

Participation

Action 1

Aim to be achieved	Stabilization and new deployment of the Civil Peace Corps.
Competent administration(s)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
Operational measure	- Enhancement, also in terms of skills, of the figure of the experienced peacekeeper, who holds specific qualifications and whose activity is recognized as work, supported by volunteer junior practitioners. - Extension of the duration of junior projects to three years. - Extension of the participation age up to 35 years for junior operators/women. - Extension of the intervention areas, setting up security measures that allow senior operators to be sent also to high-risk areas. - Appropriation of an appropriate dedicated fund, which can be supplemented by citizenship with the choice of destination of the 5x1000 of the IRPEF.
Methods of implementation	• Promote Italy's participation in international missions, in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 1 of Framework Law No 145/2016, which places armed forces, military or civilian police forces and civil peacekeepers on an equal footing as subjects of international missions. • Establish a Committee for non-armed and non-violent civil defense, ensuring the involvement of youth CSOs and figures with experience in the field of peacebuilding, using the expertise of the Civil Peace Intervention Table and the experience of young people belonging to the associated bodies of the National Youth Council, chosen according to curriculum and other comparative assessments provided they have proven and certifiable training of many years, or professional experience, in the field. • Develop a clear and shared procedure for launching new projects, based on criteria of real need and local relevance. The process should foster a <i>bottom-up</i> approach, focusing on listening to community needs and prior analysis of contexts. • Formalising the professionalisation of the Pace operator/woman, through the identification of specific skills. • Structure a training course that takes into account both theoretical and practical content on techniques and methods of prevention / transformation of conflict, involving: entities that have been operating for years in the context of armed conflict; former operators of the CCP CoAzione Network; Universities and researchers of the PhD course in Peace Studies; members of the National Youth Council, chosen according to curriculum and other comparative evaluations. • Improve dissemination activities among young people on these issues and actions, through regular campaigns and communication initiatives.

Action 2

Aim to be achieved	Ensure the meaningful participation of young people in decision-making processes related to issues such as peace and security, removing economic and institutional obstacles.
Competent administration(s)	Prime Minister's Office – Department for Youth Policy and Universal Civil Service; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Ministry of Defence; Ministry of Education and Merit; Ministry of University and Research; National Youth Council; Italian Agency for Youth; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.
Operational measure	Creation of official spaces for youth consultation, including through the use of digital services of the Department for Youth Policies and the Universal Civil Service; Promotion of the presence of young people in decision-making tables on issues of peace and security, with particular attention to the removal of obstacles that girls encounter for their participation; - Financing of projects for young people aimed at promoting peace and preventing conflicts; Establishment at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of a spending/fund chapter to financially support youth representatives in international contexts in the field of peace and security and to encourage the presence of youth delegations in intergovernmental processes in the field of peace and security.
Methods of implementation	• Integrate youth representation in the composition of official Italian delegations in multilateral peace and security processes and in relevant national and international events. • Promote coordination and collaboration between all administrations, national agencies and youth organisations involved in peace and security issues. • Promote calls for projects submitted by youth associations and/or young people to strengthen their skills in the design phase.

Action 3

Aim to be achieved	Ensure the structured and meaningful participation of young generations in decision-making processes aimed at identifying, denouncing and transforming the conditions of social injustice that fuel conflict, insecurity and democratic disaffection.
Competent administration(s)	Prime Minister's Office – Department for Policies for Persons with Disabilities; Ministry of the Interior; Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; National Youth Council; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation..
Operational measure	- Establishment, at the National Youth Council, of a Round Table and discussion on social justice and peace. The table is also attended by members of bodies associated with the National Youth Council, chosen for curriculum and other comparative evaluations, and guarantees the presence of youth representatives engaged in the sectors of reference.

