

Youth Partnership

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



EU-Council of Europe reference group on youth work 2026-2028

Draft Agenda for the first meeting

31 March p.m. – 1 April all day, Council of Europe Office in Brussels

Context

Following the successful [4th European Youth Work Convention](#), a report and a roadmap have been proposed to guide the actions of all youth work stakeholders at European and national levels to take youth work policy and practice forward. To contribute to the follow-up to the Convention's outcomes, the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership work plan 2026-2028 foresees a [stronger focus on youth work](#) and several policy, research and practice-oriented actions.

In this context, an EU-Council of Europe's reference group on youth work development will be established, building on the rich experience of the Steering Group on the 4th European Youth Work Convention, which was coordinated by the Youth Partnership.

This reference group will serve as a platform for dialogue and regular exchange of information between the European Union and the Council of Europe, and key stakeholders active in youth work development at European level. It is rooted in the shared commitments of the two institutions, as reflected in the European Youth Work Agenda and will build on the roadmap following the 4th Convention European Youth Work Convention. The Youth Partnership will work towards synergies and complementarities between the members on the follow-up of the Convention's conclusions and roadmap at European level. Members will share their commitments, initiatives and actions, as well as support communication and the promotion of the Convention's outcomes. The reference group will also contribute to the implementation of the Youth Partnership's youth work activities planned for 2026–2028.

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14:00-15:30 Opening by partner institutions

Roundtable of introductions

Setting the policy framework and objectives on youth work development in Europe

Tobias Flessenkemper, Head of Youth Department, Council of Europe
Ingrid Bellander Todino, Head of Unit, DG EAC, European Commission
Clotilde Talleu, Manager, Youth Partnership - terms of reference and membership of the reference group

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 Following up on the convention

Youth work core, youth work environment, youth work systems

Exchange based on the report and roadmap of the 4th European Youth Work Convention

Free evening

Day 2

1 April

9:30 – 11:00 Following up on the convention

Projects and initiatives by the Youth Partnership

- [Mapping of youth work development at European level](#)
- [European Code of Ethics](#)

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30 -13:00 Following up on the convention

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Projects and initiatives by organisations represented in the reference group and other European stakeholders (roundtable)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:20 Communicating the results of the convention

- Communication and multimedia content (videos, podcasts, infographics) to support dissemination and accessibility of the 4th European Youth Work Convention's outcomes
- [Communication action on values and importance of youth work.](#)

15:20- 15:30 Break

15:30-17:00 Decisions from the meeting and closing

Background documents

Report and roadmap of the 4th European Youth Work Convention

Terms of reference for the EU-Council of Europe reference group on youth work
Proposal for mapping European youth work development initiatives following up on the 4th
Convention
Concept note code of ethics
Communication action to follow up on the convention.