



European Youth
Card Association



AP/Carte-J (2018) PV 40

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

40th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

Monday, 26 March 2018

18.30 – 20.00

**European Youth Centre, Budapest
Plenary Room**

REPORT

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the Secretariat and a round of introductions took place. The list of participants is set out in Appendix II.

2. Adoption of the agenda

AP/Carte-J (2018) OJ 40

The agenda was adopted with no change as it appears in Appendix I and in the reference document AP/Carte-J (2018) OJ 40.

3. Election of the Chair (CDEJ) and the Vice-Chair (EYCA)

The Board of Co-ordination unanimously elected the representative of Cyprus, in the person of Mr. Menelaos MENELAOU, to be the Chair of the Board of Co-ordination for the year of 2018. Mrs. Louise MACDONALD, President of EYCA, became the Vice-Chair for the same period of time.

4. Adoption of the report of the 39th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

AP/Carte-J (2017)PV 39

The report of the 39th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination was adopted without change as it appears in AP/Carte-J (2017)PV39.

5. Up-date on the implementation of the programme of activities 2017

The two major events of the Partial Agreement in the second half of 2017 were the CDEJ Summer University with focus on youth mobility, where EYCA Office, EYCA President, Hungarian Youth Card and several other youth card organisations played a crucial role. This allowed the European Youth Card scheme to be widely promoted among the European governments. The Summer University was highly rated by all the participants.

The Partial Agreement's Promotional seminar 2017 took place in Varna, Bulgaria, on 14-15 December 2017. The main aim of this event was to promote the European Youth Card as a tool for policy development and implementation, at local, national and European levels, especially towards governments and particularly the ones who did not yet join the Partial Agreement. Among the participants, there were five representatives of non-members of the Partial Agreement. The Bulgarian youth card member organised an excellent hosting and shared its best practices on linking the youth card to youth policy development along other youth card organisations from around Europe. Mr Ivan Portnih, Mayor of Varna Municipality, was present at the closing of the event. [Link to the report](#)

The annual report of the Partial Agreement's activities in 2017 is available at the following link:

<https://rm.coe.int/partial-agreement-on-youth-mobility-through-the-youth-card-annual-repo/168077fa4b>

6. Programme of activities 2018 – state of implementation *AP/Carte-J (2017)2*

The preparations of the first activity 2018 on “The role of the youth card in access of young people to social rights” to take place in Budva, Montenegro, on 23-24 April 2018, were in full swing. A lot of applications were received for this event.

The Greek government was interested to host a promotional seminar for the Partial Agreement in December 2018 given its own interest in joining it.

The third event foreseen for 2018 was the “Brain drain – brain gain” seminar in the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers which should take place in Autumn 2018 in Zagreb (the dates were to be confirmed). This subject was of much interest to the Government of Croatia as well as to quite a number of other Council of Europe states.

7. Recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA

EYCA organised throughout 2017 regional consultations¹ on the role of youth mobility in the next EU Youth Strategy and a European round table on the same subject in Brussels in November 2017. A delegation of cardholders presented the conclusions of the regional meetings and discussed the outcomes with guests from the European Commission,

¹ Czech Republic, 27-30 April; Scotland, UK, 3-5 May; Portugal, 8-10 May; Croatia, 11-14 May; the Netherlands, 9-12 October

European Youth Forum and other organisations active in the youth field. The recommendations gathered during this process would feed into the Structured Dialogue process as well as national youth policy development. This project was co-funded through the Erasmus+ programme.

Manel Sanchez, EYCA Director, informed the Board that in 2017 he had made a record number of visits to meet the governmental representatives in the Council of Europe member states. He underlined that in his talks he promoted both the European Youth Card and the Partial Agreement as a two necessary parts of one single project aimed at the well-being of young people.

EYCA was getting close to 7 million youth cards. This being said, EYCA pushed its members to maximising their quality impact and genuine outreach, not to the nominal growth of card holders. Over 60,000 discounts were now open to the young people in Europe.

New members joined EYCA - one of them was the new Montenegrin youth card organisation Centre for European Education which was closely involved in the organisation of the above-mentioned seminar in Budva along with the Montenegrin Ministry for Youth and Sport. There was a new youth card organisation in Slovenia – MOBIN, Institute for Youth Mobility and Information. The organisation had joined efforts with the Slovenian Ministry for Youth and Sport and the youth card had been intensively developing since then. EYCA's General Assembly 2019 would take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

This year's General Assembly would take place in the 2018 European Capital of Youth – Cascais, Portugal.

Two youth card organisations – from Albania and Germany – made presentations of their organisations to the Board of Co-ordination.

8. Any other business

None.

9. Date and place of the next meeting

In the framework of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Strasbourg, on 15 October 2018 at 18.30-20.00

APPENDIX I

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Budapest, 26 March 2018**

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- PA Promotional seminar in Varna, Bulgaria (14-15 December 2017) [Link to the report](#)
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9. Date and place of the next meeting²

² In the framework of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Strasbourg, October 2018

APPENDIX II

List of participants

Governmental representatives

ANDORRA / ANDORRE

Mr Agustí PIFARRÉ
Coordinateur des politiques de Jeunesse et du Volontariat
Govern d'Andorra (Departament de Joventut i Voluntariat)

AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAIDJAN

Mr Rustam ABDULLAYEV
Leading advisor
Ministry of Youth and Sport

CROATIA / CROATIE

Ms Annamaria VUGA
Head of Department for Youth
Ministry for Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy

CYPRUS / CHYPRE

Mr Menelaos MENELAOU
Executive Secretary
Youth board of Cyprus

HUNGARY/HONGRIE Mr Peter PACZUK

Strategy Officer
Ministry of Human Capacities
State Secretariat for Family and Youth Affairs, General Youth Department

MONTENEGRO

Mr Nenad KOPRIVICA
Director General of the Youth Directorate
Ministry of Sport of Montenegro

SERBIA / SERBIE

Ms Snezana KLASNJA
Assistant Minister for Youth
Ministry of Youth and Sports

SLOVENIA / SLOVENIE

Mr Zorko ŠKVOR
Undersecretary, Office of Youth, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

Representatives of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

Ms Louise MACDONALD
President European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

Mr Manel SANCHEZ
Director European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

Ms Sandra VOGT
Director of the European Youth Card in Germany

Ms Jonida LAMAJ
Director of the Youth Card in Albania

Mr Istvan KARASZ
The European Youth Card Association

Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ)

Valentin DUPOUEY
Erasmus Students' Network

Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Youth Department

Ms Natalja TURENNE, Administrator, Responsible for the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card