

# Youth policy and work of the Council of Europe

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## Structures and Working Methods



### Youth department

- Part of the Directorate for Democratic Participation within the Council of Europe
- The department develops guidelines, programmes and legal instruments for the development of an effective youth policy

**Working method** Co-management system → Governments and youth organisations decide together on an equal footing

#### Advisory Council on Youth

- 30 representatives of youth organisations in Europe
- 20 delegated by the European Youth Forum, 10 appointed upon proposal of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Advises Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers on all issues related to youth

#### Joint Council on Youth

- Joint body of the Advisory Council on Youth and the European Steering Committee for Youth Issue
- **Supreme decision-making body:** determines positions, priorities, objectives and the budget of the youth sector

#### European Steering Committee for Youth

- Representatives of the youth ministries and institutions of the 50 states parties of the European Cultural Conventions
- Promotes cooperation and dialogue between governments

#### Programming Committee on Youth

- **Operational Body:** draws up, monitors and evaluates the programmes of the European Youth Centre and the European Youth Foundation
- Decides on funding priorities and applications of the European Youth Foundation

Delegates 20 members

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#### European Youth Foundation

- Foundation of the Council of Europe
- Since 1972
- Supports and promotes the projects of youth organisations and non-governmental organisations in Europe
- **Seat:** Strasbourg

#### European Youth Centre

- Two training and conference centres for youth associations
- **Seat:** Budapest (since 1995) and Strasbourg (since 1972)



#### European Youth Forum

**No Council of Europe body**

- Platform of more than 100 youth organisations in Europe
- Youth advocacy and lobby, especially towards the EU and the Council of Europe
- **Headquarters:** Brussels

#### ✓ Important to EM Germany

- Foster the structural and financial support for democratically organised youth associations and councils in Europe
- Accelerate the implementation of the European Youth Work Agenda of the Council of Europe and the EU
- Introduce binding youth participation in the EU with influence on concrete legislation, on the basis of the youth co-management system in the Council of Europe

