

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 46 member States, wishing to take part in the Congress's successful "[Rejuvenating Politics](#)" initiative. This highly successful initiative, which will be celebrating its 10th year anniversary in 2024, entails participating in the two Congress sessions in 2024 and creating and implementing a grass roots project at 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.

In 2024, as every year, we would like to 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's [call for applications](#) to all young people in your country who may be interested in taking part in the programme in 2024, in accordance with the selection criteria

Please note that applicants should complete [the online form](#) by **7 January 2024**. 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 in respect of your country has been selected, you will be notified in writing and given their contact details. I know that you will make sure that they 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

Yours faithfully,



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