, the Commission presented a Communication entitled "An EU Strategy for Youth – Investing and Empowering. A renewed open method of coordination to address youth challenges and opportunities". The new Strategy invites both the Member States and the Commission, in the period 2010–2018, to cooperate in the youth field by means of a renewed open method of coordination. It proposes a cross-sectoral approach, with both short and long-term actions, which involve all key policy areas that affect Europe's young people. It emphasises the importance of youth work and defines reinforced measures for a better implementation of youth policies at the EU level. The Strategy invites all Member States to organise a permanent and regular dialogue (Structured Dialogue) with young people. Furthermore, the Commission in its Strategy encourages a more research and evidence-based youth policy.

In November 2009, the EU Council of Youth Ministers, composed of the 27 Member States of the European Union, adopted a Resolution on a renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field for the next decade. It is based on the Commission's Communication of April 2009 "An EU Youth Strategy: Investing and Empowering".

The new EU Youth Strategy defines two overall objectives of the new framework:

- More and equal opportunities for young people in education and in the labour market
- Active citizenship, social inclusion and solidarity of young people

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/documents/eu_youth_strategy.pdf



Test your EU – Volunteering knowledge!

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