Methods of implementation	● Launch a call to select young experts, activists and representatives of youth organizations with direct experience on inequalities and social conflicts. ● Activate training courses on social justice, democratic participation and peace-building. ● Carry out periodic meetings of the Table, also with public sessions and direct discussions with local and national institutions. ● Promote collaborations with universities, research centres and human rights observers. ● To publish annually a National Youth, Social Justice and Peace Report.
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Action 4

Aim to be achieved	Strengthen the role of the younger generations as active actors in international relations, through experiences of transnational mobility, structured paths of youth diplomacy and permanent channels of confrontation with Italian and European institutions, responsible for foreign policy and development cooperation.
Competent administration(s)	Prime Minister's Office – Department for Youth Policy and Universal Civil Service; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Italian Agency for Youth; National Youth Council; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.
Operational measure	- Promote youth mobility also through scholarships for young activists, youth workers and students to participate in exchanges, training and volunteer programs on peace, global justice, environment and human rights in the priority countries of Italian cooperation, with particular attention to removing the obstacles that girls encounter for their participation in training activities; - Promote initiatives aimed at fostering intercultural dialogue among young people also through the financing of cultural diplomacy projects; - structuring a path of participatory youth diplomacy, through the activation of a permanent Youth Forum in foreign policies, also to contribute to the definition of three-year cooperation plans and to monitoring their consistency with the YPS and SDG16 (and 16+) principles, with representatives of national networks, also participated by right by members of bodies associated with the National Youth Council; - Activate multilevel <i>advocacy</i> spaces: promoting access for young Italians to international mechanisms (UN <i>Youth Delegates</i>, Council of Europe, Union for the Mediterranean, Euromed Forum), with educational, linguistic and political support; - Increase the number of Italian <i>Youth Delegates</i> to the United Nations (from the current two to a maximum of ten); - Ensure the maintenance of the <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group responsible for national commitments on the UN Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, created pursuant to [Article 4(2)] of Ministerial Decree 2000/517 establishing the CIDU as a space for open dialogue between civil society and the institutions.

Methods of implementation	• Initiate a public selection for the establishment of the permanent Forum, which is also participated by right by members of bodies associated with the National Youth Council, in view of gender balance, territorial, social and thematic origin. • Promote the dissemination of information on international opportunities, including through the creation of dedicated sections within existing institutional sites and platforms; • Implement annually three calls on strategic mobility for young <i>peacebuilders</i> in MENA countries, Balkans, Latin America. • Actively involve embassies, Italian delegations and cultural centres in the promotion of the programme.
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Action 5

Aim to be achieved	Disseminate among young people the knowledge of issues related to peace and security in order to encourage involvement and active participation.
Competent administration(s)	Prime Minister's Office – Department for Youth Policy and Universal Civil Service; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Ministry of Education and Merit; Ministry of University and Research; Ministry of Culture; Italian Agency for Youth; National Youth Council; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.
Operational measure	- Organization of initiatives aimed at disseminating and informing about issues related to peace and security, also in collaboration with schools and universities; - Promotion of dissemination activities through the organisation of dedicated events or within already organised/planned initiatives and festivals, at national and local level, including in cooperation with youth organisations.
Methods of implementation	• Conduct fact-finding surveys, including with the involvement of educational institutions and universities, to assess the level of knowledge of young people on issues related to peace and security. • Design initiatives aimed at closing any knowledge gap identified, in order to encourage the involvement of young people in decision-making processes, with particular attention to girls, and bring them closer to youth associations.

Action 6

Aim to be achieved	Promote the importance of sport as a vehicle for promoting peace among young people.
Competent administration(s)	Prime Minister's Office – Department for Sport; Ministry of Education and Merit; Italian Agency for Youth.
Operational measure	Promotion of a youth network that supports initiatives to raise awareness of peace, through the enhancement of using sport as a tool for inclusion, dialogue and social cohesion. - Forecasting, within sporting events, dedicated spaces aimed at raising young people's awareness of the issue of peace, encouraging youth participation.

