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Support to local and regional
authorities for the
implementation of the
Enter! Recommendation

Call for expressions of interest

Deadline: 31 August 2018

The Enter! project

For the Council of Europe, social cohesion is firmly based on human rights (as codified in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Revised European Social Charter), as well as an acceptance of shared responsibility for the welfare of all members of society, especially those who are at risk of poverty or exclusion. In line with this, the youth policy of the Council of Europe aims at providing young people with equal opportunities and experience which enable them to develop knowledge, skills and competencies to play a full part in all aspects of society.

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe has introduced the *Enter!* project to seek and highlight youth work response to violence, exclusion and discrimination affecting young people in Europe, notably in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. As a result, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted in 2015 the [Enter! Recommendation](#) on access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights.

The recommendation proposes the development on policies taking into consideration the specific situations and needs of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. Such policies should aim at preventing and eradicating the poverty, discrimination, violence and exclusion faced by young people.

The Joint Council on Youth adopted in 2016 a strategy to support the implementation of the recommendation in member states based on:

- Supporting the development and learning potential of youth work projects addressing situations of social exclusion, discrimination and violence
- Developing the competences of youth workers to implement projects for access to social rights with young people
- Enhancing cooperation of civil society actors and young people with local and/or regional authorities as partners in ensuring access to social rights on a local level
- Advocating for the implementation of the Enter! Recommendation through public policies.
- "Soft monitoring" of the implementation of the recommendation in member states.

The programme Youth for Democracy 2018-2019 foresees various actions to continue this work:

- **Support measures** for policies and projects implemented to local and regional authorities,
- **Human rights education**, with an emphasis on social rights and youth participation
- **Advocacy** activities with youth organisations, notably through study sessions at the European Youth Centres.
- **A Enter! long-term training course for youth workers** (concluded)
- **A review of progress in implementing the recommendation** (to be implemented in 2019)

The implementation of the Enter! recommendation is supported by a [youth-friendly version](#) of the recommendation, a guide for the implementation of the recommendation – [Taking it Seriously, Dignityland](#), a game for learning about social rights with young people, [examples of projects](#) implemented in the first two phases of the project and various publications. Further educational resources can be found in [Compass](#), the manual for human rights education with young people.

The Enter! Training for Youth Workers and local youth projects

The Long-Term Training Course (LTTC) for youth workers is at the core of *Enter!* in 2018-2019. The experiences of the course have a particularly important role in informing other activities of the

project, by bringing the direct input of youth workers and local and regional authorities and by bridging experiences from the local to the national and European levels. During the course each participant was expected to develop a local youth work project based on active participation of young people and addressing specific challenges that young people face in their access to social rights. The projects are presented as an example in implementing the Enter! Recommendation based on a set of quality criteria.

The experience of the Enter! LTTC projects is valuable in shaping the type of support of the Council of Europe to local and regional authorities, notably by creating connections with local policies and youth work.

Support to local and regional authorities

Local authorities have a very important role in facilitating the access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods and they are explicitly mentioned in the recommendation:

[The Committee of Ministers] Recommends that the governments of the member States take into consideration the measures proposed in the appendix to this recommendation when formulating and implementing policies and programmes and encourage local and regional authorities to do the same.

The support measures put into place by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe aim to encourage and support local and regional authorities to devise and set in place specific activities which contribute to the implementation of the Enter! Recommendation, notably those activities, projects or policies that

(...)take into consideration the specific situations and needs of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods (...) [And] aim at preventing and eradicating the poverty, discrimination, violence and exclusion faced by such young people

The support measures are *on-demand provision of assistance and cooperation* by the Council of Europe, which means that upon reception of the expression of interest, the Council of Europe will assess the type of support, expertise and cooperation that can be envisaged with the partnering local authority. The Council of Europe through these support measures would also like to identify and showcase examples and ideas for the practical implementation of the Recommendation. They can be of particular value when reviewing the progress in the implementation of the recommendation-

The support measures provided by the Council of Europe are based on the principle of cooperation and mutually shared interest in improving access to social rights of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods. The support measures are not intended to provide grants or other forms of direct financial support. They consist mostly of

- expertise and experience-sharing
- institutional and/or educational support
- capacity-building
- opportunities for networking and peer-learning with other local authorities, youth workers and youth organisations.

