

**Council of Europe Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility
through the Youth Card
and
European Youth Card Association (EYCA)**

**A European Symposium
Mobility in the Mind**
Creating new routes to employment

**18-20 March 2015
Lisbon, Portugal**

**Information document and Call for expression of interest
for governmental representatives of the member states
of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility**

Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus,
Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, The
Netherlands, Portugal, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Switzerland

Introduction

The Symposium on “**Mobility in the Mind: creating new routes to employment**” is part of the 2015 programme of activities of the Council of Europe Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and is aimed at the governmental representatives of the member countries of the Partial Agreement. The Partial Agreement’s aim is to provide advice and practical knowledge to member governments in their development and implementation of youth policy in the field of youth mobility.

The Symposium is implemented by EYCA, an association of 41 member organisations in 38 countries. EYCA’s vision is a Europe where *all* young people are mobile and active. EYCA member organisations work together to stimulate more young people to be socially, culturally, educationally and economically mobile throughout Europe and deliver quality European Youth Card services.

Organizers of the Symposium

- Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card of the Council of Europe;
- European Youth Card Association (EYCA).
- The event is also covered by the funds of the European Commission.

Aims and objectives of the Symposium

- To generate knowledge and understanding of ways to support young people in finding and generating work for themselves in Europe in specific sectors of the economy considered to have potential growth for entrepreneurship opportunities.
- To identify and create youth card-related opportunities in these specific sectors of the economy.

The **economic sectors**, identified for that purpose by EYCA’s member organisations, are:

- Green initiatives; environmental conservation; sustainable construction, etc.
- Tourism and hospitality;
- Communications/digital technology;
- Cultural industries;
- Social enterprise.

A detailed project plan will be produced as a result of this Symposium.

Methodology

This Symposium is part of an 18 month EYCA project “Mobility in the Mind” which will enable EYCA members to build upon, extend and promote employment and entrepreneurship actions for their young card-holders. The specific project activities for Mobility in the Mind include:

- competition to select young entrepreneurs to co-deliver the five economic work-streams mentioned above;
- the current Symposium (aims mentioned above);
- five workstream seminars to support the initial scoping out of the five employment and entrepreneurship themes, which will be further developed by the young entrepreneurs;
- report and case studies to be shared among the Partial Agreement’s member governments, EYCA member organisations and EYCA’s networks and partners.

Actions are to be developed through the whole year of 2015.

The Symposium is organized as is described in the “Programme” in Appendix I.

Profile of the participants

A two-day Symposium is open to 40 participants who will include:

- 20 young people involved in the project;
- five co-leaders from five EYCA member organisations,
- **stake-holders such as governmental representatives** from the Partial Agreement member states dealing with various questions: youth policies, employment, tourism, culture, environment, technology;
- corporate social responsibility (CSR) current or potential partners, etc.

Working language

The Symposium will be held in English.

Technical information

Dates: 18-20 March 2015

The seminar will start on 18 March at 09.30 and end on 20 March at 13.00. Participants should arrive on 17 March and leave on 20 March afternoon. On 17 March there will be a welcome dinner at 19.30.

Venue: Lisbon, Portugal

The Symposium will be held in Centro de Juventud de Parque das Nacoes, Rua de Moscavide, Lt 47 - 101 1998-011 Lisboa Portugal, Tel. 351 218 920 890

http://microsites.juventude.gov.pt/Portal/pt/PParque_das_Nacoes.htm

Participants will be accommodated at the Hotel Ibis Parque das Nacoes,
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Tel. (+351)210/730470, h8501@accor.com

<http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-8501-ibis-lisboa-parque-das-nacoes/index.shtml>

Reimbursement

All the expenses of the governmental representatives of the Partial Agreement will be covered. Travel reimbursement documents will be dealt with by EYCA staff on the venue.

Visas

Nationals who do not belong to the Schengen area need a visa to enter Portugal. If you need a visa, please fill in the table in Appendix III and join the copy of your passport.

Application/expression of interest procedure

All candidates should express their interest by filling in the application form below (Appendix II). **The application deadline is Monday 9 March mid-night French-time.** Applications should be sent to the Council of Europe on the following address: natalja.turenne@coe.int.

APPENDIX I

Council of Europe Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and European Youth Card Association¹

Mobility in the Mind: Creating new routes to employment

European Symposium (18-20 March 2015, Lisbon, Portugal)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Tue 17.03	TIME	DAY 1 Wed 18.03	DAY 2 Thu 19.03	DAY 3 Fri 20.03	
ARRIVALS	THEME of the DAY	MAPPING THE SITUATION	DESIGNING THE WORK PROGRAMME	SHARING THE WORK PROGRAMMES	
	9.15 - 9.30	ENERGIZER			
	9.30-11.00	1. session Opening and introductions Portuguese representative. Purpose of the project: Importance of youth employment and entrepreneurship for EYCA	5. session Recap of Day 1 Introduction about Methodology Workshop. Sharing young people's ideas / how can the EYC help / context of the country and topic.	9. session. Recap of Day 2 Workshop. Feedback from other delegations	
	11.00-11.30	Coffee break 30 min			
	11.30-13.00	2. session Broad overview of the situation in Europe. Inputs from European Institutions, corporative sector and young people	6. session Workshop. Sharing experience and devising suggestions for the work programme on how to support young people	10. session. Achievements of the symposium. Agreeing next steps. Young innovators ceremony.	
	13.00-14.30	Lunch 1 h 30			
	14.30-16.00	3. session Concrete overview in the five countries in relation to their specific topic Countries' speakers, young people & MO Coleaders	7. session Workshop. Drafting Action Plans / work programmes. Preparing presentations.	DEPARTURES	
	0. Session Coordination meeting: only EYCA MO and EYCA office	16.00-16.30	Coffee break 30 min		
		16.30-18.00	4. session Continue session 3 Initial discussion on how the EYC can create opportunities to young people in the specific sectors		8. session Presentation of action plans / work programmes.
	Welcome dinner 19.30-22.00	18.00-18.30	REFLECTION	REFLECTION	
18.30-20.00		Free time			
20.00-22.00		Dinner	Dinner		

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