

## COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



The Council of Europe published its report on the implementation of the European Social Charter by its member States

The Conclusions of the European Committee of Social Rights for 2012 are public.

It is now possible to consult Conclusions 2012 and Conclusions XX-1 (2012) by State Party.

These conclusions contain the assessments of the European Committee of Social Rights on the implementation of the Charter with regard to employment, vocational training and equal opportunities. The Committee adopted a total of 622 conclusions in respect of 42 countries including 155 findings of violations of the Charter.



### Data Protection Day 2013

The Council of Europe is celebrating Data Protection Day, which commemorates the opening for signature on 28 January 1981 of “Convention 108”, the Convention on the Protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data.

Convention 108 is the only legally binding treaty in the privacy field, harmonising protection on the basis of minimum standards. At present 44 states are bound by it and in the near future Uruguay will become the first non-European country to become a state party.

Data Protection Day was launched by the Council of Europe in 2006 and is celebrated across and beyond Europe to make personal data protection better known.



Residential seminar of the Campaign against hate speech online

The Council of Europe Youth Department invites all young online activists concerned by human rights violations, hate speech online, discrimination and racism to apply for the training course taking place between February 2013 and March 2014, comprising of a residential seminar between 6-14 April 2013 in the European Youth Centre Budapest, e-learning based training and initiatives to support the campaign against hate speech online of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. The training course aims to develop competences of 30 online activists to take action against hate speech online and to promote and defend human rights online. All candidates must apply on-line, completing the application form under this link:

<http://youthapplications.coe.int/>

Applications must be submitted by **7 February 2013**.



### Opening of the judicial year of the European Court of Human Rights

The judicial year of the European Court of Human Rights opened on 25 January 2013. One hundred and fifty eminent figures from the European judicial scene attend a seminar organised for the occasion.

The seminar takes place in the afternoon, at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg (France), from 2.15 pm (local time), and will be followed at 6.15 pm by the official opening ceremony, in the course of which Mr Dean Spielmann, President of the Court, and Mr Theodor Meron, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, will address a 250-strong audience representing the judicial world and local and national authorities.



### Governments should act in best interest of stateless children

“Citizenship is the ‘right to have rights’. Without citizenship, one lacks not only political rights, but often social and economic rights as well. On a symbolic level, citizenship implies being a full member of a national community, and even further, of humanity”, says Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, in his latest [Human Rights Comment](#) published today.

Hundreds of thousands of persons in Europe do not have citizenship of any state. Statelessness is not disappearing with time, but being transmitted over generations. Governments should act more vigorously to break this cycle by targeting measures to end statelessness, especially among children.

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### Training Course

#### “Youth work: New approaches – New Opportunities”

European Minority Youth Network organizes a training course in Riga, Latvia from 16 to 22 April 2013, which will bring together about 30 youth workers and activists in order to raise their competences in using modern non-formal education tools and recourses including Internet, e-learning and social networks in youth work.

The training course is supported by European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

Deadline for applications: **15 February 2013**

More information and application form you could find here:

<http://network.ngo.lv/en/Training-programmes/New-training-course-in-April-2013>