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To youth organisations cooperating with the Council of Europe youth sector

We are pleased to inform you that the process for applications for activities to be held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres in the first semester of 2017 is now open. These activities concern, for the main part, study sessions and “special projects”. The specific conditions and criteria for the activities are appended to this message, together with an application form.

The programme of activities for 2017 will be run according to the expected results decided by the Joint Council on Youth for the biennium 2016-2017. We invite you to submit proposals for activities falling within the following expected results:

Expected Result 1: *Young people and youth organisations have developed their competences and knowledge to influence decisions in democratic processes*

Expected Result 2: *Stakeholders have been assisted to take actions to foster young people’s access to their rights and young people’s autonomy*

Expected Result 3: *NGO’s and youth workers have been supported in their work on intercultural dialogue and peace-building*

For the Council of Europe, study sessions represent an important way of associating young people to our youth policy mission and a concrete means of support to youth organisations and networks, notably by covering the costs of the activity and providing educational support.

Youth organisations and networks intending to apply for a study session for the first semester of 2017 should send their application by **1 April 2016** to eyc.studysessions@coe.int.

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