

Dear colleagues,

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the European Youth Foundation and the European Youth Centre, is launching a call for application for the **Youth Assembly 2012: Youth and Democracy, the young generation sacrificed?**

This event will take place **in Strasbourg on 4 - 8 October 2012** (arrival and departure days) **at the Hemicycle of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Palais de l'Europe) and at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg.**

The Youth Assembly will bring together 170 young people from all over Europe and open a debate, in a plenary meeting and in working groups, on youth's current challenges to democracy. Young participants will be able to formulate common recommendations to the World Forum on Democracy (Strasbourg, 5-11 October 2012) on how young people can better benefit from and contribute to the development of more democratic and more inclusive societies.

Participants should be young people aged 16-25, be supported by a youth organisation and be actively involved in civil society democracy initiatives. The simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the whole event.

For more information, please read the attached *detailed description of the Youth Assembly 2012* and *Draft Programme*.

Interested candidates should fill in their application online, following the link: <http://youthapplications.coe.int/>. In order to be able to apply online, participants will be asked to register first and follow the instructions.

Please note that the deadline for applications is **Wednesday 30 May 2012**.

Note: Fristen er udsat til 10. juni 2012.

We would be grateful if you could transmitt this message and the link to the members of your parliament and Committees dealing with youth problems, as soon as possible.

We thank you in advance for your kind co-operation and we stay at your disposal for any further information.

Best regards.

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