

## Youth Partnership

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Partnership between the European Commission  
and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth



## Symposium Young people, democracy and climate action

24-26 September 2024

European Youth Centre Strasbourg

### Call for participants

**Deadline for applications: 20 May 2024, 23:59 CEST**

The EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership is looking for participants for the [Young people, democracy and climate action symposium](#), to be held at the [European Youth Centre in Strasbourg](#) on 24-26 September 2024 (arrivals: 23 September, departures: 26 September in the afternoon).

The goal of the Symposium is to offer to the European youth sector an opportunity to discuss how young people are engaging with these issues, the main emerging topics and challenges, and how youth research, youth policy and youth work can adapt and respond to the changing context.

The event aims to:

- Explore and contextualise the consequences of the climate crisis on young people and the youth sector in Europe, including young people's changing way of engaging with the climate crisis and eco-anxiety;
- Examine and reflect on how youth policy and youth work can adapt to and respond to the changing context; What do youth workers need to respond to these changes?
- Share good practices of effective and successful youth policy and youth work in relation to youth climate action;
- Connect actors working on these themes, from within and beyond the youth sector, to continue, develop or innovate in relation to that work;

- Promote the Youth Partnership's existing research and resources on this topic as well as the work done by the partner institutions and other youth sector stakeholders;
- Provide guidance for further developing policy and youth work practice in this field.

The event will cover the following themes:

- Trends of young people's participation in climate justice (including movements, strategic litigation, etc.);
- Eco-anxiety and other climate emotions;
- Youth policy, youth research and youth work responses to climate crisis;
- Youth workers' competences and youth organisations' capacities to support young people's demands for climate justice.

For more information on the Symposium, please read the [concept note](#).

### Profile of participants

The Symposium will bring together 100-120 participants from the European youth field, including young people, policy makers, youth workers and youth researchers.

Participants should be:

- Citizens or residents of one of the Council of Europe member states (or Kazakhstan and the Holy See);
- Young activists and youth organisations;
- Youth work practitioners, teachers, trainers or educators;
- Policy makers or civil servants (European, national, regional or local level);
- Specialists and experts from other fields supporting young people engaged in climate justice movements;
- Able to express themselves in English.

### Application procedure

If you are interested in taking part, complete the [application form](#) by **20 May 2024 (23:59 CEST)**. All participants will be informed of selection results by early July 2024 the latest.

All the costs related to participation in the Symposium (travel and visa costs, meals and accommodation) will be covered by the Youth Partnership, according to the rules in place.

If you have questions related to the call or Symposium, please contact [Lana.Pasic@partnership-eu.coe.int](mailto:Lana.Pasic@partnership-eu.coe.int).