

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

45th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

Thursday, 18 March 2021

ON-LINE

REPORT

1. Welcome, opening of the meeting and tour of introduction

The meeting was chaired by Jose Sousa (EYCA, Portugal), Chair of the Board of Co-ordination for the year 2021. The Board congratulated Jan Peloza as a newly elected President of EYCA. The list of participants appears in Appendix to this report.

2. Adoption of the agenda

[AP/Carte-J\(2021\)OJ45](#)

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the agenda of its 45th meeting as it appears in document AP/Carte-J(2021)OJ45.

3. Adoption of the report of the 44th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

[AP/Carte-J \(2020\)PV44](#)

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the report of its 44th meeting as it appears in document AP/Carte-J(2020)PV44.

4. Implementation of the programme of activities 2020:

Progress Review Report (PRR) [AP/Carte-J \(2021\)1](#); [AP/Carte-J \(2021\)2 annual report 2020](#)

The secretariat introduced this item drawing attention of the Board to two reference documents which were presented to its attention for the first time: Progress Review Report 2020 (PRR) and EYCA's Grant Agreement annual report 2020. The first served for the purposes of internal

control over the implementation of the Council of Europe programmes, including the work programme of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card.

The Covid-19 pandemic had an unprecedented effect on the implementation of the 2020 work programme of the whole Organisation and of the Partial Agreement in particular, the Board of Co-ordination was made acquainted with the relevant Progress Review Report (PRR) including such issues as possible risks to the running of the programme and lessons learned from working in the new circumstances. The annual report 2020 prepared by EYCA in the framework of the Grant Agreement 2020 gave the Board a full picture of EYCA's action in the framework of its partnership with the Council of Europe.

The Board was also informed on the results of the two surveys conducted by EYCA among member states and non-member states of the Partial Agreement within the latter's programme of activities 2020 and analysed by Dr Dan Moxon (European Pool of Youth Researchers) early 2021. The exchange of views which took place showed, as well as the replies of most of the PA member states, that the programme was working well and there were no real difficulties. There, in principle, shouldn't be any obstacles for new states to join.

The survey showed that promotional seminars were interesting not only for non-member states, but for member states as well. The presentations can include cost-effective benefits to reassure states that the Partial Agreement, by its size, was not really in competition for funds with other mobility projects such as Erasmus+. The European Youth card was also presenting opportunities for joining forces with the existing national/regional or local cards and thus reinforcing each other like many examples of co-branded cards were able to attest.

The surveys also pointed out that on-line activities could successfully combine with face-to-face activities and their potential should be efficiently used. On-line mini-sessions on important issues (for example, services going green, reaching out to vulnerable groups, to rural youth, etc.) could take place on-line regularly for 1,5 hour allowing civil servants in the youth departments to still keep up with their daily work while taking part in the Partial Agreement activities.

5. Programme of activities 2021 – oral up-date

[AP/Carte-J \(2020\)2](#)

The EYCA Director up-dated the Board of Co-ordination on the implementation of the programme of activities 2021, in particular, the Partial Agreement's promotional seminar that took place on-line on 16 March 2021. It was a transversal event where the Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes and a special edition of the European Youth Card co-branded with the Cultural Routes programme were also promoted.

The EYCA President, in his capacity of the Director of the Slovenian Youth Card organisation, confirmed that the joint event focusing on young people's mental health issues in Covid-19 pandemic – a high priority for many states – would take place, if conditions permit, in Ljubljana in the second half of the year.

It was also hoped that the 50/50 training (Summer, Malta) would take place as a face-to-face activity.

6. Recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA – oral report

[Link to the EYCA President Letter](#); [link to the EYCA Strategy 2021-2025](#)

The EYCA President introduced the EYCA Strategy 2021-2025:



EYCA Strategy
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and briefed the Board on the special attention it paid to co-operation with the Council of Europe and particularly with the Youth Department and the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility. The Board noted that the new EYCA Strategy was in line with the priorities of the Council of Europe and congratulated EYCA on its putting into practice the Council of Europe's co-management system. In reply to a question, the President replied that EYCA paid attention to the questions of cyberbullying: many EYCA members were actively engaged into the No Hate Campaign and EYCA had special awards for the organisations who worked on prevention and fight against bullying and cyberbullying.

The EYCA Director updated the Board on the recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA, in particular:

- recent developments in the European Youth Card Association;
- EYCA member organisations' response to the Covid-19 pandemic (updated information);
- preparation of the next EYCA General Assembly (October 2021, Saint Petersburg, Russia);
- preparation of the next EYCA Regional Meetings in June 2021;
- involvement of EYCA in the recent European Youth Work Convention;
- involvement of EYCA in the EPLM activities;
- connection between EYCA and other networks like ERYICA, Eurodesk and EYF;
- EYCA Youth Panel second edition.

7. Tour de table on national developments in the field of youth mobility and youth card schemes [Link to the table](#)

The Board of Co-ordination proceeded with a tour de table on recent developments in the field of youth mobility policy and in the national youth card schemes. The Board appreciated this exchange of information and good practices.

8. Any other business

None.

9. Date and place of the next meeting¹

¹ In the framework of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Budapest in October 2021.

Appendix

List of participants

Governmental representatives

1. ARMENIA

Artur **MARTIROSYAN**
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport

Narine **HOVHANNISYAN**
Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport

2. AUSTRIA

Markus **WOLF**
Federal Chancellery, Section VI - Family and Youth
Department 7 - European and International Family and Youth Policy

3. MALTA

Miriam **TEUMA**
Agenzija Zghazagh (Maltese Youth Agency)
Ministry of Education and Employment

Apologised

4. NETHERLANDS

Marcella **VAN DER KLOET**
Policy Officer, Youth Department
Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

Apologised

5. PORTUGAL

David **COSTA**
Movijovem | Marketing Director

6. SAN MARINO

Riccardo **VENTURINI**
State Secretariat for Territory and Environment, Agriculture, Tourism,
Civil Protection, Relations with the AASLP Company, Youth Policies

7. SLOVENIA

Zorko **ŠKVOR**
Secretary
Office of Youth, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport

Apologised

8. MOLDOVA

Marcel **MARIN**
Head of the Youth Department
Ministry of Education, Culture and Research

Absent

Representatives of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

1. Manel SANCHEZ, EYCA Director
2. Jan PELOZA, Slovenia, EYCA President
3. Jose SOUSA, Portugal, Board of Co-ordination Chair
4. Josep MOLINE, Catalan Youth Card, Spain, EYCA Vice President
5. Jarkko LEHIKONEN, Finland
6. Monica SALA, Andorra
7. Hector DEL BARRIO, Injuve Spain
8. David LAFUENTE, Injuve Spain

Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ)

Lydia SIAPARDANI
Youth Social Rights Network
Youth Mobility file within CCJ

Secretariat

Ms Natalja TURENNE, Administrator,
Responsible for the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card