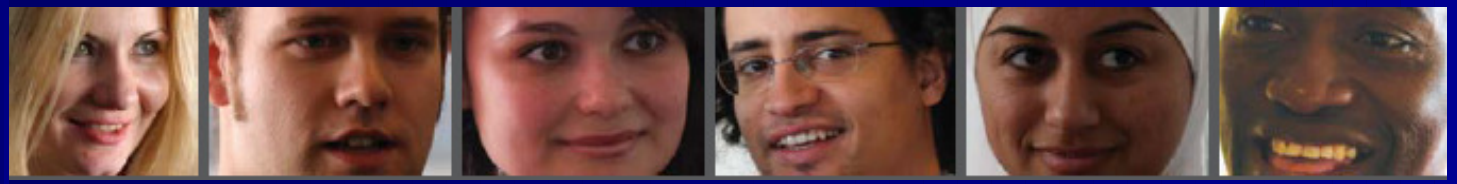
Youth in the Council of Europe



Youth – Jeunesse

COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

Human Rights, Democracy, Rule of Law, Peace...

1949 – 47 states

To achieve a greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage and facilitating their economic and social progress

The structures

- Committee of Ministers
- Parliamentary Assembly
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- European Court of Human Rights
- Human Rights Commissioner
- Conference of INGOs
- Secretariat General

Group of Rapporteurs(GR-C) Sub-Committee on Youth

Committee of Current Affairs

Observers in CCJ

Committee of Ministers

- Political dialogue
- Admitting new member States
- Monitoring respect of commitments
- Adopting recommendations to member states
- Adopting the budget
- Adopting and monitoring the Programme of Activities

Parliamentary Assembly

642 members (321 + 321)

Represents the peoples through the national parliaments

Investigates, recommends and advises on the work of the Council of Europe

Elects the Secretary General, the judges of the European Court of Human Rights, the members of the CPT, the Human Rights Commissioner...

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

- A political assembly of the Council of Europe with 636 members representing over 200,000 authorities
- Promotes local and regional democracy, improving governance and strengthen authorities' self-government.
- Promotes the European Charter of Local Self-Government.
- It encourages devolution and regionalisation processes, and transfrontier co-operation between cities and regions.

European Court of Human Rights

- Set up in 1959.
- It rules on individual or State applications alleging violations of the civil and political rights set out in the European Convention on Human Rights.
- Since 1998 it has sat as a full-time court and individuals can apply to it directly.

Commissioner for Human Rights

- fosters observance of human rights and assists member states in the implementation of human rights standards;
- promotes education and awareness of human rights;
- identifies possible shortcomings in the law and practice concerning human rights;
- facilitates the activities of national ombudsperson institutions and other human rights structures; and
- provides advice and information regarding the protection of human rights across the Europe.

SECRETARY GENERAL Thorbjorn Jagland

Maud de Boer-Buquicchio Deputy Secretary General

- Private Office
- Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly
- Secretariat of the Committee of Ministers
- Director General of Programmes
  - DGI Human Rights / Rule of Law
  - DG II Democracy
    - Directorate of Democratic Governance, Culture and Diversity
    - Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation
      - Education Department
      - Youth Department
    - Human Rights and Antidiscrimination Directorate

En Français aussi!!!

We are here!

Youth policy…

"the aim of the Council of Europe youth policy is to provide young people, i.e. girls and boys, young women and young men with **equal opportunities** and experience which enable them to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies to **play a full part in all aspects of society**"

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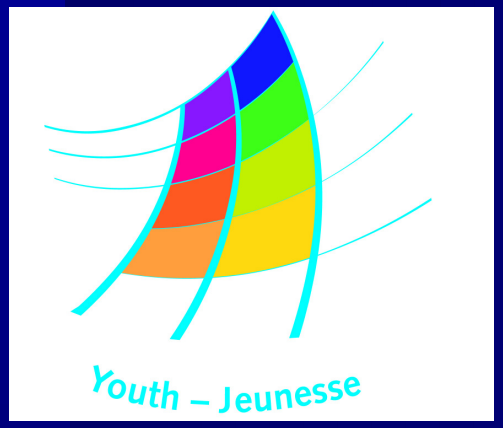
Structures for youth policy

- **Advisory Council on Youth**
- **European Steering Committee on Youth**
- **Ministerial Conferences**
- European Steering Committees
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities
- Parliamentary Assembly
- Committee of Ministers

