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## Kyiv to host Council of Europe conference on future of youth policy

Strasbourg, 01.10.2008 – European youth policy for the next decade will be decided at the 8<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Youth Ministers jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the Ukrainian Government in the capital Kyiv on 10-11 October.

The conference, entitled "The future of the Council of Europe youth policy: AGENDA 2020", will focus on challenges that young people across Europe are facing today. These include:

- Promoting equal opportunities for girls and boys, young women and young men;
- Supporting young people's access to social rights;
- Empowering young people to promote cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue and its religious dimension;
- Promoting intergenerational dialogue and solidarity;

The event will bring together ministers responsible for youth from the 49 signatory countries of the European Cultural Convention as well as representatives of the European Youth Forum and international non-governmental youth organisations as well as representatives of international organisations and institutions, professional networks, and parliamentarians.

A final declaration outlining the priorities in the youth sector for the next decade - the so called "Agenda 2020" - is due to be adopted on 11 October.

**The conference, which is open to the press, will start at 09.30 at the Centre of Business and Cultural Co-operation "Ukrainian House" (2, Khreschatyk Str, Kyiv).**

**A press conference will take place at 11 am on 10 October.**

Journalists can request accreditation by supplying the following information (Name and ID number, Media outlet and country, Email address, Mobile number)

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The European Conference of Youth Ministers is held every three years to set out the Council of Europe's long-term priorities for the youth sector.

[For more information on the conference](#)

[For more information on the Council of Europe activities in the youth sector](#)

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**Note to editors**

- On 8-9 October, a **Youth Event** on the theme of the Ministers' Conference will be organised by the [European Youth Forum](#), in co-operation with the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe, the Ukrainian Ministry for Family, Youth and Sport and the Ukrainian youth organisations.
- The results of the youth event will be presented during the opening session of the Ministerial Conference.
- The Ukrainian Youth Forum, together with local volunteers, will be holding a public event on the last day of the Ministerial Conference on 11 October in Kiev to raise awareness among the general public on the influence that the new priorities of the youth sector in Europe will have on their lives in the upcoming ten years.