

# Review on CM/Rec(2017)4

## Council of Europe Recommendation on Youth Work

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# Recommendation on Youth Work - Outline

## Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2017\)4](#) on youth work

- first internationally agreed policy document that focuses explicitly on youth work
- Drawing on the conclusions of the [2<sup>nd</sup> European Youth Work Convention](#)
- Aim: helping the Council of Europe youth sector
  - To set youth work
    - What is youth work, and
    - What does youth work need in order to reach its missions
  - To support youth work and to make youth work a reality
    - Youth work as a part of youth policy
    - Ensuring conditions for youth work can (continue to) develop, by
      - Reaffirming the value of youth work, and
      - Reaffirming the responsibility of policy makers

### ➤ Partnership-Publication Youth Work in the Spotlight

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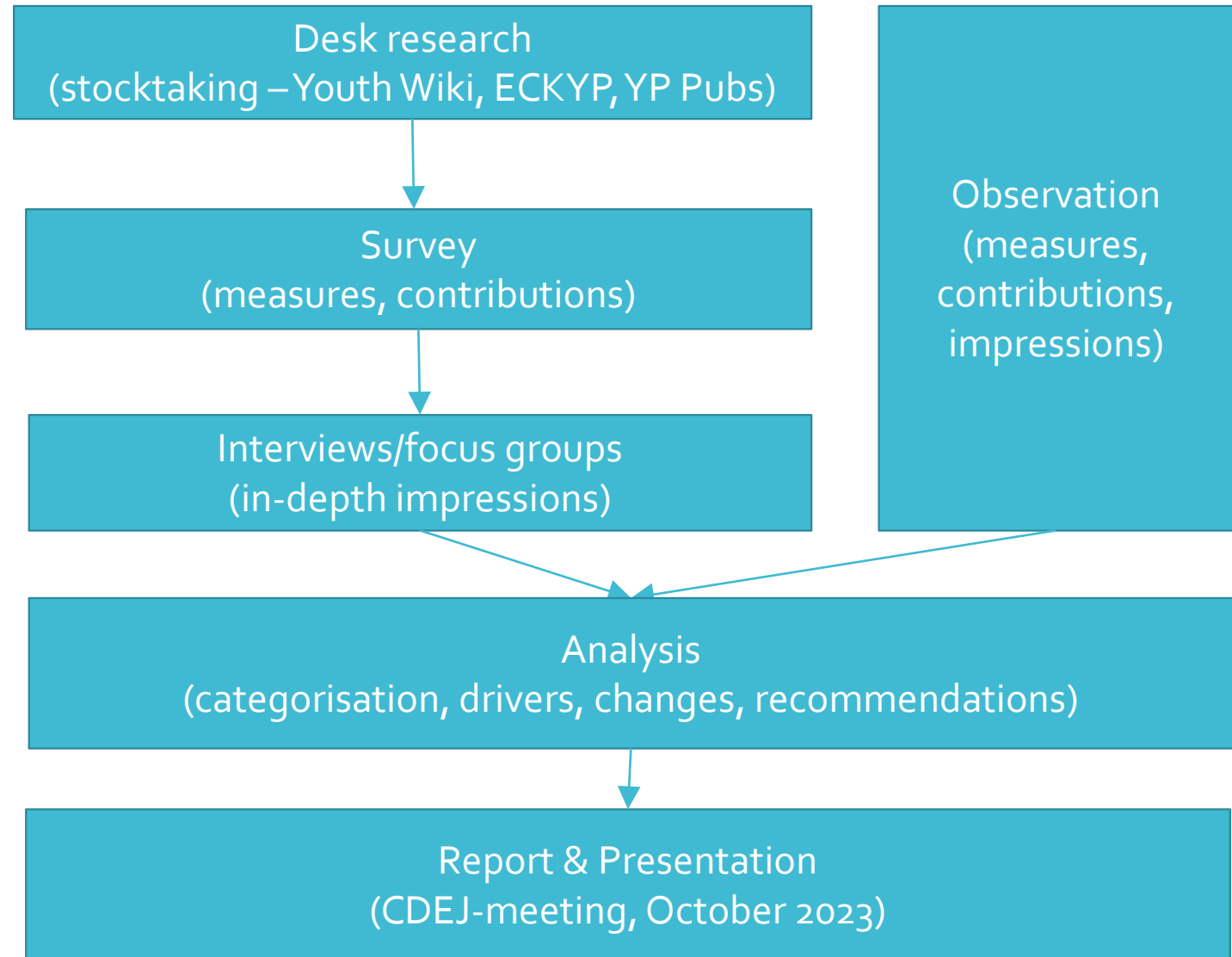
- Definition of youth work:
  - “Youth work is a broad term covering a wide variety of activities of a social, cultural, educational, environmental and/or political nature by, with and for young people, in groups or individually. Youth work is delivered by paid and volunteer youth workers and is based on non-formal and informal learning processes focused on young people and on voluntary participation. Youth work is quintessentially a social practice, working with young people and the societies in which they live, facilitating young people’s active participation and inclusion in their communities and in decision making.”
- Member states are invited to establish measures on:
  - policies that safeguard and proactively support the establishment and further development of youth work at all levels
  - a coherent and flexible competency-based framework for the education and training of paid and volunteer youth workers

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“It further recommends that the governments of the member States examine, within the Committee of Ministers, the implementation of this recommendation five years after adoption.”

- Aim:
  - to identify how the efforts of the *member states*, the Council of Europe youth sector, and youth organisations are contributing to the development of youth work policy and practices in the member states and at European level.
  - to identify how the Recommendation acted as a driver for change in the *member states* and at European level.

# Methodology



# First impressions

## Some very, very first impressions...

- Recommendation
  - Framework and reference for other European documents, like
    - Declaration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Youth Work Convention
    - EU Council conclusions and recommendations
- Established systems of youth work focus on
  - quality youth work
  - Recognition of youth work by other sectors and actors
- Emerging systems of youth work focus on
  - Capacity building and the establishment of political frameworks/laws
  - Recognition of youth work as a profession
  - Quality of youth work

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Thank you for your attention!

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