Programming Committee



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Joint Council

Advisory Council

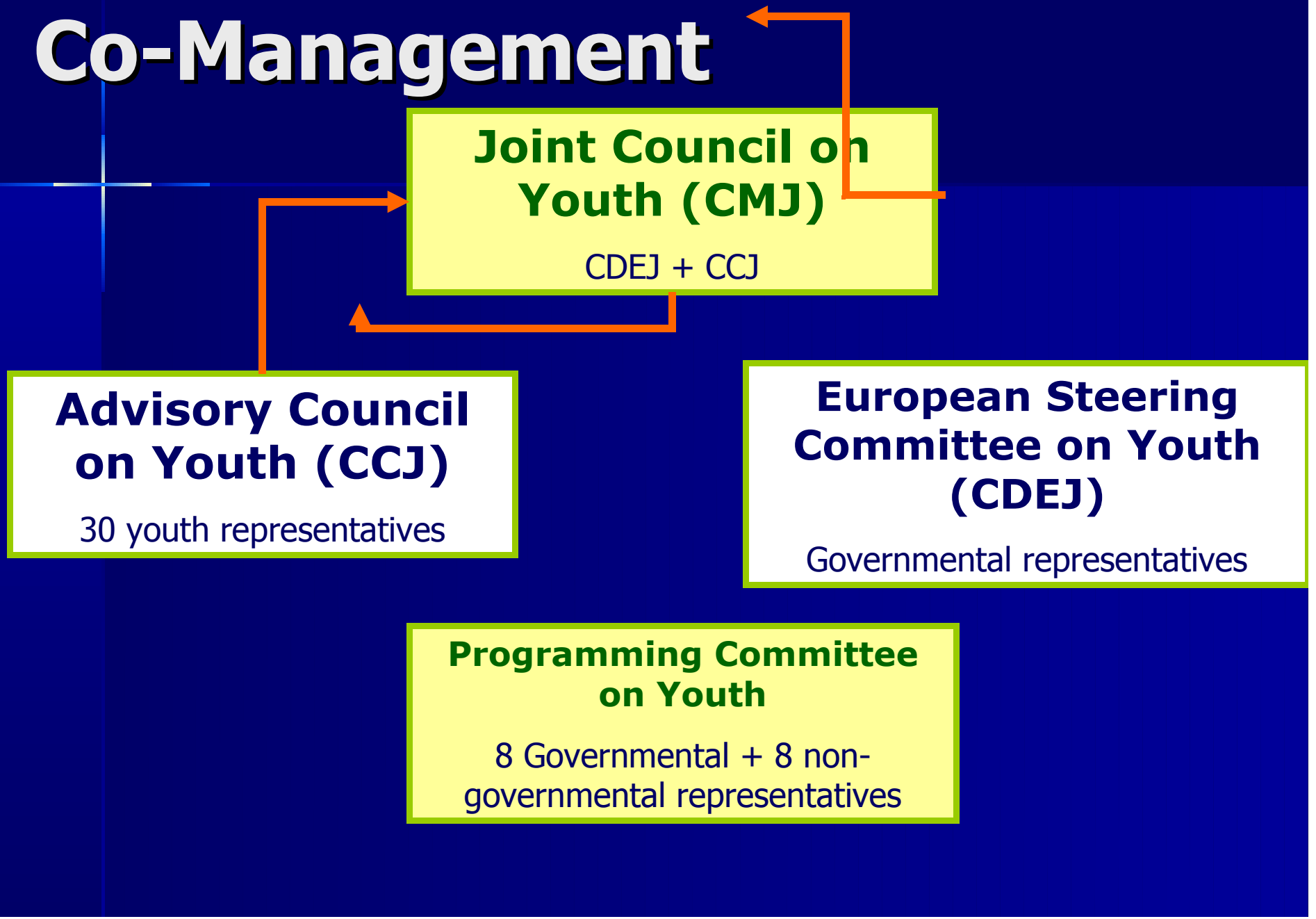
Education and Training	Rui Gomes
EYC Budapest	Olaf Koengden
EYC Strasbourg	Tina Mulcahy
European Youth Foundation	Jean-Claude Lazaro
Joint Programme "Partnership with EU"	Marta Medlinska
Intergovernmental cooperation	André-Jacques Dodin
Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility	

Co-Management

- Decisions are taken by co-managed bodies (**governments** and Youth **NGOs**)

- Equal weight of representation of governmental and non-governmental youth representatives make the decisions concerning the political orientations, work priorities and programmes of the Youth Department

Co-Management



Approaches and Methods

- International cooperation; Service to countries
- Co-operation with EU
- Partnerships
- Co-management and youth participation
- Multilateral cooperation
- Multipliers, quality and recognition of youth work
- Intercultural learning and non-formal education

(from the Agenda 2020)

(Education and Training)

Activities

- Study sessions at the EYCs
- Training courses
- Seminars
- Consultative meetings
- Field activities
- Publications
- Educational resources

