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### Priorities for EYF-funded pilot projects in 2012 (Category D and D-HRE)

#### General pilot projects (Category D)

A Category D is a pilot project that contributes to the following priority objectives of the Council of Europe youth policy (please refer to the priorities for the Council of Europe's youth sector in 2012):

- to support young people, in particular from disadvantaged backgrounds, to find ways of meeting both the challenges facing them and their own aspirations;
- to encourage new forms of youth participation and organisation;
- to contribute to social cohesion, in particular by combating exclusion and by preventing phenomena specifically affecting young people;
- to adapt and open up programmes and structures to the changes in society.

Within this context, in order to qualify for financial support, pilot projects must meet the following conditions:

- be youth activities prepared, run and managed by a local, regional or national youth NGO and involving young people under 30 years of age;
- have a participatory approach, from the conception to the evaluation;
- have clear potential local impact;
- have a European dimension, either by involving more than one country, and/or by taking into consideration the European context;
- be innovative activities in terms of methodology for the target group and/or organising body;
- contribute to youth participation;
- follow the basic non-formal educational principles of the work of the Council of Europe's youth sector, including intercultural learning and participatory approaches, and use the educational material and resources available.

**When assessing applications for pilot projects taking place in 2012, the EYF will pay special attention to those dealing with the following issues:**

- 1) **specific situations of young refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people – namely those involving unaccompanied minors and young people in transition from child to adulthood;**

- 2) **situations of exclusion and discrimination of Roma<sup>1</sup> young people inside and outside the Roma communities;**
- 3) **non-violent conflict transformation and peace-building with young people, including projects in the framework of the Youth Peace Ambassadors programme developed by the Council of Europe;**
- 4) **young people defending human rights on-line, namely Internet-based projects against hate speech;**
- 5) **improving the access to social rights for young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods;**
- 6) **awareness raising on the consequences of the current financial and debt crisis on the lives of young people, enabling them to participate in the public debate;**
- 7) **capacity building of youth NGOs in Belarus, with special emphasis on the regions of Belarus.**

### **Pilot projects on Human Rights Education (Category D-HRE)**

A Category D-HRE project is a pilot project focusing specifically on Human Rights Education, as part of the commitment of the Council of Europe's youth sector to develop awareness, skills and action about, through and for human rights.

In order to qualify for support, projects must:

- be directly related to Human Rights Education with young people and human rights issues affecting young people, i.e. include human rights as an explicit dimension of the project (in terms of content, purpose and process);
- have a clear potential local impact while being open to European realities;
- be prepared, run and managed by a local association, institution or youth group acting directly with children or young people;
- have a clear educational or awareness-raising function;
- concern primarily participants or target groups under 30 years of age;
- have a participatory approach, from the conception to the evaluation;
- integrate intercultural learning in their educational approach;
- have an innovative character in their respective social context (in terms of methodology, target groups addressed, etc.);
- be open to other partners and foresee using the educational resources developed within the youth sector of the Council of Europe (e.g. Compass – <http://www.coe.int/compass>).
- respect the basic educational principles of the Council of Europe's youth sector

**When assessing applications for pilot projects on Human Rights Education taking place in 2012, the EYF will pay special attention to those focusing on advocacy for human rights education, in particular through the role of non-formal learning, youth work and youth organisations and using the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education.**

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<sup>1</sup> The term "Roma" refers to Roma, Sinti, Kale, Travellers and related groups in Europe, and aims to cover the wide diversity of groups concerned, including groups which identify themselves as Gypsies.