Methods of implementation	● Promote the recognition of so-called Ambassadors of Sport Peace who, through sport, disseminate the values of peace, inclusion and dialogue; ● Promote initiatives to prevent and combat hate speech and violence in sport; ● Carry out projects that use the attractiveness of sport to involve young people, including through the provision of places of aggregation and comparison, to counter marginal conditions and crime phenomena, with particular attention to neighborhoods with high social vulnerability.
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Protection: objectives/targets/measures

Action 7

Aim to be achieved	Ensure legal and humanitarian protection for young conscientious objectors, deserters and conscripts from countries in conflict, recognising their status as refugees or vulnerable persons under international law.
Competent administration(s)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation ; Ministry of the Interior ; Ministry of Justice .
Operational measure	- Provide for a dedicated mechanism for the identification, taking charge and protection of young people who refuse to participate in armed conflict on ethical, political or religious grounds, including: ▪ access to simplified asylum procedures; ▪ recognition of the status of conscientious objector as a valid ground for international protection; ▪ raising the awareness of the Territorial Commissions for the Right to Asylum; ▪ monitoring of national contexts of forced recruitment; ▪ the deployment of international observers, in cooperation with EBCO-BEOC, in judicial proceedings against objectors/defectors in the countries of origin.
Methods of implementation	● Collaborate between government agencies, UNHCR, EBCO-BEOC and specialized organizations. ● Compile operational guidelines for protection recognition committees. ● Develop specific training for legal and social workers. ● Launch information campaigns at reception centres. ● Prepare a protocol for the participation of international observers in relevant processes.

Action 8

Aim to be achieved	Enhancement of the Universal Civil Service (USC) abroad as an instrument of Peace and Reconciliation.
Competent administration(s)	Prime Minister's Office – Department for Youth Policy and Universal Civil Service ; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation/DGCS ; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation .
Operational measure	- Promotion of a new initiative, with ad hoc financial resources (not borne by the National Fund for Civil

	Service Abroad) in collaboration with the MAECI, framed within the SCU abroad. - Forecast, in relation to the initiative, that it will operate in territories where international cooperation is present, in areas of conflict, at risk of conflict and post-conflict, of environmental emergency in foreign countries and of environmental emergency in Italy.
Methods of implementation	- Strengthen and strengthen the SCU abroad with areas of intervention specifically dedicated to cooperation under the YPS Plan. - Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department for Youth Policy and Universal Civil Service and MAECI to launch the initiative.

Action 9

Aim to be achieved	Strengthen national engagement in international, regional, national and local contexts and processes affected by crisis and conflict situations for the protection of children directly and indirectly involved in hostilities.
Competent administration(s)	Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Family Policies; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Ministry of Defence; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.
Operational measure	- Development of tools, programmes and projects of an operational, informative and training nature, aimed at the protection of children involved in conflicts, in relation to the relevance of the theme in the framework of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.
Methods of implementation	- Define a model of activity dedicated to the protection of children involved in conflicts, characterized by objectives and operational measures targeted and typified with respect to the area of intervention. - Involve national and international institutional actors and CSOs in the process of mapping and identifying the specific needs of the country situation to configure specific interventions (programmes, projects). - Dialogue with the competent international bodies on the subject and consolidate the Italian position and contribution according to multilateral and multi-bilateral interventions. - Promote information and training activities (basic, highly specialized, for experts in the field) on the subject, activating synergies with all stakeholders.

Prevention: objectives/targets/measures

Action 10

Aim to be achieved	Create National Youth Mediation Units as a permanent structure within the Italian Network for International Mediation (RIMI) with trained mediators aged no more than 35 years and who have obtained certification according to current legislation, active in schools, communities and fragile territories at national and international level, with an institutional mandate.
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Competent administration(s)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; National Youth Council.
Operational measure	- Promotion of a training course for young mediators from civil society on mediation and facilitation of dialogue. - Institutionalization of the figure of <i>Young Mediators</i> in the framework of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation together with RIMI and representatives of civil society.
Methods of implementation	• Support training courses and local projects promoted by citizens residing in Italy aged no more than 35 years.

