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Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

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Board of Co-ordination

32nd meeting

Sunday, 13 October 2013, Strasbourg

REPORT

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was chaired by Mr Jarkko Lehikoinen, President of EYCA, Vice-Chair of the Co-ordination Board, in the absence of Ms Aleksandra Knezevic-Mitrovic, the Board's Chair, due to health reasons. The Board extended to Aleksandra its support and wishes of quick recovery.

The list of participants appears in Appendix I.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as it appears in Appendix II.

3. 2013 Partial Agreement's programme of activities

Mr Bob Forsyth gave a concise report on the programme of activities of the Partial Agreement in co-operation with EYCA as it appears in Appendix III. Document *AP/Carte-J(2013)1* gives a full description of the 2013 programme of activities.

**4. Draft programme of activities of the Partial Agreement for 2014-2015
(AP/Carte-J (2013)1)**

The Board of Co-ordination welcomed the new vision and strategy, and unanimously adopted the programme of the Partial Agreement for 2014-2015 which is part of the document *AP/Carte-J (2013)1*. Several governmental representatives insisted that clear definitions of youth mobility should be developed and that implication of research was very important. A mechanism should be found in order to enable youth card organisations to share data with the researchers, in the framework of national legal provisions. EYCA, in its turn, was involving more and more member states' National Youth Councils; that would continue to be one of its priorities for 2014-2015. After discussion on the budget, the group accepted that the latter would enable a maximum of 3 rather than 4 seminars to be delivered each year.

5. Follow-up to the expansion strategy of the Partial Agreement

A new member state, Bosnia and Herzegovina, joined the Partial Agreement in 2013. The representative of Bulgaria has made it known to the Secretariat that his country intended to join soon. During 2013 contacts were intensified with the governmental representatives of Poland, Turkey, Morocco, Belarus. The follow-up to these contacts will continue in the next biannual programme. The representative of Portugal informed the Board of the progress of the project implemented by the Portuguese Youth Institute to bring the youth card to Africa.

6. Any other business - None.

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Co-ordination Board will take place in the framework of the statutory bodies' meetings, 27-29 October 2014 in Strasbourg (EYC). An informal meeting during the statutory bodies' meeting in March 2014 in Budapest, as was already done in 2013, would be very welcome.

APPENDIX I**Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card****Board of Co-ordination****32nd meeting**

EYCS, 13 October 2013 (18h-20h)

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APPENDIX II

**Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card
Accord Partiel sur la Mobilité des Jeunes par la Carte Jeunes**

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DRAFT AGENDA

**32nd meeting of the Board of Co-ordination
European Youth Centre, Strasbourg
ROOM 3.1**

Sunday, 13 October 2013
18.0 – 20.00

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. 2013 Partial Agreement's programme of activities – oral report of the Director of EYCA
4. Draft programme of activities of the Partial Agreement for 2014-2015
(*AP/Carte-J (2013)1*)
5. Follow-up to the expansion strategy of the Partial Agreement – oral report of the Secretariat
6. Any other business
7. Date and place of the next meeting

APPENDIX III

2013 Partial Agreement's programme of activities – report of the Director of EYCA

Partial Agreement: Review and development process during 2013 Update presented to Coordinating Board in October 2013

Seventeen EYCA member organisations participated in a seminar in Madrid in December 2012: to consider youth mobility; to share knowledge and experience about existing responses to youth mobility; and to develop new ideas for improving youth mobility opportunities and outcomes. Findings were published in EYCA's Good Practice Series (GPS) in early 2013 (see <http://issuu.com/eyca>).

EYCA and the Council of Europe cooperated with Carnet Jove Andorra and the Andorran government to deliver a seminar in Andorra (February 2013): *'Developing Better Youth Mobility for young people and for Europe'* as part of Andorra's Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (9 November 2012 – 16 May 2013). International participants from CDEJ, youth NGOs and EYCA member organisations debated definitions of youth mobility in response to contributions from academic, business and policy-related perspectives. In addition, a specific workshop within the seminar focused on ideas for improving the Partial Agreement. The Seminar's findings were published as an EYCA GPS leaflet:

http://www.eyca.org/uploads/pages/60/eyca_gps8_mobility_seminar_andorra.pdf

In March 2013, a presentation from the Council of Europe Youth Department was included in a workshop with Polish youth policy partners in Warsaw to explore the potential contribution of youth cards to better national youth policy. The workshop was jointly organised by EYCA and the Polish Youth Projects Association (EYCA's Polish member organisation). The Partial Agreement was further discussed in a meeting with representatives of the Polish President's Office.

The Coordination Board held a working dinner for representatives of the CDEJ and the Advisory Council in Budapest in April 2013 in the framework of the statutory meetings of the Council of Europe youth bodies. Findings from the Andorra and Madrid seminars were presented, and the twenty-five participants added their ideas and suggestions.

The CDEJ representatives from the Partial Agreement-contributing countries participated alongside representatives from EYCA member organisations in a seminar in Edinburgh (April 2013) which considered European Youth Cards' impact on young people. Discussion at this seminar also considered how the Partial Agreement could better support EYCA member organisations to make a bigger impact on young people through more effective partnerships between youth card organisations and national governments. Presentations at this seminar included an academic overview; a description of the Partial Agreement by the Council of Europe Youth Department, including an up-dated vision on its added value to the governments; and a joint input by the Scottish Government and the Young Scot (EYCA member organization in Scotland).

In May 2013, the EYCA President called together a group of strategic advisers to consider how European Youth Cards could, and already do, respond to youth unemployment. Conclusions included EYCA identifying more opportunities to exploit its unique position of engaging equally with governments, with the business sector and with young people directly, in order to make a bigger impact on employability and entrepreneurship as important aspects of youth mobility. The Partial Agreement was identified as one of the key tools to support this strategy.

Fourteen EYCA member organisations participated in a seminar hosted by Evropski Omlandinski Centar (EYCA's member organisation in Serbia) in Belgrade, May 2013: '*Experiences with youth mobility and tourism*'. Within this seminar, a specific workshop and plenary discussion focused on how governments can benefit from closer engagement with youth cards, and on the potential implications and opportunities for the Partial Agreement.

EYCA's General Assembly in June 2013 included a presentation on the Partial Agreement from the Council of Europe Youth Department, and workshop discussions included participants considering how to improve the Partial Agreement to support their work more effectively.

A Study session for thirty-five participants from eleven different countries was organized by EYCA at the European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, in July 2013. The Partial Agreement was presented to this session by the Council of Europe Youth Department and participants were encouraged to consider how to build government support for partnership efforts to promote youth mobility and active citizenship. Ten national action plans for developing more effective youth mobility were created. A report was produced and submitted to the Council of Europe.

A dedicated seminar for Permanent Representations to the CoE in Strasbourg, in July 2013, brought together over 30 participants among which there were 18 permanent representations, to consider the role of youth cards as a tool to promote young people's mobility and employability. Participants valued the opportunity to hear perspectives from national policy-making, academic and business perspectives. Practical examples of how youth cards support young people's employability and mobility attracted most attention and discussion from participants. The delegations also appreciated to have this Seminar in the European Youth Centre.

Ideas, suggestions and discussions at all of the above workshops and events, along with more detailed discussions with the Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation and other colleagues at the Council of Europe, have informed the draft work programme which is proposed in this paper (*AP/Carte-J (2013)1*).