

The European Youth Work Agenda

Strengthening the further development
and visibility of youth work in Europe
against the background of the impact of
the Covid-19 pandemic

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- The European Youth Work Agenda was established during the German EU Council Presidency and the German Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in 2020
- Aim: To establish a strategic framework to strengthen and further develop youth work in Europe
 - EU Council Resolution on the Framework for establishing a European Youth Work Agenda
 - Final declaration of the 3rd European Youth Work Convention “Signposts for the future”
 - Implementation process of the Agenda: “Bonn process” which was kicked-off during the 3rd European Youth Work Convention

EU Council Resolution on the Framework for establishing a European Youth Work Agenda

- *23. In light of the experience gained from the COVID-19 pandemic and in view of possible future crises, ensure, at all levels, the ongoing existence and operation of the various facilities and structures involved in youth work by developing crisis-proof mechanisms and resources, including digital technologies, and ensure that facilities and structures are able to adapt to the current situation and similar situations that may arise in the future.*
- *24. Strengthen cooperation both between Member States and the Council of Europe and between the respective institutions in order to support the development of quality youth work across Europe.*

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on youth work in Europe

- Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on every aspect of youth work such as
 - finances
 - staff and volunteers
 - methods and tools
- Many youth work activities and projects were delayed or interrupted
- Effects on the budgets of many youth work organisations
- Even more severe impact on international youth work
- Partly rapid transition to digital youth work activities
- But also: Youth work has proven that it can be resilient

The „New Normal“

Open questions that have not yet been finally answered

- How will the Covid-19 pandemic affect the structures as well as the principles and pedagogy of youth work?
- How will the pandemic affect the training and further education of youth workers?
- What long-term impact will the pandemic have on the digitalisation of youth work?

Outlook

- Based on the current dramatic situation for youth work in Europe, it is needed:
 - to support the recovery of the youth work sector by public institutions
 - to facilitate dialogue and exchange within the youth work community of practice
- The potentials of the European Youth Work Agenda and the Bonn process should be used through
 - cooperation of institutions
 - cooperation and common activities within the youth work community of practice
 - joint research
 - common solutions for necessary structural changes

Thank you!

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