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Youth Sector of the Council of Europe Survey on Online Hate Speech

In the frame of the project "Young people combating hate speech online", the Youth Department of the Council of Europe launches a survey on young people's attitudes and experience of online hate speech.

The survey targets young people in Europe and beyond and will provide empirical data to better shape the online campaign against hate speech.

The survey takes only 15 minutes and is available in:
English: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hatespeech>
French: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hatespeechfr>

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Eurofound

Young people not in employment, education or training: Eurofound report

The report, by the EU's own research agency, Eurofound, has discovered that Europeans aged 15 to 29 who are not in employment, education or training (known as Neets) have reached record levels and are costing the EU €3bn a week in state welfare and lost production.

Moreover, NEETs are at higher risk of being politically and socially alienated. Compared to their non-NEET counterparts, NEETs have a dramatically lower level of political interest, political and social engagement, and a lower level of trust.

"The consequences of a lost generation are not merely economic," the report warns, "but are societal, with the risk of young people opting out of democratic participation in society."

See Eurofound report



New rules to stop EU funding for racist parties

Last month, the European Commission finally backed a proposal for new laws that intend to cut off EU funding for racist or xenophobic parties and their associated foundations. The proposal demands European political parties and foundations to register officially under EU law to get a new legal status that allows them to receive EU funding. To obtain this new European legal status it is

required to fulfill certain criteria and respect the values on which the EU is founded, namely respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. In 2012, 13 European political parties and 12 European political foundations were awarded almost 31 million Euro in total including: Alliance of European Nationalist Movements: 289,266 Euro; European Alliance for Freedom: 360,455 Euro; European Foundation for Freedom: 243,811Euro.

According to the proposal the new rules shall apply from 1 July 2013.

More info: *New role for political parties to make European elections truly European*

[http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/sefcovic/headlines/news/2012/09/political_parties_en.htm)

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Non-Formal Education helps employability of young people

Long-lasting and frequent engagement and participation in youth organisations brings high soft-skills development. Amongst the six skills mostly demanded by employers, five are also among those developed through involvement in youth organisations: such as communication, team work, decision-making, organisational skills and self-confidence. For young people who participated in non-formal education activities abroad, this includes also higher development of language, intercultural and leadership skills. The participation in youth organisation is particularly valuable in developing social capital (network and connections) and in creating new vocation paths, especially for NEETs, early school leavers and young migrants.

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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Seminar "The role of youth work in combating segregation in school environments: a seminar for youth workers and actors in formal education"

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe is launching a call for participants for the seminar, which will be held in Strasbourg, 21-24 November 2012. Deadline for applying: **22 October 2012**.

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe seeks to support the role of youth work, youth organisations and education actors actively engaged in fighting segregation, by promoting the exchange of practices on fighting segregation and identifying principles and approaches applicable to youth, educational, and social policies. Please consult the attached call and the link below for more details and for applying online:

<http://youthapplications.coe.int/Application-forms/The-role-of-youth-work-in-combating-segregation-in-school-environments>