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“Youth Perspectives in Action: A new chapter for youth research in Europe”

12 March 2026, 17h30-19h15 CET
European Youth Centre Strasbourg

The 10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible Youth, held at La Valletta (Malta) on 8-9 October 2025, emphasised the importance of youth research as a foundation for evidence-based youth policy, ensuring that policy decisions are informed by robust data, analysis, and the realities faced by young people. Ministers highlighted the cooperation between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the areas of youth research and youth work and called on both Institutions to strengthen their collaboration beyond existing programmes. The roundtable “Youth Perspectives in Action: A new chapter for youth research in Europe” responds to the need to open a new chapter for youth research in Europe and explore the issues related to “**Youth Social Rights – Challenges for youth research in an age of disinformation**”.

The roundtable takes place at the wake of the High-Level Conference on the European Social Charter in Chişinău, on 18-19 March 2026, and contributes to the priority of the Presidency of the Republic of Moldova of the Committee of Ministers of strengthening the response to disinformation, including foreign information manipulation and interference. An international Research Symposium on Young People’s Access to Social Rights will be held on 15-17 September 2026, at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, setting the base for further work in this area.

The event is held in the framework of the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth (2026-2028) and is part of the programme of the Presidency of the Republic of Moldova of the Committee of Ministers (November 2025 to May 2026). The activity is also part of the project Youth for Democracy and Human Rights in the Republic of Moldova.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

17:30 Registration

17:45 Welcome

- Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe
- Ambassador Daniela CUJBĂ, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Council of Europe
- Anna POGWIZD, Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe

18:00 Keynote-input and panel discussion

Youth Social Rights – Challenges for youth research in an age of disinformation

Keynote-speaker

Maria Carmen PANTEA, Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Research Symposium on Young People's Access to Social Rights (September 2026), University 'Babes-Bolyai', Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Panellists

- Lotta HAIKKOLA, Research Network "Youth & Generation", European Sociological Association & Finnish Youth Research Society, Finland
- Andreas KARSTEN, Research-based Analysis and Monitoring of European youth programmes / RAY Network, Berlin, Germany
- Marcel Marin, Head of the Youth Department, Ministry of Education and Research, Republic of Moldova

Moderator

Lana PASIC, Youth Research and Policy Manager, Youth Partnership

including questions and answers from the audience

19:00 Closing remarks

Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe

19:15 End of the event