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Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

42nd meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

Monday, 18 March 2019

18.30 – 20.00

**European Youth Centre, Budapest
Plenary Room**

REPORT

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The outgoing Chair, Menelaos Menelaou (Cyprus), opened the meeting and invited the Board of Co-ordination to proceed with the election of the Board's Chair and Vice-Chair for the year 2019.

2. Election of the Chair (EYCA) and the Vice-Chair (CDEJ) for the year 2019

In 2019, according to the Resolution ResAP(2003)1 instituting the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, the position of the Chair should be held by a representative of EYCA and the position of the Vice-Chair – by a governmental representative.

The Board of Co-ordination has thus elected Mr Jose SOUSA, EYCA Vice-President, as its Chair and Menelaos Menelaou (Cyprus) as its Vice-Chair for 2019. The Chair proceeded with a tour of introduction of the participants of the meeting. The list of participants is set out in Appendix I.

3. Adoption of the agenda

AP/Carte-J(2019)OJ42

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the agenda of its 42nd meeting as it appears in document AP/Carte-J(2019)PV42.

4. Adoption of the report of the 41st meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

AP/Carte-J (2018)PV41

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the report of its 41st meeting as it appears in document AP/Carte-J (2018)PV41.

5. Implementation of the programme of activities

2018: *AP/Carte-J(2017)3; Report of the Seminar “Brain Drain – Brain Gain”*
<https://rm.coe.int/2018-pa-seminar-report-zagreb-pdf/16809205a4>

2019: *AP/Carte-J(2018)1; Draft programme of the Seminar “Youth Work and sustainable communities: the role of European Youth Card in delivering youth card services”*
<https://www.coe.int/fr/web/youth/-/youth-work-and-sustainable-communities-the-role-of-the-european-youth-card-in-delivering-youth-work-servic-1>

The Secretariat and the EYCA Director updated the Board on the implementation of the programme of activities for the year 2018 taking place after the last Board’s meeting (18 October 2018), notably the Croatian Chairmanship event “Brain Drain-Brain Gain” seminar (28-30 October, Zagreb). The report’s link is set out under the reference documents.

The EYCA Director stressed the fact that the multiplying effect of the events was well beyond the registered participants, particularly as regards young people. For example, in Montenegro the launch of the national youth card was organised in conjunction with the Partial Agreement seminar, which provided the latter with a higher visibility including among national authorities.

As regards the budget spent on the 2018 programme of activities, it amounted to 71 000€, with the Council of Europe’s grant equal to 45 000€.

The EYCA Director’s presentation is available in Appendix II.

As regards the 2019 programme of activities, the EYCA Director highlighted in particular the forthcoming seminar on “Youth work and sustainable communities: the role of the European Youth Card in delivering youth card services” (5-7 May 2019, Helsinki, Finland) which would be a follow-up to the activity of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers – the seminar on “Education and Training Paths of Youth Workers” (20-22 February 2019, Helsinki).

6. Recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA – oral report

The EYCA Director made an oral presentation of the most important recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA, i.e. the preparation of the forthcoming EYCA General Assembly on 7-8 June 2019 in Ljubljana, Slovenia; the progress of the 2019 edition of the Erasmus+ Volunteering Awards selection; My country, our world in 2030 essay competition for young people; the EYCA Youth Activation Campaign for the 2019 European Elections; the start of the work of the EYCA Youth Panel. Since October 2018 the Regional Government of the Lazio region has become EYCA member and the National Agency of North Macedonia is also in the last steps to become a member.

7. Tour de table on national youth policy developments in the field of youth mobility and/or youth card schemes

This item provides the Board members with an opportunity to exchange up-to-date information on youth policy development in the field of youth mobility and/or youth card schemes at national level. In this context, the representative of the Spanish Youth Institute informed the Board that the Spanish authorities were committed to re-joining the Partial Agreement in the near future.

8. Preliminary discussion on the proposals/wishes of member states for the programme of activities 2020

At its last meeting (15 October 2018) the Board of Co-ordination discussed the proposal of the representative of the Advisory Council (CCJ), supported by a number of member states, to broaden the scope of work of the Partial Agreement (broader methodology) and to link the seminars more explicitly to mobility issues. It had been agreed that in 2019 member states and EYCA member organisations would be asked to share their wishes for the type of activities and themes for 2020 programme of activities which would then be developed accordingly and within the budget of the Partial Agreement.

The representatives of Malta and Slovenia stated that since several years there had been a huge upgrade in the work of the Partial Agreement. This could serve as the basis of further diversification of the Partial Agreement's work methods which would, for example, reply to the questions of how to make young people more aware about mobility and how to increase mobility of young people through the youth card (what motivates young people to undertake mobility?, what they think about the youth card?, etc.). The Campaign to increase mobility (on-line, for example) could be of help; several countries could join funds to make such a Campaign a reality.

The representative of Cyprus stated that not only young people needed to be aware of the youth card and youth services through it, but businesses as well; there were lots of various cards available (bank cards, university cards, shop cards, etc.) and thus the distinguishable feature of the youth card was its mobility factor which needed to be better exploited.

Trainings for trainers to deal with the issues of youth mobility/youth cards would be an asset but that needed further reflection.

As regards themes for future seminars and/or activities, intercultural learning, sports, prevention of sexual abuse, mental health issues were mentioned. The EYCA Director suggested sending a few questions to the Partial Agreement's member states in order to give them more opportunities to voice subjects which were important for their countries' youth policy-making. He also suggested to further reflect on how to involve young people into these reflections.

9. Any other business

None.

10. Date and place of the next meeting¹

¹ In the framework of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Strasbourg, in October 2019

APPENDIX I

List of participants

Governmental representatives

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Mr Agustí PIFARRÉ
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Govern d'Andorra (Departament de Joventut i Voluntariat)

Apologised for absence/ Excusé

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Mr Rustam ABDULLAYEV
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Department for youth
Ministry for demography, family, youth and social policy

CYPRUS / CHYPRE

Mr Menelaos MENELAOU
Executive Secretary
Youth Board of Cyprus

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General Youth Department
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MONTENEGRO

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Director General of the Youth Directorate
Ministry of Youth and Sport

SERBIA / SERBIE

Mr Novak UŠĆUMLIĆ,
Head of the Group for IPA projects and International Funds
Sector for International Cooperation and European Integration
Ministry of Youth and Sports

SLOVENIA / SLOVENIE

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Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

Representatives of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

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EYCA Vice president

Mr Manel SANCHEZ
Director European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

Mr Jarkko LEHIKONEN
Director of the European Youth Card in Finland

Mr Istvan KARASZ
The European Youth Card Association

Mr Octavio MARTÍNEZ RODRÍGUEZ
Deputy Director of Internal and External Coordination
Spanish Institute for Youth

Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ)

Ms Neringa TUMENAITE
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Directorate of Democratic Participation, Youth Department

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

APPENDIX II



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