Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

48th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination
EYC, Budapest

Monday, 10 October 2022

REPORT

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Riccardo Venturini, CDEJ member in respect of San Marino, Chair of the Board of Co-ordination for 2022.

2. Adoption of the agenda
AP/Carte-J(2022)OJ48, annotated agenda

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the agenda of the current meeting as it appears in the reference document AP/Carte-J(2022)OJ48.

3. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023

In 2022 the position of the Chair was held by a governmental representative of the Board of Co-ordination, Riccardo Venturini, San Marino, and the position of the Vice-Chair – by Jan Peloza, President of EYCA, till 31 December 2022.

According to the Committee of Ministers' Resolution ResAP(2003)1 instituting the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, in 2023 the chairmanship should go to an EYCA representative, and the vice-chairmanship – to a governmental representative.

Jan Pelosa, EYCA President, presented his candidacy for the post of the Chair of the Board of Co-ordination and Riccardo Venturini, San Marino (CDEJ) - his candidacy for the post of Vice-Chair for 2023.

As there were no more than one candidacy for each post and no objection was voiced to these candidacies, the nominations took place by acclamation, in line with the previous practice.

4. Adoption of the report of the 47th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination
AP/Carte-J(2022)PV47

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the report of its 47th meeting as it appears in document AP/Carte-J(2021)PV47.

5. 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 members proceeded with an up-date on recent developments in the implementation of youth mobility policies and/or European Youth Card scheme on national level.

The Board also welcomed Emilija Gagrčin, European Federation for Intercultural Learning, a new CCJ representative responsible for the youth mobility file.

6. Expansion perspectives of the Partial Agreement – oral exchange

The secretariat and the EYCA Director updated the Board on the on-going negotiations with states which have shown interest in the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility (Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Italy, Spain).

7. Implementation of the programme of activities 2022
AP/Carte-J (2021)9;Partial Agreement's Progress Review Report (January - June 2022) AP/Carte-J (2022)4; AP/Carte-J(2022)5 (50/50 training report)

The secretariat and EYCA Director updated the Board of Co-ordination on the implementation of the Partial Agreement's programme of activities 2022 since the Board's last meeting on 17 March 2022, notably on the preparation of the thematic seminar "Democracy Done Right" on the role of the European Youth Card in increasing active participation of young people in society (Santa Severa, Italy, 16-18 November 2022) and on the promotional seminar in Brussels, Belgium, early December 2022. The Board's members who had taken part in the 50/50 training seminar in Malta shared their experiences and evaluation (see doc. *AP/Carte-J(2022)5* - report of the training, also available on-line).

8. Preparation of the programme of activities 2023
 AP/Carte-J(2022)6;

EYCA Director presented the initial proposals for the work programme of 2023, particularly two new formats of the activities: a study visit to Portugal and an interactive activity in co-operation with the authorities and EYCA member of Luxembourg possibly in co-operation with the Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes. The Board agreed with the proposed work programme 2023 and noted satisfaction that the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility continued to innovate and enrich its activities and outreach.

9. Recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA – oral report
link to the EYCA Strategy 2021-2025

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

- the forthcoming elections 2023-2024 for the third edition of the **EYCA Youth Panel**, which consisted of 11 young people aged 18-29 representing EYCA at external events (including the CCJ), helping it to steer EYCA's projects and providing feedback on EYCA's activities and organisation, and responsible for organising its own youth-led initiatives. One of its next tasks would be the organisation of a big youth camp in 2023;

- in mid-September, the EYCA Youth Panel met for a week's worth of activities in Mollina, Spain, in the framework of the **University on Youth Development** (UYD) organised by the

North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. With the overall theme focused on reinforcing youth participation outside of elections, an array of issues was explored: from preventing extremist influences on youth, to lessons on civic participation in the USA, and the role of inclusive design to allow the participation of all;

- EYCA was taking an active part in the **DiscoverEU** project - an action of the Erasmus+ programme that provided young people with an opportunity to explore Europe's diversity, learn about its cultural heritage and history, and connect with people from all over the continent, mostly by train, as well as to develop life skills such as independence, confidence, and openness to other cultures. The successful applicants were awarded a travel pass and a free European Youth Card;

- EYCA offered young people a free **special edition of the European Youth Card** valid until 31 July 2022. This new digital edition marked the celebration of the **Conference on the Future of Europe** process, a unique and timely opportunity for young European citizens to debate on Europe's challenges and priorities. This special edition was conceived as a token of EYCA's appreciation for young people's civic engagement following the launch of the **#STANDFORSOMETHING project**, a youth-led campaign with citizens' outreach events held across 16 European countries.

At its core were 21 Youth Activists committeed to gathering the views of their peers and bolstering youth-involvement in the Future of Europe Conference. The ideas gathered by these young volunteers during their outreach activities were included in a research and fed into the Future of Europe Conference. The #STANDFORSOMETHING initiative was funded by the European Parliament and implemented in partnership with EYCA.

10. Any other business

None.

11. 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 March 2023 in Strasbourg.

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