

# Youth Partnership

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



**Pool of European Youth Researchers**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

and

**EU-CoE youth partnership**

**Correspondents of the European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**Chisinau, 18-20 September 2018**

**Concept note, draft Agenda and List of Participants**

*Venue Bristol Central Park Hotel  
32 Puskin Street  
Chisinau, Moldova*

## **Background**

The European Knowledge Centre on Youth Policy (EKCY) is a virtual library of research on the conditions of young people, youth work and youth policy, supporting evidence-based youth policy-making by the development of an adequate knowledge base at European and national levels. The knowledge provided therein is constantly updated, further enriched and popularised among the European youth stakeholders.

The Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) is a unique initiative on the European level and it represents a contribution of both the Council of Europe and the European Commission to evidence based policy-making in the field of youth.

EKCYP and PEYR annual meetings will be held together with one joint day, to strengthen synergies between both networks. It is proposed to hold the meetings in the Eastern Europe and Caucasus region, to support youth research and foster the development of stronger knowledge networks there.

## PEYR 8th Annual Meeting

Under the 2018 work plan, the **expected outcomes** of the work of PEYR are

- Analytical papers;
- Support the ‘Europe goes local’ project;
- Involvement in the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Structured Dialogue;
- Peer reviews;
- ‘Youth Research: the Essentials’.

More specifically, groups of researchers, gathered around communities of interest, will work on knowledge development of specific themes, pertinent to the work of the two partner institutions and of the EU-CoE youth partnership; cutting-edge, new, or under-developed areas of youth research are particularly considered, to avoid duplication in other areas of youth research and bridge gaps.

The annual meeting offers a forum for sharing and building up knowledge, coordinating the group’s work and connecting PEYR to other experts and researchers from selected areas. To better understand the reality of youth research in the neighbouring regions of the EU, the annual meeting of PEYR will take place in a country of the Eastern Partnership and Caucasus.

	<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of PEYR – draft programme</u></b>
<b>17 September 2018</b> 14:00 – 18:00	PEYR Core Support Group meeting  Arrival of PEYR
<b>18 September 2018</b> 9:00 – 10:45	Opening of the meeting by the EU-CoE youth partnership team  Developments with regard to youth research within the two partner institutions and in the youth partnership’s programme: upcoming events, publications, conferences  What has happened or is happening in PEYR? - Calls, contributions, activities; - Content, material, outcomes.  How can PEYR members contribute and be involved in different ongoing and forthcoming processes?
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	<b>Break</b>
11:15 – 13:00	Individual contributions: PEYR members to present their areas of interest and research: time distributed equally  Presentation of the results of the survey undergone beforehand on research projects,

	recent publications and upcoming projects and events, topics, methodologies, mapping of resources and networks.
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>What is going on in youth research? Topics, methodologies.</p> <p>Mapping of resources and networks that can be accessed by PEYR members, to broaden the scope and the perspectives on youth research.</p> <p>Online journal on youth research and policy / Perspectives on Youth</p> <p>First round of thematic clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring and evaluation of youth policy</li> <li>- Methodology in youth research</li> <li>- Young people and values</li> <li>- Social inclusion (tbc)</li> </ul>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Second round of thematic clusters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth work</li> <li>- Citizenship, participation and the role of youth work and youth policy in combating violent radicalisation and extremism</li> <li>- Entrepreneurship, employment and employability</li> </ul> <p>Communication tools available to PEYR</p> <p>Possible contribution to the joint meeting</p> <p>Ideas for 2019 workplan of the EU-CoE youth partnership</p> <p>Closing and evaluation</p>

## Joint PEYR-EKCYP Meeting on Knowledge base in Eastern Europe and Caucasus

### Background

One of the continuous aims of EKCYP and PEYR is to support knowledge-based youth policy and practice and the development of a strong youth research infrastructure. EKCYP and PEYR members from Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EEAC) countries have repeatedly highlighted the need to promote investment in research in their countries. Such requests also came from other stakeholders in the region which is extremely diverse in terms of focus on youth policy-making and overall reform, as well as on resources put into youth research. While there is no regional cooperation on the topic, there are bilateral initiatives thinking about sharing resources and joining efforts in the youth field. With this aim in mind, the 2018 joint meeting of EKCYP and PEYR will focus on youth research in Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EEAC).

### Objectives:

- Understanding the reality of youth policy and youth work practice in EEAC and how youth research feeds into it
- Networking and exchanging with policy-makers, researchers and practitioners from the region
- Identifying recommendations for supporting research in EEAC region.
- Taking forward the common projects of EKCYP and PEYR on Youth Research: the Essentials (follow-up of the 2017 joint meeting) and other.

