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## **Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card**

**44th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination**

**Strasbourg, 6 October 2020**

**ON-LINE MEETING**

### **PARTIAL AGREEMENT WORK PROGRAMME 2021**

#### **Introduction**

Co-operation with the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card of the Council of Europe is one of the core priorities of the European Youth Card Association. Both partners have been investing significant efforts to continuously strengthen their relationship in order to improve youth mobility and active citizenship for all young people in Europe.

The work programmes strive to accurately meet the needs of EYCA member organisations and those of governments who already contribute, and communicate more effectively its potential value to governments who could contribute.

Youth Mobility continues to be a priority for all policy-makers with an interest in youth affairs in Europe. Having in mind its different aspects (work mobility, learning mobility, cultural mobility, etc.), EYCA has a great potential to fill the gap which is recognised by all policy stakeholders when it comes to the available data and development of mobility policies.

European Youth Cards are a valuable tool for mobility of young people, which is to be further promoted and strengthened, but also to implement other policy priorities, such as: active citizenship, access to rights, quality youth work, inclusive societies etc. The European Youth Card connect young people to all a variety of services and opportunities and provide

communication channels which can enable policy-makers (1) to offer young people information, and (2) to consult young people directly.

### **Priorities**

Having in mind the [\*priorities for the 2020 – 2021 programme of activities of the Council of Europe's Youth Sector\*](#) adopted by the Joint Council on Youth, youth mobility is an important tool for achieving these objectives.

Therefore, the proposed specific aims for the Partial Agreement work programme for 2021 are:

- Support and encourage innovation in youth work and youth services, especially in the context of COVID-19 challenges;
- Explore how the European Youth Card can support resilience and participation of young people and access to their rights;
- Promote the European Youth Card as a tool for young people's social, economic and cultural inclusion.

### **A proposed work program 2021**

#### **1. PA seminar 50/50 for civil servants on youth policy and youth leaders “Building partnerships and promoting youth mobility in post COVID-19 context”**

The seminar will be dedicated exclusively to policy makers and civil servants from countries of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the European Youth Card and will be preceded by a survey to identify specific needs.

Objectives of the event:

- 1) Strengthen the community of policy makers and countries of PA on Youth Mobility and facilitate exchange of good practices among them;
- 2) Offer an unique space for members of PA on Youth Mobility to build stronger partnerships with European Youth Card organisations in their countries;
- 3) Identify specific challenges and needs related to mainstreaming youth mobility as a priority in youth policies, especially considering the COVID-19 situation and how it impacted mobility.

Location: Malta

Date: September 2021

Budget: 15.000 EUR

**2. PA seminar 'Mental health and Youth Work: the role of European Youth Card in supporting a resilient generation'**

One of the biggest side effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is a rise in anxiety, depression and other mental health issues among young people. Youth Work services across Europe have to re-adapt and pay more attention to the well-being of youth, as they are navigating unprecedented challenges, uncertainty and economic instability. The seminar will be dedicated to youth leaders, policy makers, mental health professionals and youth workers.

Objectives of the event:

- 1) Ensure mental health is being promoted as a policy priority at national and European level, respectively that youth work adapts and includes services to identify, guide and support young people with mental health challenges;
- 2) Offer the space for professionals and young people to have a coordinated approach on this topic and make recommendations for policy makers;
- 3) Identify how the European Youth Card infrastructure and resources can be used to raise awareness and destigmatize mental health issues.

Location: Slovenia

Date: November 2021

Budget: 15.000 EUR

**3. PA seminar. "Education on-line and in person: what did we learn and how the European Youth Card can help with re-building learning communities?"**

The academic year was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic and on-line education played a major role in young people's lives. However, it also revealed structural inequalities in terms of access to internet facilities or digital skills. Mobility in education was also significantly challenged, although it contributed to development of social silks which are impossible to acquire through on-line learning.

The present seminar brings together education policy makers, teachers, youth workers and pupils / young people to reflect, debate and make recommendations on improving the digitalisation process of education.

Objectives of the event:

- 1) Identify the challenges and opportunities in the framework of on-line learning, both for students and teachers, with the purpose of understanding better the impact it has

- on our societies;
- 2) Reflect and debate on the impact of youth mobility in education and understand how the European Youth Card services can adapt to new realities, possibly what other partnerships are needed;
  - 3) Make policy recommendations to recognise other forms of learning and possibly new communities which need support or new skills (ex: on-line facilitation and training).

Location: Hungary (preferably as part of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministries)

Date: May-June 2021

Budget: 10.000 EUR

#### **4. Presentations to the CDEJ and the Board of Co-ordination**

Updated presentations will be made to all meetings of the CDEJ (representatives on ministries responsible for youth affairs).

In addition, a presentation/half-day seminar for the Permanent Representations (diplomatic representations to the Council of Europe) could take place. EYCA will offer to host a dinner with Permanent Representations to the CoE in order to present the results of the program and its publications, especially the fund raising action.

Planned budget: 5.000 EUR.