

*The President*

**Letter addressed to the heads of national delegations to the Congress**

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Dear head of delegation,

It is once again time to launch a call for youth delegates, from all 47 member States, wishing to take part in the Congress' successful "Rejuvenating politics" initiative which entails participating in the two Congress sessions in 2022 and creating and implementing grass-roots projects back home.

As you know, through this initiative we aim to create a space for dialogue between the youth delegates and local and regional elected representatives and to enable young people to express their views on the issues being debated.

I hope that in 2022 we will achieve a full quota of youth delegates (one per member State) so I count on you, as head of delegation, as well as all the members of the delegation, to raise awareness of this opportunity and distribute the link to the Congress' call for applications (which I enclose here for your information: [Call for applications](#)) to all young people in your country who may be interested in taking part in the 2022 sessions, in accordance with the selection criteria.

Please note, applicants should complete the online form by **7 January 2022**, applications will only be accepted via the official online form and the decision of the selection panel will be final.

As always, once the youth delegate for your country has been selected, you will be notified in writing and given their contact details. I know that you will make sure that he or she will be welcomed and made to feel an integral part of your delegation.

For any further information about this activity, please contact [congress.youth@coe.int](mailto:congress.youth@coe.int).

Yours faithfully,



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cc. Deputy heads of national delegations  
Delegation secretaries  
National associations of local and regional authorities