

- **The Council of Europe:**
- Political panEuropean organisation
47 member states + observers + other partners
- Promotes: international co-operation, dialogue and peace
- 3 pillars: democracy, human rights and the rule of law



• The Council of Europe Youth sector:

- Supports the active role of young people in society
(co-management)
- Intergovernmental co-operation
- Training and educational activities
- Two European Youth Centres
- European Youth Foundation
- Partnership between the EC and the CoE
- Partial Agreement on Youth mobility through the Youth Card



- **What is a Partial Agreement?**
- A Special programme with its own activities and budget
- Choice of member States to join
- Own budget, programme and working methods



- Created in 1991



- Committee of Ministers' Resolution ResAP(1991) revised in 2003 as Resolution ResAP(2003)1
- The Statutes: "The Partial Agreement shall be aimed at developing the Youth Card scheme, particularly at European level **in the best interests of young people** [...] with a view to **facilitating their mobility** as well as their access to the various goods and services necessary **for their personal and cultural development.**"

- **Aims:**
- Development of the Youth Card Scheme
- Development of inter-governmental co-operation in the field of youth mobility and related issues

To develop better youth policies with and for member Governments



• Youth Card Scheme:

- Anyone under 30
- Access to advice, discounts and benefits
- In the fields of mobility, accommodation, culture, language courses, services and products
- Both on-line and off-line
- In one own's country and in Europe



• **European Youth Card Association - EYCA**

- Non-profit
- Founded in 1987
- Represents over 40 national member organisations
- 38 countries
- Over 7 million cards in use



- **Better youth policies with & for Governments:**
- Cater to the interests and needs
- Generate and mobilise knowledge
- Share best practices
- Offer policy solutions



- **Annual working programme :**
(for the member states of the Partial Agreement)
- Seminars, workshops, symposia, trainings
- Best practice publications
- Host countries



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- **Example**

- **“Mental Health in digital environments: the role of the European Youth Card in supporting a resilient generation”**

18 October 2021 in co-operation with Slovenia

- *Aims:*

- *to ensure mental health is promoted as a policy priority at national and European levels;*
- *to offer a space for professional and young people to coordinate their positions and make recommendations to policy makers;*
- *Identify how the European Youth Card infrastructure and resources can be used to raise awareness and destigmatise mental health issues*

- *Participants: governments, experts, social/youth workers, researchers, EYCA member organisations, youth NGOs, young card holders*

- **Stakeholders:**

- Governments, policy-makers, European Institutions
- Business community, experts, practitioners, academics/researchers
- Youth NGOs, national youth card organisations
- The young card holders themselves!



- **The Board of Coordination:**
- 8 representatives of member states
- 8 members of the European Youth Card Association
- 1 representative appointed by the Advisory Council on Youth
- Oversees the programme of activities, implemented in co-operation with EYCA



- **Want to join the Partial Agreement?**
- *IF* you are a member state of the Council of Europe *OR* a State party to the European Cultural Convention
- *IF* your country is *neither* a member state of the Council of Europe *nor* party to the European Cultural Convention

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