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FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

**on Cooperation between
the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and
the Council of Europe
in the field of Youth Policy in 2016-2020**

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Cooperation in the field of youth policy between the Council of Europe and the state authority responsible for the implementation of youth policy in Ukraine began in the late 1990s. The cooperation reached a peak in October 2008 when the Council of Europe held the 8th Conference of European Ministers responsible for Youth in Kyiv, with the support of the Ministry of Ukraine for Family, Youth and Sports.
- 1.2. In 2012 a Framework Programme for Co-operation (hereafter referred to as “the Programme”) in the sphere of youth policy for 2012 and 2013 was signed and successfully implemented in the framework of the Council of Europe 2011-2014 Action Plan for Ukraine “A Partnership for Reform”.
- 1.3. The youth dimension of the Action Plan for Ukraine and the Framework Programme for Co-operation in the sphere of youth policy between the Council of Europe and Ukraine addressed the training of key multipliers, trainers and youth policy officers involved in youth policy reform, youth participation and the mainstreaming of human rights education.
- 1.4. The conclusions of the Council of Europe international Review of the national youth policy in Ukraine which was successfully carried out in 2012 strengthened the strategic role of the cooperation.
- 1.5. In 2014 a new Framework Programme was agreed for 2014 and 2015. The implementation of that programme was marked by political transitions in Ukraine and by the commitment of the Joint Council on Youth to support young people and youth policy developments in Ukraine. Altogether, the expectations that the programme supports youth policy in Ukraine are justified.
- 1.6. In view of the need to articulate the role of the Framework Programme with youth policy reforms in Ukraine, notably the State target social programme “Youth of Ukraine” 2016-2020, and in order to gain on efficiency in implementation, the Council of Europe Youth Department and the Ministry of Youth And Sport of Ukraine, (hereafter referred to as “the Parties”) have agreed on a new Framework Programme with the duration of five years, from 2016 to 2020.

2. Purpose and Principles of the Framework Programme

- 2.1. The Framework Programme will contribute to the reform and development of youth policy in Ukraine by prioritising action on 3 areas:
 - Education for human rights and democratic citizenship (youth participation, democratic governance, human rights education, etc.)
 - Support to youth work development and recognition of non-formal education
 - Peace-building and intercultural dialogue.
- 2.2. The specific objectives and activities of the Programme shall be organised so as to support or complement the implementation State Target Social Program “Youth of Ukraine” for 2016-2020.
- 2.3. The Programme contributes to the implementation of the Council of Europe youth policy and programme as expressed in the Committee of Ministers Recommendation (2008)23 and in the work priorities set by the Joint Council on Youth. The Programme reinforces the possibilities provided to Ukrainian youth by all the

instruments of the Youth Department, including the European Youth Foundation and the programme of the European Youth Centres

- 2.4. The Programme is the main contribution of youth sector to the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine for the corresponding periods.
- 2.5. In line with the gender equality policy of the Council of Europe, a gender equality approach will be applied and relevant gender issues addressed in the activities.
- 2.6. The activities in the programme should reflect the quality standards for activities in the youth department, notably those related to intercultural learning and non-formal education.
- 2.7. Meaningful youth participation in the programme shall be secured, either by direct participation or consultation at all relevant stages.
- 2.8. The pluralism, geographical and cultural diversity of youth organisations and movements will be taken into account in all the activities. A particular attention will be paid to the role of youth organisations in promoting good governance.
- 2.9. The Programme activities should seek to impact multipliers and actors of change in their areas of competence while promoting youth mobility, exchanges and cooperation with other partners across Europe.

3. Implementation of the framework programme

- 3.1. For the implementation of the Programme, the Parties agree to prepare two-year Action Plans that reflect their respective priorities and the means and coincide with the Council of Europe programme and budget cycle.
- 3.2. In order to plan and review the implementation of the Programme and the plan of action, a Management Committee shall be set up, bringing together representatives of both parties, including, for the Council of Europe, representatives of the Joint Council on Youth. The participation of representatives of Ukrainian youth organisations or platforms should be made possible by both Parties.
- 3.3. The Management Committee shall meet regularly once a year and whenever both Parties agree to it.
- 3.4. Decisions in the Management Committee shall be taken by consensus of both Parties.
- 3.5. The Programme preparation and implementation will respect the principles and role of co-management in place in the youth sector of the Council of Europe and in particular the competences of the Joint Council on Youth and the Programming Committee on Youth.
- 3.6. For the implementation of the activities in the Action Plans, funds may be mobilised from various sources, including:
 - The Council of Europe's ordinary budget and the subsidiary budget of the European Youth Centre
 - Voluntary contributions and extra budgetary resources
 - Ukraine's State budget
 - Ukraine's local authorities budgets
 - Any other extra-budgetary sources, upon mutual agreement of the Parties.

3.7. For each activity proposed by any of the Parties within the Framework Programme, specific working methods shall be commonly agreed. Each of the Parties may delegate to or invite third parties for the implementation or co-organisations of specific activities with the agreement of the other Party.


4. Final Provisions

4.1. The Framework Programme shall enter into force upon signature and shall be implemented as from January 2016. At the end of this period, an evaluation of the programme will be carried out by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and the Council of Europe to consider its the continuation in the present form or in a different form, without prejudice to specific or partial evaluation measures agreed in common, unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing of its intent to terminate it no later than six months before the expiry of the period.

4.2. Done in duplicate in Kyiv, on the 3 of March 2016 in Ukrainian and English, all texts being equally authentic.

4.3. In case of divergences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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