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Call for expressions of interest

Writers and editors

Developing a ***youth and user-friendly version of the Recommendation*** CM/Rec(2019)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood.

Deadline: 20 April 2020, 23.59 CET

Background

The Council of Europe youth sector engages in setting and promoting standards to address the challenges faced by young people. It guides member states in the development of their national youth policies by means of a body of recommendations and other texts, based on the values of the Organisation which ensure a minimum level of standards in youth policy in Europe.

Being among the most vulnerable, many of young refugees experience violence, exploitation, and trauma, as well as continuing risk of violation of their human rights and fundamental freedoms. Reaching the age of majority, being no longer under the protection of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, young refugees no longer have access to rights and opportunities previously held as children and, many of them as adults, are likely to face an abrupt change in the possibility of accessing services and support across many sectors, including welfare, education, health care and psychosocial support, leisure and recreational activities, housing and special accommodation, information on relevant administrative procedures, and other essential services. Lack of support and difficulties in accessing their rights may lead young refugees to go into hiding, thus putting their safety at risk, exposing them to violence, exploitation, and/or trafficking in human beings.

The transition to adulthood of young refugees has been a priority of the Council of Europe for several years. Adopted in 2019, the Committee of Ministers [Recommendation on](#)

[Supporting Young Refugees in Transition to Adulthood - CM/Rec\(2019\)4](#). asks the member states' governments to ensure that young refugees receive the additional temporary support after the age of 18. to enable them to access their rights. It also calls for recognition and strengthening the role of youthwork and youth sector in promoting better access to these rights, including through their work to build social cohesion and inclusion.

The task

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe is looking for consultants to prepare the texts of a youth and user-friendly version of the recommendation.

Terms of reference

The youth and user-friendly version will make the recommendation more accessible to a wider audience and will support different groups involved in the field of youth policy to be associated to the process of implementation of the recommendation. It may also provide a number of examples and ideas to bring closer the essentials of the recommendation to the users.

1. Objectives of the user-friendly version of CM/Rec(2019)4

The user-friendly version sets out to:

- present the rationale behind the Recommendation proposals
- present the contents of the Recommendation in relevant ways for different target readers possibly illustrated by examples
- present an outline of the measures included in the Recommendation and what is needed for these measures to be put in practice;
- provide examples and proposals regarding what different actors can do with the Recommendation, taking into consideration [the adopted roadmap for the implementation of the Recommendation](#).

2. Target readers

This youth and user-friendly version of the Recommendation is primarily designed for the following readers:

- Officials in governmental and other public institutions involved in youth policy, such as local and regional authorities
- national and local youth councils and youth parliaments
- youth organisations, refugee-led organisations and initiatives, civil society organisations working on social inclusion of young refugees
- youth workers and youth leaders advocating for the rights of young refugees in transition to adulthood
- young refugees and youth activists

3. Draft contents and format of the user-friendly version

The user-friendly version, while including in a more accessible form the information from the Recommendation, will not limit itself to this. It will also include introductory texts on the contents of the Recommendation, examples, suggestions and tips on how the Recommendation can be used for the further development of youth policy in Europe.

The format of the Recommendation should reflect the needs of its potential users. The user-friendly version should be concise, practice-based, and accessible in language and terminology. For this purpose, the Council of Europe will seek to recruit **writers** and **editors** of the text to work together in a team and develop the final product.

Deliverables and deadlines

Short texts about the recommendation, its appendix and, where appropriate, the guidelines, in easy English and with examples of problems and possible solutions

The consultant(s) must be available for at least one editorial meeting to be held online in the end of April or early May 2021 (1½day).

The deadline for submitting the texts is 15 June 2021 – final editing and revisions may take place in June-July 2021.

Competences required

The consultant/s should possess the following qualifications and experiences:

- Very good knowledge of matters pertinent to the rights of refugees and the role of youth work therein
- Thorough understanding of the Council of Europe's work related to young refugees access to rights and social inclusion
- Experience in developing user-friendly publications
- Very good writing skills in English
- ability to work autonomously and to respect deadlines.

How to respond to this call

Expressions of interest are welcomed from consultants, individually or in teams, who possess the competences and experiences indicated above. The consultant/s must submit:

- a letter of motivation in English (no more than 2 pages), underlining:
 - the reasons why they want to take part in this work,
 - their ideas or proposals about the approach of the publication
 - their specific expertise that qualifies them for this position,
- a recent copy of their CV;
- a sample of a publications they have written and/or edited

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