Action 11

Aim to be achieved	Educating for peace.
Competent administration(s)	Ministry of Education and Merit; Ministry of University and Research; Italian Agency for Youth; National Youth Council; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.
Operational measure	- Inclusion in school curricula, from primary school, of peace education courses, including topics such as prevention and non-violent conflict management, non-violent communication, restorative justice, human rights, diversity and inclusion, enhancement of the irreplaceability of the human element in interpersonal relationships and work, developed in collaboration with CSOs and higher education institutions. - Collaboration between educational institutions, including Italian ones abroad, and local CSOs for practical training on peace issues through activities on the territory (for example by encouraging school-work alternation in the third sector within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Legislative Decree No 77/2005). - Establishment of new higher education courses dedicated to the theme Youth Peace and Security. - Foundation of a Research Institute on Peace and Disarmament, with the function of carrying out and stimulating peace research at national and international level; by right also participated by members of bodies associated with the National Youth Council, chosen for curriculum and other comparative evaluations. - Non-formal peace education through youth CSOs active on the ground.
Methods of implementation	• Establish a working group for the development of new school curricula in synergy between the Ministry of Education and Merit, CSOs and youth CSOs, universities and research bodies, international institutional actors. • Implement the programmes from the school year 2026/2027. • Activate higher education courses.

Partnerships: objectives/targets/measures

Action 12

Aim to be achieved	Strengthen the capacity of Italian youth organisations to act in an international and intercultural dimension, promoting processes of mutual learning, transnational advocacy and peace-building through networking with diaspora youth organisations in Italy and in the countries covered by this National Action Plan.
Competent administration(s)	Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Equal Opportunities/UNAR; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; Ministry of the Interior; Ministry of Labour and Social Policy; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.
Implementing measure	– Promotion of pilot projects involving young people from Italian diasporas as facilitators of cooperation with countries of origin.
Methods of implementation	• Ensure <i>capacity building pathways dedicated</i> to small youth organisations and diaspora networks.

Action 13

Aim to be achieved	Build and consolidate spaces of shared governance between youth organisations and women's and girls' organisations to ensure synergy between the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) Agendas.
Competent administration(s)	Prime Minister's Office – Department for Equal Opportunities and Department for Youth Policies and Universal Civil Service; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; National Youth Council; Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.
Implementing measure	- Promotion of projects involving young women in peace tables and initiatives in the field of peace, security and non-violence.
Methods of implementation	• Organise regular meetings with other women's organisations. • Create a permanent discussion table between youth organizations, women's networks and representatives of youth diasporas, to develop synergies between Agenda Donne Pace Sicurezza and Agenda Giovani Pace Sicurezza, with a focus on co-development, female <i>empowerment</i>.

Action 14

Aim to be achieved	Promote and facilitate the creation of national and international partnerships between Italian youth organizations active in cooperation and peacebuilding.
Competent administration(s)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation/DGCS; National Youth Council.
Operational measure	- Promotion of an activity of collection, enhancement, dissemination and sharing of information relating to Italian youth organizations active in cooperation and peacebuilding.
Methods of implementation	• Carry out a national mapping through a public call for membership and the involvement of the National Youth Council; • Validate and update annually, by the CNG, the data collected and activate an automatic matching function to facilitate contact between Italian organizations based on themes, geographical areas or target beneficiaries.

Demobilisation and reintegration: objectives/targets/measures

Action 15

Aim to be achieved	Promote the social and community reintegration of children and young people at risk or who have gone through a prison or judicial path, through restorative justice programs based on empowerment, care for relationships, dialogue with the community and the prevention of recidivism.
Competent administration(s)	Ministry of Justice; Ministry of the Interior.
Operational measure	- Recognition and analysis in terms of potential response to the stated objective of all restorative justice programmes already active in prisons or carried out at the new ‘Centres’ for restorative justice, set up at local and territorial authorities, referred to in Article 63 of Legislative Decree No 150/2022. - Recognition and quantitative analysis of the presence of so-called young adult prisoners, or 18/25 years, within the various territorial realities. - Verification of the presence of restorative justice programs already active in the realities where the numerical presence is wider, - Initiation of a policy to raise awareness and encourage operational treatment of young adults in detention so that - can move away from the paths of deviance, crime or radicalisation; - as migrants, they can benefit from structured support in their paths of re-elaboration, integration and achievement of autonomy.
Methods of implementation	• Establish Memoranda of Understanding with one or more bodies dealing with youth and restorative justice, with particular attention to the local authorities where the “Centres” for restorative justice are being established, as well as the Centres themselves. • Strengthen the participation in prison treatment activities of youth associations active in the various territorial realities. • Provide socio-occupational accompanying measures, vocational training and post-detention <i>mentoring</i> and integrate the theme with social services and juvenile justice for a multidimensional path of reintegration.

