

## “Employability and mobility for young people - youth cards’ contribution”

### A Seminar

Organised by the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card of the Council of Europe & the European Youth Cards Association (EYCA)

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European Youth Centre (EYC)  
30, rue Pierre de Coubertin

### PROGRAMME

The purpose of the seminar is to consider:

- youth employability trends and concerns in Europe today;
- contribution of the Council of Europe and EYCA partnership to address these issues;
- ideas for better solutions.

09.30	Formal welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>André-Jacques Dodin</b>, Head of Intergovernmental Co-operation Unit, Youth Department, Council of Europe</li> <li>• <b>Jarkko Lehikoinen</b>, President, European Youth Card Association (EYCA)</li> </ul>
<i>UNEMPLOYMENT: HERE AND NOW</i>	
09.40	Introductions and purpose, <b>Bob Forsyth</b> , Director of EYCA
09.45	<p><b>Youth Employability: Definitions, issues and experience in Europe in 2013</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>An academic perspective:</b> <b>David Cairns</b>, Senior researcher, Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology, University of Lisbon, conducting research on youth mobility during the economic crisis in Portugal, Ireland and UK</li> <li>• <b>An employer’s perspective:</b> <b>Jacques Spelkens</b>, Head of Territorial and CSR Networks Development, Service of Social Development and Solidarity, Human Resources Directorate Group, GDF SUEZ</li> <li>• <b>A decision-maker’s perspective:</b> <b>Aleksandra Mitrovic-Knezevic</b>, representative of Serbia in the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ), member of the CDEJ Bureau</li> </ul> <p>Questions - Answers session is possible after each intervention.</p>
11.00	Coffee and information break
<i>CURRENT CONTRIBUTION</i>	
11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy and Practice: Young Scot and the Scottish Government</b> (video-conferencing), an example of fruitful partnership</li> <li>• <b>European Youth Card Association: youth mobility and active citizenship</b> - <b>Jarkko Lehikoinen</b>, President, EYCA</li> </ul>
<i>IMPROVING THE CONTRIBUTION: FOR THE FUTURE</i>	
12.15	Plenary Discussion
13.00	Lunch