In some cases the Council of Europe may take on directly the costs of some measures, such as missions and advice of experts, provision of trainers, educational resources, etc. This will be

assessed and decided case-by-case based on the needs expressed, the means available and the contribution of the partner(s).

Types of support available

The typology of support measures indicated below are based on the needs that local authorities expressed or communicated during several meetings within the *Enter!* LTTC. The list is not exclusive and in case a local authority has another request for support, it can still be expressed as an interest and reviewed based on the objectives of this call.

1. Sharing expertise and experience

This may consist of information session which gathers local authorities official, civil society, young people and others. Such sessions should last at least one day, as it should include:

- Information about the Council of Europe and its work
- Information about Social Rights and the concept of Access to Social rights
- Exploring the Enter! Recommendation practically
- Brainstorming on ideas how this recommendation can be implemented (or which parts of the recommendation are priorities in a specific local context).

For such activities the Council of Europe can provide experts in youth policy or youth work and may contribute to the facilitation of the session. The activity should result the local stakeholders understanding better the Enter! Recommendation and explore ways towards its implementation of some of its recommended measures.

2. Institutional and Educational support

The Council of Europe may partner with a local or regional authority in a project or activity that supports the Enter! recommendation by giving it institutional visibility in its Internet site and including it in the programme of Enter! activities. This, together with the usage of the logo of the Council of Europe, or linking the activity to national youth policy institutions, can help the local partner's outreach, visibility and recognition.

Educational support may consist of providing educational resources and materials or /and experienced trainers, youth workers or facilitators for specific activities.

3. Capacity-building activities

Municipalities or public authorities can request for training provision by the Council of Europe. The training activity can be in a form of a specific training course for municipal employees, youth workers or social workers or young people themselves. Such a training activity is preferably lasting for several working days. In special cases it can be in the format of several one-day workshops.

The local authorities requesting for this type of support should clearly identify the profile of participants they would engage in the training activity, the expected outcomes well as the technical information necessary for organising such an activity (dates and duration, venue, working languages etc.).

The Council of Europe will not provide a grant activity but may provide an expert or trainer to deliver such training to the interested municipality.

4. Networking and peer-learning activities

The Council of Europe can also support local authorities to meet and work with other local authorities or youth and social work centres and learn from their good practices in implementing the Enter! Recommendation. The purpose of this type of support is to provide a direct connection and practical experience for officials or civil servants in local authorities with local authorities already working on similar issues connected with access to social rights. Overall, this experience should provide practical ideas and examples on how the Enter! Recommendation can be implemented on local level, as well as, it can serve to link local stakeholders to work together.

These networking activities may consist of:

- A "study visit". A representative from a local authority interested to work on implementing the Enter! Recommendation (participant) can be supported to participate on a practical visit to another municipality that has a good practice on access to social rights. Working together with colleagues from another municipality will provide the participant with new ideas and practical experience on how to work towards implementing the Enter! Recommendation.

- "Peer-learning". A representative from a municipality that has already worked on implementing the Enter! Recommendation and has practical experience (expert), can be supported to participate on an experience sharing visit to the municipality which is interested in such good practices. By working together within the host municipality, the expert can provide information and practical ideas, which can be beneficial for the host municipality.

Submitting an expression of interest

The Council of Europe welcomes expressions of interest from interested **local** and **regional** authorities or bodies based in a state party of the European Cultural Convention. Partnerships with youth or other civil society organisations are particularly encouraged.

All expressions of interest must provide information about:

- The motivation and capacity to develop projects for and with young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods on access to social rights
- have an interest to work in partnerships with other local stakeholders (particularly youth organisations and youth workers) on enhancing dialogue for improving access of young people to social rights
- the specific areas of social rights on which they will focus their work (e.g. education and training, health, sport), cfr. the text of the recommendation).

Due to a limited budget in 2018, only a limited number of requests can be provided with support that requires financial resources. However, all requests will receive an answer containing potential examples or ideas, resources and further information that can support your work on access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

To submit your expression of interest, please fill in the form for expression of interest downloadable from the [Enter! Internet site](#).

Deadline: 31 August 2018. The Council of Europe may decide to open another round of calls later in 2018 or in 2019.

For any further information please contact youth_enter@coe.int