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Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

41st meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

**Monday, 15 October 2018
18.30 – 20.00
European Youth Centre, Strasbourg
Plenary Room**

Report

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The meeting was chaired by Eleftheria Christoforou, CDEJ representative of Cyprus. The list of participants appears in the Appendix.

2. Adoption of the agenda

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The Agenda was adopted without change as it appears in document AP/Carte-J (2018)OJ 41.

3. Adoption of the report of the 40th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

AP/Carte-J (2017)PV 40

The report of the previous meeting was adopted without change as it appears in document AP/Carte-J (2017)PV 40.

4. Implementation of the programme of activities 2018

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The Board of Co-ordination was up-dated on the two major events of this year: the Seminar on “Access of young people to rights and the role of the European Youth Card” (23-24 April 2018, Budva, Montenegro) and the Seminar on “Brain Drain – Brain Gain” in the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (29-30 October 2018, Zagreb, Croatia). The preparation of both events, with 70 and 80 participants respectively, had been regularly reported to the CDEJ. The first event had

already been documented by a report (see link <https://rm.coe.int/2018-pa-seminar-budva-montenegro-22-24-april-report/16808c76cd>), it was foreseen to produce a report on the second event too.

The representative of the Montenegrin youth card organisation mentioned that the seminar in Budva gave an important impetus to the development and promotion of the youth card in her country. 120 discounts had been added to the card since then, a new website was created and 50 cards would be presented to the most active young people on 16 October 2018. The Ministry for Youth and Sport took an active role in that promotion and would open a press-conference on this subject.

EYCA President pointed out that the Partial Agreement activities were very popular and appreciated by EYCA member organisations and that there were more and more governmental representatives taking part in the seminar, which was really encouraging.

5. Programme of activities 2019

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The Secretariat and EYCA Director presented the provisional programme for 2019. The promotional seminar of the Partial Agreement planned in December 2018 in Madrid was postponed till February 2019 on agreement with the Spanish authorities.

Aliansi, an NGO responsible for operating the youth card in Finland, would be involved in the preparation of the Partial Agreement seminar in May 2019 as a contribution to the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers. The theme would correspond to the priorities and themes of the Chairmanship itself and would deal with youth work and no-hate-speech on line with a focus on the contribution of European Youth Card to the creation of safe spaces on internet.

Concerning the event linked to the 2019 European Parliament elections, there was a question whether the activity should take place before the elections. EYCA Director stressed that participation should be fostered on different levels (particularly local one) and on different occasions, not just before the EP elections. The aim would be to look back at one year before the elections and analyse what happened in that period, and then draw the conclusions.

The representative of the Advisory Council (CCJ) made two proposals: to broaden the scope of work of the Partial Agreement and to link the seminars more explicitly to mobility issues.

EYCA Director explained that EYCA's vision of mobility was much broader than physical mobility and included a concept of "mobility in the mind", and thus the seminars tackled various facets of mobility. Also, the youth card needs to constantly consider ways of being always/more relevant to young people and co-operation with the Council of Europe provided this opportunity by tackling broader issues (prevention of radicalisation, access to rights and prevention of precarity; active participation and democratic citizenship; NHSM Campaign, etc.).

EYCA President found that this proposal gave possibility for better explaining this broader vision in the Calls for applications to the Partial Agreement events so that it could become clearer to many more young people. It had been decided that this would be done for the next events.

As for the first proposal, concerning broader methodology, the Secretariat replied that it had been agreed with the EYCA office 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. Then a programme of activities would be then developed taking into account the limited budget of the Partial Agreement.

7. Recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA – oral report

During the European Youth Event in Strasbourg on 1-2 June 2018 the Erasmus+ Volunteering Awards were organised by EYCA in co-operation with the European Commission. The Council of Europe was also present at the Awards Ceremony. It was a celebration of the achievements of young people volunteering abroad as part of an Erasmus+ or European Voluntary Service project. The Awards were a platform for young people to share their unique volunteering experience with their peers from across Europe, to inspire and encourage them to start their own volunteering adventure.

EYCA was currently in the process of creating an EYCA Youth Panel in order to hear from young people themselves what they thought about youth realities today. It was the idea put forward by a group of young people (cardholders) who came together at the EYCA Annual Conference, in Belgrade (Serbia) in 2017. They made a recommendation to the EYCA Board that cardholders should have a stronger voice when European Youth Card programmes and services were designed. The Youth Panel would give opportunity to young people to use their insights and experiences to help create services for over 6 million young Europeans while gaining essential skills and international working experience. The EYCA Youth Panel would be composed of 10 young people, aged 18 to 29, selected from among European Youth Cardholders.

EYCA also started a Youth Activation Campaign “Europe won’t change itself. Take the lead and make it happen!” with the aim of encouraging all young people over 18 to turn up and vote in the 2019 Elections for the European Parliament. There was no aim to orient the vote of young people for a particular candidate but to make young people find out more about the European Union, have their own opinions and cast an informed vote.

As part of co-operation with the Council of Europe Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes, EYCA was involved in the Routes4U Project, a joint programme of the Council of Europe and the European Union. The 30-month Project (2017-2020) aimed to foster regional development in the four EU macro-regions (Adriatic-Ionian, Alpine, Baltic Sea and Danube Region) through the Cultural Routes Programme of the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe was currently recruiting young professionals to create the [Routes4Youth network](#) as part of the programme to support regional development.

The next General Assembly of EYCA would take place in June in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The Partial Agreement secretariat and the CCJ representative(s) were as usual invited to participate and take an active part.

8. Any other business

The new Youth portal of the Council of Europe received much praise being user-friendly with easy access to themes and documents.

There was a request to the Secretariat to use document references instead of titles in electronic circulation for better identification, this would be done already for the next meeting of the Board of Co-ordination.

9. Date and place of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Co-ordination would take place in the framework of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Budapest in March 2019.

APPENDIX

List of participants

CDEJ representatives

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Mr Agustí PIFARRÉ

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Govern d'Andorra (Departament de Joventut i Voluntariat)

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Mr Rustam ABDULLAYEV

Leading advisor
Ministry of Youth and Sport

CROATIA / CROATIE

Ms Annamaria MAK (VUGA)

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

CYPRUS / CHYPRE

Ms Eleftheria CHRISTOFOROU

Youth Board of Cyprus

HUNGARY/HONGRIE *absent*

MONTENEGRO

Andrea POPOVIC

Youth Advisor
Ministry of Sports - Directorate for Youth

PORTUGAL (guest)

Mr Jorge Orlando QUEIROS

Instituto Português da Juventude, I.P.
Departamento de Informação, Comunicação e Relações Internacionais – Director

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

CCJ representative

Dominique SCHERRER, Federation of Swiss Youth Parliaments (FSPJ/FSPG)

EYCA representatives

EYCA President	Louise Macdonald
EYCA Director	Manel Sanchez
Hungarian Youth Card	Istvan Karasz
French Youth Card	Nicola Bahinnic
Finnish Youth Card	Jarkko Lehikoinen
Spanish Youth Card	Bruno Del Mazo De Unamuno
Maltese Youth Card	Miriam TEUMA

Secretariat

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