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Summer University 2017

European Youth Centre Budapest, Hungary, 29-31 August 2017

Presentation of the aim, objectives and programme

Over the years, several editions of the European University on Youth Policies (otherwise known as Summer University) have been hosted by individual states. They focused on issues closely linked to European youth policy, such as co-management, youth participation, social inclusion of youth, Roma youth issues, etc.

In 2017, the CDEJ requested the Secretariat to organise the next edition of the Summer University in August 2017, with the aim to **promote a wider discussion on youth policy**.

Aim of the Summer University

To provide members of the CDEJ, Advisory Council¹ and their colleagues with a learning experience, which is likely to improve their capacity to actively participate in the work of the Council of Europe youth sector (particularly in its co-management structures) and to promote Council of Europe standards in youth policy.

Objectives

In accordance with the Council of Europe's package of youth policy development measures, the main objectives of the Summer University are:

- to familiarise participants with the values, objectives, programmes and structures of the Council of Europe and its Youth Department, including in the context of its co-operation with the European Union;
- to improve participants' understanding of European approaches to youth policy;
- to familiarise participants with the reality of youth, youth policy and youth work, notably through the visit of youth projects and the exchange of good practices;
- to exchange knowledge and views on youth policy issues relevant to debates taking place in the Council of Europe's youth sector;
- to facilitate peer advice and networking.

Thematic focus of the 2017 Summer University

In addition to the aim and objectives set above, this year's Summer University will focus on the **core Council of Europe standards for youth policy**: access to rights; disadvantaged young people/social inclusion; youth participation; youth mobility and information; youth work.

These standards are mainly based on Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers. Additionally, the Council of Europe's activities in youth policy development and promotion usually try to take into account past experience (lessons learnt from the international reviews of national youth policy) and to focus on the areas where the Organisation has a clear competitive advantage.

The Summer University will explore how these standards could relate to the variety of realities from local and regional to national and European levels. It will also provide an opportunity to interrogate and test the main principles of youth policy (e.g. evidence-based, participatory and cross-sectorial). In so doing, the Summer University will provide participants with an opportunity to provide feedback on a **tool** to help member states to **self-assess their compliance** with the Council of Europe youth policy standards.

The topic of **youth mobility** will be explored more in detail through the visit of a local youth mobility project.

¹ Notably new members

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Time	Monday 28 August	Tuesday 29 August 2017	Wednesday 30 August 2017	Thursday 31 August 2017	Friday 1 September
8.00	Arrival of participants in Budapest	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>	Departure of participants
09:30		Opening of the Summer University 9.30: Official welcome Introduction of the aims, objectives and programme Introduction of participants, their expectations and learning needs	Council of Europe's core standards for youth policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - access to rights - social inclusion - youth participation - youth work - youth mobility - youth information 	Thematic focus on youth mobility: policy, research and practice 9.30-11.00: moderated panel presentation and discussion 11.00: departure for project visit Discussing a concrete project on youth mobility	
11:00		<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:30		Council of Europe's presentation (video and quiz) Presentation of co-management and of the statutory bodies by the CCJ and CDEJ chairs	How do these standards and principles relate to national realities?	Project: Hungarian Youth Card Good practices from other countries <i>13.00: lunch in a nearby restaurant</i> Approx. 14.30: return to EYCB	
13:00		<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:30		Council of Europe's youth policy: definition, objectives and practice (brief introduction) Council of Europe's youth field in details (corners on specific resources: policy support measures, education and training, EYF, Partnership with its EKCYP and PEYR, flagship programmes, decision-making)	Towards a self-assessment tool for youth policy Introduction of the idea of a self-assessment tool Trying out the tool	<i>Session starts at 15.00</i> Impressions from the visits (feedback in plenary) Next steps Implementation: how can I contribute and deliver in my context?	
16:00		<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30		Key principles of youth policy: Introduction, group work and discussion	Towards a self-assessment tool for youth policy (continued) (feedback and world café)	Evaluation and closing of the event	
18:00		Closing of day	Closing of day	Closing of day	
19.00	<i>Dinner at the EYCB</i>	<i>Dinner at the EYCB</i>	<i>20.00: Dinner-cruise on the Halászbástya ship (until 23.00)</i>	<i>Dinner at the EYCB</i>	