

Youth Partnership

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



POOL OF EUROPEAN YOUTH RESEARCHERS (PEYR)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST¹

1. Introduction

The partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth is seeking researchers for its renewed Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) to provide research, advice and perspective on youth policy strategies and approaches when requested by the partner institutions, their partnership and other cooperation partners.

Any person interested in being a member of the PEYR and fulfilling the criteria indicated in this call is invited to send their application, in line with the submission modalities indicated below, by **1 March 2017**.

2. Context

The PEYR exists since 2010. The establishment of the PEYR corresponds to the medium-term youth strategies of both the European Union and the Council of Europe, which aim at:

- promoting better knowledge and understanding of young people in Europe;
- supporting a knowledge-based youth policy.

The strategies are based on the following documents:

- Council of Europe: Declaration "The future of the Council of Europe youth policy: Agenda 2020" (adopted in autumn 2008); Resolution (2008)23 of the Committee of Ministers on the youth policy of the Council of Europe.
- European Union: European Commission Communication on the new EU youth strategy (2010-2018) entitled "Youth: Investing and Empowering" (April 2009) and the Resolution of the Council of the European Union of 27 November 2009 on a renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018).

¹ This call for expression of interest does not constitute a procurement procedure and does therefore not give rise to a consultancy contract.

3. Objectives

The objectives of PEYR are:

- to support the functioning of the EU-CoE youth partnership as a Think-Tank;
- to actively contribute to knowledge development in the field of European youth policy and practice;
- to contribute with analyses of trends and developments in the youth field;
- to constitute a "task force" through exchange between its members, engagement with the wider youth research community and with structures of youth policy and practice at the European level.

4. Mission

The mission of the PEYR is to contribute to improving knowledge about young people in Europe, European policy and practice in the field of youth through providing research, advice, analysis and perspectives on youth policy and youth work strategies.

5. Scope of activities of PEYR

PEYR members may be asked to:

- i. Contribute to **information and knowledge exchange** among PEYR members and beyond on contemporary youth research;
- ii. **Draft analytical papers** on issues of relevance to young people in Europe, in particular those in relation to the priorities of the EU-CoE youth partnership; wherever necessary taking into account specific issues in certain regions in Europe or its neighbourhood;
- iii. Be **involved in seminars** triggering reflection based on analyses, involving also practitioners and policy-makers;
- iv. Support the **conceptual development and implementation** of thematic workshops, seminars and other relevant events organised by the EU-CoE youth partnership or any of the two institutions, through e.g. providing advice on themes, calls, evaluating abstracts and research papers, preparation of follow-up publications.

6. Composition, balance and inclusivity

The PEYR will be composed of about 35 members, as deemed necessary to carry out its mission.

Members of PEYR are appointed for a first term of 1 year renewable for a maximum of 4 years.

This selection process does not constitute a competitive procurement procedure. The selection into the PEYR shall not give rise to any consultancy contract. However, throughout the duration of the PEYR, its members may be consulted by the Council of Europe Secretariat in the framework of restricted consultation procedures and be subsequently proposed, if selected, consultancy contracts on a case-by-case basis.

7. Responsibilities

The members of PEYR are expected to meet at least once a year and when their expertise is requested.

If considered feasible, the members of PEYR will participate in the annual meetings of EKCYP correspondents.

They may also expect to be consulted for the provision of consultancy services as described above.

8. Working methods

PEYR deliverables, reports, analytical and position papers, opinions, and recommendations as necessary will be communicated to relevant structures in the field of youth (such as the Youth Working Party, CDEJ members, Advisory Council, the National Agencies and SALTO Resource Centers of the European Commission's Erasmus+/Youth in Action programme, the European Youth Forum, trainers' pools and other stakeholders). Copies of these documents will be made available to the public (e.g. by EU-CoE youth partnership website and EKCYP).

The members of the PEYR will cooperate, where appropriate, with the group of EKCYP correspondents, mutually supporting their activities and sharing information and dialogue during meetings convened by the youth partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

All PEYR members should register as experts in the EKCYP expert database.

9. Travel reimbursement and remuneration of services

In the event of a member of PEYR being required to travel for the purposes of a given activity (including PEYR meetings), the EU-CoE youth partnership undertakes to reimburse travel and subsistence allowances.

Members of PEYR may be contracted for specific consultancy contracts, according to their specific research profile, against a remuneration fee to be defined on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the CoE procurement rules.

10. Practical aspects

PEYR membership will initially be until **31 March 2018**. It may be tacitly renewed for a successive year, unless the Council of Europe or a member of the PEYR notifies the other party in writing at the latest two months before the renewal date, which is 31 March of each year. It cannot be prolonged beyond 31 December 2020.

The members of the PEYR are expected to ensure availability to devote some working days a year to the contracts they may be awarded by the EU-CoE youth partnership.

The selection of members of the PEYR to be involved in specific thematic or institutional activities will be based on competitive procedures, as the case may require. Being a member of the PEYR does not give rise nor to any right to be awarded a consultancy contract, neither to be consulted in the framework of a competitive procurement procedure.

PEYR members will meet once a year and when the European Commission or the Council of Europe request their expertise.

The PEYR will be coordinated by the EU-CoE youth partnership team.

The working language will be English.

11. Application and selection process

Interested researchers are invited to fill in the online application form by **1 March 2017**, providing their succinct CV and a motivation letter.

The members of PEYR will be selected and invited on the basis of their experience and knowledge and represent:

- different fields of youth research and different scientific disciplines;
- different institutions in Europe, relevant for research in the youth field.

The selection of members in the Pool will be based on the following selection criteria:

- relevance of professional background (youth research experience gained through both academic and applied approaches), in particular in the EU-CoE youth partnership priority areas: youth participation, social inclusion of youth and youth work ,
- experience and interest in contributing to knowledge-based policies,
- high level of knowledge about youth issues in Europe.

An effort will be made to have both senior and junior members in the Pool. It will also be considered to balance the composition of the future Pool between previous and new members, so as to ensure continuity of the working methods.

We welcome applications from researchers permanently resident in all Council of Europe member states, which are motivated and committed to actively contribute and advise on youth policy matters and developments and be in a position to reach other representatives of research communities in their countries and networks, to spread knowledge and results of the work of the PEYR.

In as far as possible PEYR shall have a balanced composition with regard to members' nationalities, geographical region, gender and age. In particular, the profiles of candidates from the Eastern Europe and South Caucasus countries, previously underrepresented in the Pool, will be considered.

Members of PEYR participate in a personal capacity and based on their personal competence.

The selection will be made by a panel of representatives of the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the EU-CoE youth partnership and of the youth research field.

The panel will select about 35 candidates to form the PEYR. The final number of members will be decided on the basis of the quality and complementarity of their profiles.

Applicants will be informed of the selection results by e-mail within one month after the application deadline.

The secretariat of PEYR, provided by the EU-CoE youth partnership team, will be responsible, *inter alia*, for the organisation of meetings, the execution of the calendar, the preparation of minutes of the meetings, the publication of reports and the maintenance of the EU-CoE youth partnership internet site.

Any query about the role of the Pool, the selection criteria, procedure and conditions of membership should be addressed to youth-partnership@partnership-eu.coe.int

12. Useful links

[European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy EKCYP](#)²

[Council of Europe – Youth](#)³

[European Commission – Youth](#)⁴

² [http:// http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/youth-partnership](http://http://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/youth-partnership)

³ www.coe.int/youth

⁴ www.ec.europa.eu/youth