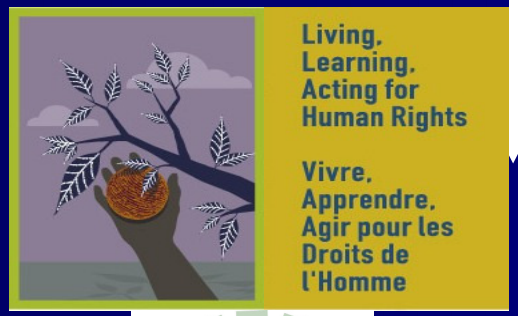
Priorities and programmes

Expected Result

Human Rights and Democracy

Human Rights Education

Democratic youth participation



COMPASS

Intercultural Dialogue

Expected Result

Young Migrants and Refugees

Roma Youth Action Plan

Defending human rights on-line

Dialogue with neighbouring regions

Expected Result

Youth work in post-conflict situations

Expected Result

Youth Peace Ambassadors

Youth Peace Camp(s)

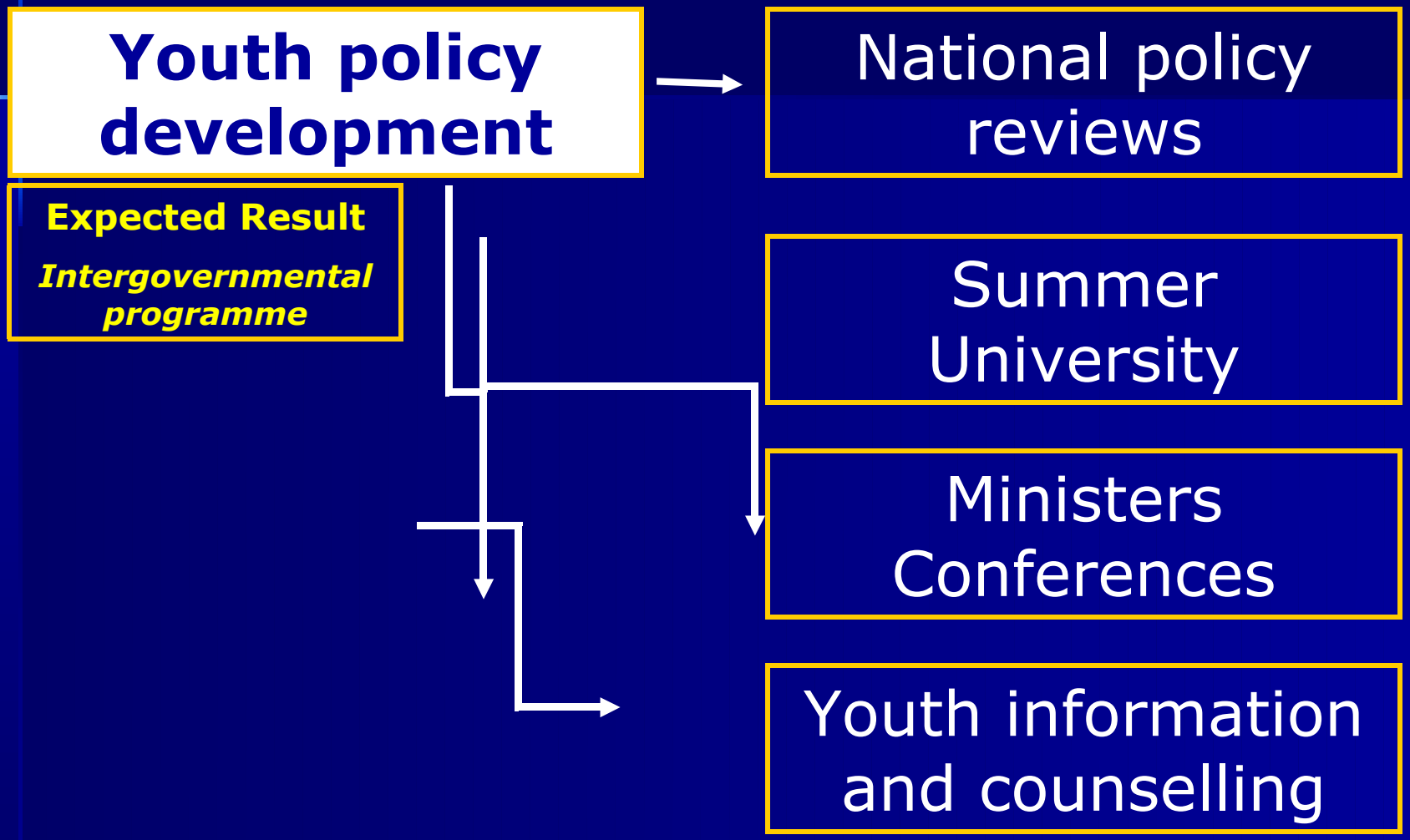
Social Inclusion and Social Rights of Young People

Expected Result

Enter! –against exclusion and marginalisation

Segregation in school environments

Young people with disabilities


Youth policy development
Expected Result
Intergovernmental programme
National policy reviews
Summer University
Ministers Conferences
Youth information and counselling

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