

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

Deadline: 14 October 2020

1. Introduction

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

Persons interested in being a member of the PEYR and fulfilling the criteria indicated in this call are invited to send their application, including the completed **application form, CV and a writing sample** to youth-partnership@partnership-eu.coe.int by **14 October 2020**, indicating in the subject of the email **Application – PEYR – your name**.

2. Context

The overall goal of the EU- Council of Europe youth partnership is to foster synergies between the priorities and programmes of the two partner institutions in the youth field. It offers a platform for their co-operation and has a function of a “think tank” and a laboratory: gathering and producing knowledge, translating it for an effective use in youth policy and practice, developing and testing new approaches, considering traditional themes and innovative trends. It contributes to implementing the aims of the partner institutions’ youth strategies:

- Council of Europe [Youth sector strategy 2030](#)
- European Union [Youth Strategy: engage, connect, empower \(2019-2027\)](#)

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

EU- Council of Europe youth partnership supports these processes through the Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) and correspondents of European Knowledge Centre on Youth Policy (EKCYC). The PEYR exists since 2010, with the goal of promoting better knowledge and understanding of young people in Europe and supporting knowledge-based youth policy and practice.

3. Objectives

The objectives of PEYR are:

- to support the functioning of the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership as a Think-Tank;
- to actively contribute to research, knowledge development and analyses about the lives, needs, aspirations and experiences of young people across Europe, as well as knowledge management and translation, as relevant;
- to support diverse actors in the youth sector (policy-makers, researchers and youth work practitioners) to make sense of available research and to develop informed, evidence-based initiatives;
- to constitute a Pool of research experts through exchange between its members, engagement with the wider youth research community and with structures of youth policy and practice at the European level, including but not limited to the two partner institutions.

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 under the guidance and coordination of EU-Council of Europe youth partnership.

5. Scope of activities of PEYR

PEYR members may be asked to:

- Contribute to information and knowledge exchange among PEYR members, correspondents of European Knowledge Centre on Youth Policy (EKCYC) and beyond on contemporary youth research, with the aim of supporting the triangular perspective (youth research-policy-practice) of the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership's work;
- Conduct research, draft research and analytical papers or policy briefs 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;
- Support knowledge management, translation, communication and dissemination, to support youth policy and practice at relevant events, both offline and online;

- Be involved in seminars triggering reflection based on analyses, together with practitioners and policymakers, and represent the PEYR researchers' perspective at certain events, as relevant;
- Support the conceptual development, coordination and implementation of studies and research outputs, thematic workshops, seminars and other relevant events organised by the EU-Council of Europe 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;
- promote youth research across Europe and actively engage in establishing and sustaining national knowledge networks in countries of residence;
- Provide feedback on the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership's workplan and activities, as relevant.

6. Composition, balance and inclusivity

The PEYR will be composed of up to 35 members, as deemed necessary to carry out its mission and strive for supporting youth research development in under-represented regions in Europe.

Members of PEYR are appointed for a first term of 1 year, renewable for a maximum of 3 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 European Union and 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, to provide support to the development of youth research and youth knowledge networks across Europe and share relevant research on youth.

8. Working methods

PEYR deliverables, knowledge products such as reports, publications, analytical and position papers, briefings and opinions, and recommendations, as necessary, will be communicated to relevant structures in the field of youth (such as the Youth Working Party, members of the Joint Council on Youth, the National Agencies and SALTO Resource Centres 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-Council of Europe 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. PEYR projects may be individual or collaborative tasks, depending on expected volume of work and output so editorial coordination and teamwork are important skills for aspiring PEYR members.

The PEYR members will also cooperate with other actors in the European youth field on diverse occasions described on point 5 above, always in coordination with the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership.

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-Council of Europe youth partnership undertakes to reimburse travel and subsistence allowances, if this is not otherwise provided for.

Members of PEYR may be contracted for specific consultancy contracts, according to their research profile, against a remuneration fee to be defined on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the Council of Europe procurement rules. See also point 6 above.

10. Practical aspects

PEYR membership will initially be until the end of 2021. 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 December of each year. It cannot be prolonged beyond 31 December 2023.

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-Council of Europe 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 (see also point 6 above).

In principle, 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-Council of Europe youth partnership team.

The working language will be English.

11. Application and selection process

Interested researchers are invited to fill in the application form by 14 October 2020, providing their succinct CV, and a proof of recent writing in English.

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 PEYR 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-Council of Europe youth partnership priority areas: youth participation, social inclusion of young people, digitalisation, youth policy and youth work;
- experience and interest in contributing to knowledge-based policy and practice development;
- high level of knowledge about youth issues in Europe and in the geographic regions the work of the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership covers.

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

We welcome applications from researchers permanently residing in all Signatory states of the European Cultural Convention, who are motivated and committed to actively contribute and advise on youth policy and youth work practice 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.

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

The selection will be made by the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership secretariat.

The panel will select up to 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.

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

12. Useful links

Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth: <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/youth-partnership/>

Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR): <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/youth-partnership/peyr>

European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy EKCYP: <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/en/web/youth-partnership/knowledge/-ekcyp>

Council of Europe – Youth: www.coe.int/youth

European Commission – Youth: https://ec.europa.eu/youth/node_en