



# 50-50 Seminar of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth card

Synergies to implement the Youth Work Recommendation  
CM/Rec(2017)4

Can the European Youth Card be used as the policy tool?

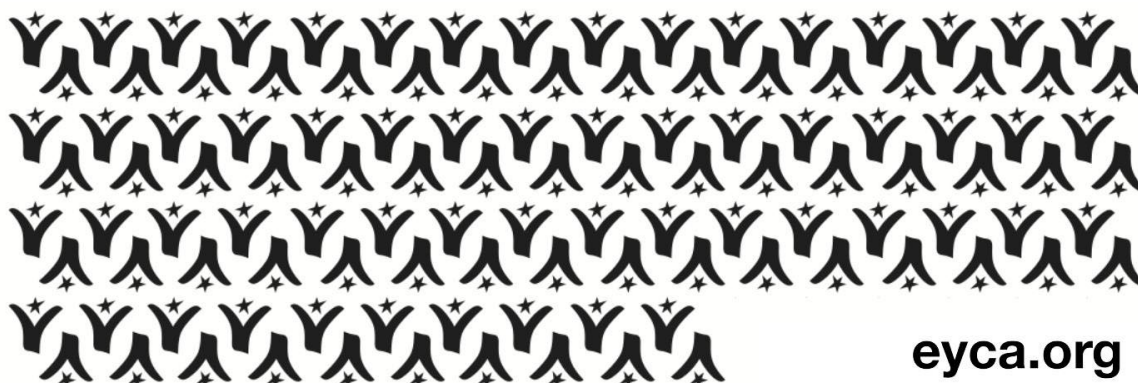
25-26 April 2022  
Santa Venera, Malta

For Partial Agreement Member Governments and European  
Youth Card Organisations

*In advance of the Spring University of the Council of Europe  
27-29 April, Santa Venera, Malta*

Seminar of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and the  
European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

Concept Note and Provisional Programme



## Introduction

The 50/50 seminar on “**Synergies to implement the Youth Work Recommendation CM/Rec (2017)4: Can the European Youth Card be used as the policy tool?**” is organised as part of the 2022 work programme of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card. It is particularly dedicated to policy makers, civil servants and youth card organisations from member States of the Partial Agreement.

## About the organisers

**The Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card** exists since 1991 and is a programme of the Council of Europe<sup>1</sup> 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 access to the various goods and services necessary for their personal and cultural development.

**The European Youth Card Association (EYCA)** groups 38 youth card organisations all over Europe and is the Partial Agreement’s statutory partner. EYCA’s vision is a Europe where all young people are mobile and active (socially, culturally, educationally and economically). EYCA’s mission consists in delivering quality youth card services and in contributing to a better policy on youth mobility and active citizenship. Today, over seven million youth cardholders benefit from youth card opportunities.

**Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ (Malta)** is the agency which manages and coordinates the National Youth Policy and to promote and safeguard the interests of young people. It also provides young people with the time and space to make friends, learn in new ways and develop their talents through its regional youth services and an extensive empowerment programme. Through an interactive youth information service, Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ provides information on services and opportunities for young people as well as listening to their views on issues that impact their lives.

## About the seminar

Organised for Member States of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the youth card, the 50-50 seminar aims to strengthen the relationship among Governments and European Youth Card organisations, in view of better policy implementation. The seminar will focus thematically on supporting policy makers to implement youth work policies and services meeting the standards of the Council of Europe in this field. Using as a starting point the Council of Europe Recommendation CM/REC (2017)4 on Youth Work addressed to its member governments but also other resources<sup>2</sup> available, the seminar aims to:

1. Strengthen the capacity of policy makers and youth card organisations to work together in implementing Council of Europe standards in the field of youth work;
2. Offer a unique space for members of the PA on Youth Mobility to build stronger partnerships with their country’s counterparts from the European Youth Card organisation (where relevant);
3. Identify possible synergies between different policy processes and understand better what can be the role of the European Youth Card in addressing youth work challenges.

## Profile of the participants

This 50/50 seminar is open to governmental representatives from member States of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility together with their counterparts from the European Youth Card organisations (where relevant) in their respective countries.

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<sup>1</sup> The Council of Europe is the leading Pan-European international organisation promoting inclusive, human-rights based youth policies.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth/youth-work>

Attendance is exclusively invitation-based.

### Practical information

The event will be held exclusively in the format of personal presence, in Santa Venera, Malta, at the premises of Agenzija Żgħażaġh (The Maltese Youth Agency).

Guests will be accommodated in single rooms. Accommodation and meals will be offered by the hosts.

The international travel expenses will be reimbursed, either by the Council of Europe (for those governmental representatives who will stay on after the seminar to take part in the CDEJ Spring University) or by EYCA (for the rest of the participants).

Participants are encouraged to arrive on Sunday 24 April 2022.

Confirmation of interest by email [youthmobility@coe.int](mailto:youthmobility@coe.int) before 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022.

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 0   SUNDAY, 24 April 2022	
Arrival of participants	
19.30	Arrivals and dinner at the hotel
DAY 1   MONDAY, 25 April 2022	
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Welcome and short presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenzija Żgħażaġh - Maltese Youth Agency</li><li>• Council of Europe – about the PA on Youth Mobility</li><li>• EYCA Director – about EYCA</li></ul>
10.00 – 10.45	<b>Aims and objectives</b> <b>Introduction</b> of the facilitator and the rapporteur <b>Introduction of the participants</b> Mapping expectations and needs
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.00	<b>Youth Work input</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key note speaker on the complexity and diversity of youth work realities</li><li>• Introducing the Council of Europe Recommendation on Youth Work</li></ul>
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Good practice examples of youth work in Malta</b>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 15.30	<b>Good practices of Youth work in EYCA organisations</b>
15.30 – 17.00	Dedicated time for Governmental representatives and EYCA organisations to work in groups (per country or thematically) and identify possible synergies on how to use the EYCA card for youth work practices

17:00-17:30	Concluding the Day
20:00	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>DAY 2   TUESDAY, 26 April 2022</b>	
9.00 – 10.30	<b>Panel discussion:</b> Challenges and opportunities in youth work - from recognition of the profession to meeting the needs of digital natives
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Break (coffee and light food)</i>
11.00 – 11:15	<b>Surveys on the Partial Agreement: presentation of summary results</b>
11.15-12.15	Dedicated time to discuss in groups possible future actions the Partial Agreement should offer to its members in the field of youth work through the European Youth Card
12.15 – 13.30	<b>Conclusions</b> Possible solutions and recommendations to the policymakers from the Partial Agreement member states and EYCA organisations Next steps, evaluation and closing Departure of the participants who do not stay over for the CDEJ Spring University