19 September	Joint EKCYP-PEYR Meeting Supporting youth research and knowledge based youth policy and practice in Eastern Europe and Caucasus
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening words from Marta Medlinska, EU-CoE youth partnership Getting to know each other Speed dating by country and theme between PEYR researchers, EKCYP correspondents and guests</p> <p><b>Keynote input</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evidence-base in policy-making – how youth policies are planned and how youth research is used for that – Maurice Devlin, University of Maynooth</li> </ul> <p><b>EKCYP and PEYR from the region</b> Contextualizing youth policy in the countries in Eastern Europe and Caucasus and the role played by youth research Anna Ostrikova/Yaryna Borenko, Marina Galstyan, Mariana Turcan/Aliona Cristei, Andrei Salikau, Kartlos Karumidze</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Examples of research initiatives at country and regional level –</b> (8-10 examples set up around the room) Three rounds of 30'</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-15:30	<p><b>Good practice examples on Investing in youth research –</b> presentation of two examples from other regions(SEE and Nordic)and analysis Investing in youth research in Norway, Orjan Bergan Investing in youth research in SEE, Marko Kovacic</p> <p><b>Exchange with CDEJ representatives from the EECA countries</b> Natalia Radchuk (Ukraine), Ion Donea (Moldova), Andrei Salikau (Belarus)</p>

	<p>What could be the building blocks of strengthening youth research in the region</p> <p>Drawing recommendations for investing in youth research in EEAC</p> <p>Conclusion of the discussions and end of seminar</p>
15:30-16:00	<b>Break</b>
16:00 – 17.30	<p>Follow up on EKCYP and PEYR common projects from 2017 (Youth Research: the Essentials, including Communicating Youth Research) - Sladjana Petkovic</p> <p>Results of the survey on youth research – Ozgehan Senyuva</p> <p>EU Youth Policy structured dialogue at European and national level</p>
17:30 – 18:00	Conclusions and closing of the joint meeting
<b>19:00 – 21:00</b>	<p><b>Dinner and Networking</b></p> <p><b>Marking 20 years of the EU-CoE youth partnership</b></p>

## EKCYC 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

### Under the 2018 Work Plan, EKCYC objectives include:

- knowledge on youth work, contributing to building up the knowledge base presented in the online platform dedicated to youth work, within EKCYC (ahead of the 3rd European Youth Work Convention and as an implementation of the CoE CM Recommendation on youth work as well as EU Council Conclusions on quality of youth work),
- further research on educational pathways of youth workers, following the results of the first mapping study in 2017,
- drafting 'Insights': short publications including the analysis and description of youth policy and youth work relevant topics collected through EKCYC country information and additional resources,
- continuing to collect data on Youth Wiki thematic chapter 2 on volunteering from non-programme countries,
- disseminate information on EU Youth Wiki platform to correspondents and youth sector stakeholders at large.

EKCYC are convened for the annual meeting to take stock of the contribution to these themes and of the results in 2017-2018 as well as to identify themes for further research. The EU-CoE youth partnership proposes that the theme of evidencing impact of youth policy be discussed at the annual meeting. The contributions will feed into the draft Insights on the topic.

### Reference documents on EKCYC contributions in 2017-2018:

[Reports of past annual meetings \(including 2017\)](#)

[Mapping Education and Career Paths of Youth Workers \(report\) and Diversity of Practice Architectures analytical paper](#)

[Contributions to Youth Wiki from non-programme countries](#) and [Youth Wiki](#) database itself as well as background documents to the [new EU Youth Strategy proposal](#).

Youth Work Country Sheets

National information websites for young people (initiative shared by Orjan Bergan)

Insights on Youth Policy Governance

Draft Insights on Evidence, Monitoring and Evaluation of Youth Policies

<b>18 September 14:00 - 17:30</b>	<b>Meeting of the EKCYC preparatory group</b>
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<b>20 September 9:00 - 17:30</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of EKCYC Correspondents</b>
9:00 – 9:30	Opening of the meeting by Marta Medlinska, EU-CoE youth partnership; EKCYC contributions in 2017 and 2018 work plan Contributions from EU-CoE youth partnership team and correspondents that have engaged with the work programme
9:30 – 11:00	<b>Contributions related to youth work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country sheets</li> <li>- Education of youth workers</li> </ul>
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
	<b>Contributions related to youth policy</b>

11:30 – 13:00	<p>Insights on youth policy governance – presentation of the publication and discussion about dissemination</p> <p>Developing Insights on evidence, monitoring and evaluation of youth policy  Presentation of 3-4 case studies by correspondents and guests and discussion of draft as well as what information EKCYP could further collect for the insights</p>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 – 15:15	<p>Updates on contribution to EU Youth Wiki from correspondents who are in both networks and those drafting contributions in 2018</p> <p>Experiences of engaging with structured dialogue at national level</p>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Ideas for 2019 work plan – proposals for main activities and contribution from ECKYP</p> <p>Wrapping up, evaluation and closing the meeting.</p>
	Departure of participants

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