



AP/Carte-J (2022)PV47

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

47th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

17 March 2022

ON-LINE

REPORT

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the secretariat, in view of the forthcoming election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Co-ordination of the Partial Agreement for the year 2022.

2. Adoption of the agenda

AP/Carte-J(2022)OJ47 and annotated

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the agenda of the current meeting as it appears in the reference document AP/Carte-J(2022)OJ47 available on the restricted website.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the term of office of 2022

At its 44th meeting (6 October 2020), Jose Sousa (EYCA, Portugal) was elected Chair and Riccardo Venturini (CDEJ, San Marino) - Vice-Chair of the Board of Co-ordination for the term of office of 2021. According to the Committee of Ministers' Resolution ResAP(2003)1 instituting the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, the position of the Chair in 2022 should be held by a governmental representative and the position of the Vice-Chair – by a representative of EYCA.

The Board elected Riccardo Venturini (CDEJ, San Marino) as its Chair and Jan Peloza (President of EYCA) as its Vice-Chair for 2022, by acclamation.

4. Tour of introductions of the newly elected Board of Co-ordination members and an update on recent developments in youth mobility policies and youth card scheme

(link to the table)

At their 1420th meeting (8 December 2021, item 8.1), the Ministers' Deputies, in their composition restricted to the representatives of the member States of the Partial Agreement on youth Mobility

through the Youth Card, appointed the following eight member States to sit on the Board of Co-ordination of the Partial Agreement in 2022-2023: **Azerbaijan, Croatia, Cyprus, Malta, North Macedonia, Portugal, San Marino and Serbia.**

The representatives of governments (CDEJ), of EYCA organisations and a representative of the Advisory Council for Youth (CCJ) introduced themselves and, where relevant, up-dated the Board on recent developments in the field of youth mobility policies and/or European Youth Card scheme development in their countries (please also refer to the table mentioned above).

5. Report of the 46th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

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The Board of Co-ordination took note of the report of its 46th meeting as it appears in document AP/Carte-J(2021)PV46.

6. Implementation of the 2021 programme of activities till 31 December 2021

AP/Carte-J(2020)2, AP/Carte-J(2022)1, AP/Carte-J(2022)2, Updated website

The secretariat and EYCA Director updated the Board of Co-ordination on the implementation of the Partial Agreement's programme of activities 2021 since the Board's last meeting on 8 October 2021, in particular regarding the results of the following three events: (1) seminar on "Mental health in digital environments – the role of the European Youth Card in supporting a resilient generation (18 October 2021, Ljubljana and on-line), (2) seminar on "European Youth Card as a tool to build resilient communities" (29 October 2021, Budapest) and (3) seminar "Reimagine our future: youth policies meeting new realities – the role of the European Youth Card in connecting topics with youth policy development (18-19 November 2021, Valetta, Malta). The reports and presentations of these events are available as reference documents as well as on-line. Several Board's members took part in these events and noted an excellent level of preparation, including the actuality and the deepness of the themes discussed.

They also noted an invigorating exchange of views at the last Board's meeting on the results of the surveys conducted among members and non-member countries of the Partial Agreement. The Task Force to debate these results in more detail and depth would meet in October 2022, most likely in the framework of the next statutory bodies. The idea to revive the underlying idea of the creation of this Partial Agreement – making young people from East and West meet – seemed to the Board members particularly topical.

7. Programme of activities 2022 – oral up-date on implementation

AP/Carte-J (2021)9, AP/Carte-J (2022)3, Updated website

The secretariat and EYCA Director update the Board of Co-ordination on the implementation of the Partial Agreement's programme of activities 2022, particularly the forthcoming 50/50 training for civil servants from the Partial Agreement member states and EYCA members to be held at the invitation of the Maltese authorities in Malta on 25-26 April 2022 in conjunction with the 2022 edition of the European University for Youth Policy (CDEJ Spring University). The concept note and a draft programme of the event had been circulated to the Partial Agreement member states on 21 February 2022 available also as a reference document. Miriam Teuma, the CDEJ Chair and host

of the event, underlined that the 50/50 training seminar would focus on youth work and ways in which European Youth Cards could be used to further it. She also provided some initial technical information. She encouraged the Board's and Partial Agreement's members to apply.

8. Expansion perspectives of the Partial Agreement – oral up-date

The recent highlights under this item were the accessions of North Macedonia in September 2021 and of Greece in January 2022. The secretariat and the EYCA Director updated the Board on the on-going negotiations with Turkey, Italy, Spain, Romania, Albania and Bulgaria who had shown interest in joining the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card. Many EYCA members and also CDEJ representatives from Partial Agreement member states engage in the promotion of the Partial Agreement and their contribution to this work is particularly valid.

9. Recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA – oral report

The EYCA Director updated the Board of Co-ordination on recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA, in particular:

- a package of measures of the European Youth Card destined at refugees in Europe;
- EYCA regional meetings and General Assembly in Brussels end of June 2022; the invitations would be circulated in due time;
- the development of the European Youth Card scheme in a few countries (Albania, Romania, Italy, Turkey, Spain, Greece), including large digitalisation of services as an aftermath of Covid-19;
- survey to gather young people's input on the future of Europe (over 3000 responses); major concerns for young people were noted as mental health, unemployment, capacity to develop, sustainability/climate; the research can be readily shared; the CCJ representative added that indeed inclusivity should become a priority for the youth sector's work and the Partial Agreement's and EYCA's too (refugees, disadvantaged-, rural-, with limited capacities youth);
- involvement in the Council of Europe's Youth campaign democracy here, democracy now;
- involvement in the EU European Year of Youth;
- next edition of the European Youth Card would be linked to Erasmus+ and Discover EU and a double travel pass with Interrail; the card continued to be distributed free of charge to all volunteers under Solidarity Corps;
- EYCA was partner to a new EU project of the European Student Card, concrete advantages were in the process of establishment.

10. Any other business – None

11. Date and place of the next meeting ¹

¹ In the framework of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Budapest or on-line in October 2022 depending on the sanitary situation.

List of participants

Governmental representatives

1. AZERBAIJAN - absent

2. CROATIA

Marina SMERNIĆ

Head of Independent Service for International Cooperation in the field of Demography and Youth
Central State Office for Demography and Youth

3. CYPRUS - absent

4. MALTA

Miriam TEUMA

Agenzija Zghazagh (Maltese Youth Agency), Ministry of Education and Employment

5. NORTH MACEDONIA – apologised for absence

Gjorgji TASEV, Advisor for Youth and Youth Policies to the Prime Minister

6. PORTUGAL

Jorge Orlando QUEIROS

Portugues Institute for Youth

7. SAN MARINO

Riccardo VENTURINI

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

8. SERBIA

Milan SAVIC

State Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports

Marija PETRONIJEVIĆ

Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Advisor

Department for International Cooperation and European Integration, MYS

Representatives of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

1. Manel SANCHEZ, EYCA Director

2. Jan PELOZA, Slovenia, EYCA President

3. Jose SOUSA, Movijovem, Portugal

4. Liliya Elenkova, EYC Bulgaria

5. Jarkko LEHIKONEN, Allianssi, Finland

6. Hillary Kid, Young Scot, UK

Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ)

Lydia SIAPARDANI, Youth Mobility file within CCJ

Youth Social Rights Network

Secretariat of the Youth Policy Division

Ms Natalja TURENNE, Administrator, Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility

Clementina BARBARO, Head of Youth Policy Division

Giovanna MONTAGNA, Assistant, Youth Policy Division