

Youth Partnership

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



List of proposed activities for the 2021

EU-Council of Europe youth partnership work plan¹

1. COVID-19 impact on young people and the youth sector: Research and debate with policy-makers, practitioners and other relevant stakeholders (all strands, core activity)

Expected outcomes:

- a regularly updated Knowledge Hub on various research initiatives and their findings related to COVID-19 impact and responses on young people and the youth sector;
- thematic analytical papers looking at the COVID-19 pandemic's negative and positive consequences on young people's transitions to autonomy, including but not limited to: transition from education to employment, from being sustained by their families/care institutions to financial and economic independence in a new household, to having children/forming a family;
- monitoring, collecting and sharing updates on developments in youth policy and youth work (including good practices of successful intervention) at the regional, national and local level to supporting participation, social inclusion, digitalisation and digital youth work in COVID-19 context;
- messages on the implications for all relevant actors, including those in youth work, youth policy, research and other relevant fields;
- connect actors working on these themes, from within and beyond the youth sector, to continue, develop or innovate their work;
- editorial work on a Youth Knowledge Book related to COVID-19 and youth transitions;
- presentations and reflection with relevant youth sector representatives on the ongoing research, findings and messages.

2. European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy (EKYP) (youth research strand, core activity)

- Annual meeting
- Collecting data on the topics related to the 2021 work plan (notably COVID-19 impact, young people's access to rights, youth policy evaluation, youth work)
- Collecting complementary information to the Youth Wiki (non-EU countries).

¹ The proposal is subject to approval by the Partnership Management Board.

3. Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) (youth research strand, core activity)

- Annual meeting
- Support EU Youth Dialogue and Council of Europe Statutory Bodies work (notably, review of the access to rights recommendation, literature review on shrinking space for youth civil society and EU youth dialogue on youth participation)
- Research related to core activities of the youth partnership, contribution to the EKCYP and cooperation with its correspondents on joint projects, including preparing materials for a future MOOC on youth research essentials.

4. Study on political participation of young people - concluding (youth research and youth policy strand, core activity)

- materials presenting conclusions of the study on political participation of young people (policy briefs, infographics and illustrations), inspiring examples and recommendations for further research agenda to be implemented at different levels, in view of the ongoing and upcoming developments within the two partner institutions, and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as implications for the individual and society;
- promotion and dissemination of the study findings at relevant occasions.

5. Youth Knowledge Books – youth political participation finalisation; editorial work on a new youth knowledge book (youth research strand, core activity)

- Finalisation of the youth knowledge book on young people’s political participation
- Editorial work on a new YKB on youth and new realities/uncertainty/transitions
- Promotion of YKB 26-28, including new Youth Policy Manual from a European perspective.

6. Perspectives on Youth (youth policy, core activity)

“Perspectives on youth”, a series on perspectives of young people relevant to youth policy, research and practice will propose further forward-looking debates on youth and having a European/international relevance. The series includes research articles, essays, opinion pieces, infographics, graphic recordings, podcasts, videos, animated videos and webinars on a variety of topics, including young people’s social and political engagement, climate crisis, digitalisation, new technologies and artificial intelligence (AI), economic uncertainty, health and mental health, education, migration and other relevant and emerging themes.

7. Contributing to the European Youth Work Agenda (youth policy and youth work, support activity)

- follow up on the results of the 3rd EYCW and support launching the implementation of the European Youth Work Agenda;
- knowledge contribution to the peer learning on education and training of youth workers;
- support engagement with the EYWC and EYWA implementation in Eastern and South East Europe;
- promote the Youth Work Essentials, thematic Youth Knowledge Books and run an updated MOOC on youth work essentials;
- update and publish country sheets and analyse and interpret data relevant for youth policy development;

- analytical work supporting relevant sector initiatives and findings tailor-made to the needs identified at the EYWC;
 - Coyote articles on the results of the EYWC.
- 8. Supporting democratic citizenship education with a European dimension - Edu4Europe Forum (youth work, youth policy, support activity)**
- developing knowledge for, and contributing to the organisations of, a Forum of stakeholders working on education for democratic citizenship with a European dimension in 2021;
 - creating synergies and acting as a mediator between the work of the NAs and SALTO and the work of the Council of Europe in this field.
- 9. European Platform on Learning Mobility (youth work, core activity)**
- Finalising and testing the community impact indicators research;
 - Coordination of the SG meetings;
 - Promoting the handbook;
 - Preparation of the biennial conference in Finland, with a focus on sustainability in youth work.
- 10. Massive Open Online Courses on youth work essentials and on youth policy essentials and preparation of the contents of a new one on youth research (all strands, core activity)**
- Updating the new edition of the MOOC on youth work essentials, including the contents of the European Youth Work Convention and European Youth Work Agenda;
 - Running the revised edition of the MOOC.
- 11. Training kits / handbooks (youth policy, youth work, core activity)**
- content of a T-kit on developing and implementing evidence-based participatory youth policy is drafted;
 - T-kits on Training Essentials and Value-Based Learning in Mobility are disseminated and promoted among trainers, educators, youth workers and wider target groups;
 - further translations and dissemination of T-kits and other educational material in other languages, based on request from the field and linked to key topics in focus at European levels.
- 12. Coyote magazine (youth work, core activity)**
- Linked to the 3rd European Youth Work Convention;
 - Possible second topic: young people's wellbeing and Covid19 impact.

Support activities

13. Website and social media

14. Production and dissemination of publications, audio, video and other promotion materials and visibility actions

15. Partnership Management Board and Partnership Consultative meetings

17-20. Coordination and representation; administrative and logistical support; staff.