

## CISV COOPERATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

**NAME:** The European Youth Centres in Strasbourg and Budapest are permanent structures for the implementation of the Council of Europe's youth policy. and the European Youth Foundation is a fund established by the Council of Europe to provide financial support for European youth activities.

**ADDRESS:** European Youth Centre/Foundation, Council of Europe, F-67006 Strasbourg, France.

**OBJECTIVES:** "The Council of Europe is an intergovernmental organisation which aims:

- to protect human rights, pluralist democracy and the rule of law;
- to promote awareness and encourage the development of Europe's cultural identity and diversity;
- to seek solutions to problems facing European society (discrimination against minorities, xenophobia, intolerance, environmental protection, human cloning, Aids, drugs, organised crime, etc.);
- to help consolidate democratic stability in Europe by backing political, legislative and constitutional reform". ([www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int))

**MEMBERS:** The Council of Europe is an organization of 46 member states. The European Youth Centre and Foundation are "co-managed" by youth NGOs and government representatives. Any recognized International Youth NGO in Europe is eligible.

**PROGRAMMES:** Priority activities for the European Youth Centre include organization of seminars for young people, promotion of youth exchanges, research, and training of youth leaders. The primary function of the European Youth Foundation is to give financial support to activities undertaken by international and national non government youth organizations (youth NGOs).

### CATEGORIES OF AFFILIATION:

The Council of Europe has granted consultative status to over 350 non-governmental organisations. In 2003 Consultative was changed to Participatory to better reflect the vitality of the relationships.

**CURRENT RELATIONSHIP:** CISV has Participatory Status with the Council of Europe.

### REQUIREMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS AFFILIATION:

- CISV's aims must be compatible with those of the Council of Europe;
- CISV must be representative in a Council of Europe field of activity;
- CISV must be interested in European problems; and
- CISV must be a structured international organization with a permanent headquarters in Europe.

### BENEFITS OF THIS AFFILIATION:

- CISV is invited to participate in seminars and projects relating to our objectives;
- Appropriate CISV activities and projects may be eligible for financial and technical support.

### CISV'S HISTORY OF COOPERATION WITH THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE:

CISV has cooperated with Council of Europe youth institutions since 1978. The European Youth Foundation has provided direct substantial support to CISV's European youth and Junior Branches and indirect support to CISV international programmes and projects. CISV has received grants for:

- Workshops on subjects such as Leadership Training and East - West Cooperation with CIMEA / Associated Pioneer Organizations;
- Research projects on CISV programme evaluation and Publications
- International Office administrative support

In 2005, CISV co-hosted a successful Study Session for youth NGOs with the European Youth Centre.

**CISV'S LIAISON TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE:** The International Executive Committee (IEC) and the External Relations Committee (ERC) have responsibility for coordinating CISV - Council of Europe cooperation. Information from UNESCO is sent to the International Office and is forwarded as required, to ERC, IEC, or relevant committees.

Follow this link to find out CISV is currently working in partnership with The Council of Europe:-

<http://www.cisv.org/educators/partners.html>

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