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PARTIAL AGREEMENT WORK PROGRAMME 2024

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 2024 work programme strives to answer the policy priorities of the Council of Europe in the youth field, to align with the needs of the European Youth Sector and explore the potential of the European Youth Card as an enhancer for youth mobility and active participation. The EYC infrastructure proved to be pivotal for public authorities in their efforts to engage young citizens, reach out to marginalised social groups and provide public services to young people.

Through the partnership with the Council of Europe and the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility, EYCA aspires to place the European Youth Card at the forefront of youth policies. Using the EYC outreach, facilities, connections with different actors in young people's lives and the knowledge gathered from being a youth-oriented product, EYCA aims to connect with Partial Agreement signatory states and support their efforts of effective youth policies implementation.

Priorities

Considering [the 2022-2025 Priorities of the Council of Europe youth sector](#), the work programme of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card reflects the need to engage young people in decision making and public discussions, to strengthen youth infrastructure and to create safe spaces for young people. The overarching theme of 2024 Programme is related to *Youth Infrastructure for Peace and Democratic participation*.

Therefore, the proposed specific aims for the Partial Agreement work programme for 2024 are:

- Create synergies among different stakeholders to boost investment in youth infrastructure: centres, services, spaces etc. and youth work, as a social safety net for all young people;
- Explore how the European Youth Card, as a youth mobility tool, can enhance sustainable youth infrastructure;
- Explore the role that the European Youth Card services can play to directly advance peace, conflict transformation and democratic engagement.

A proposed work programme 2024

1. Seminar «Youth infrastructure essentials: the role of the European Youth Card in advancing ecosystems for youth empowerment»

Young people need safe spaces where to fully express themselves and learn about active citizenship. Youth work delivered in these spaces actively contributes to building skills, knowledge and resilience for strong and democratic communities. Designing urban and rural planning by keeping in mind the needs of young population often means planning to embed youth infrastructure and youth policies in the overall local/national administration. The European Youth Card can play a strategic role in helping design and strengthen youth infrastructure, as it is directly connected to:

- Young people as ultimate beneficiaries;
- Public authorities at local and national level, given that most of the EYC services are linked to youth policies and the EYC has a direct recognition from public institutions;
- Private sector which can invest in youth infrastructure: from hubs to youth centres;
- Youth programmes and good practices at European level: from the Quality Label for Youth - Centres of the Council of Europe to programmes such as the European Youth Capital.

Objectives of the event:

- Create synergies between public sector, youth card organisations, NGOs, young people and companies to youth ecosystems (spaces, services, programmes);
- Offer a unique space for members of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility to build stronger partnerships with the European Youth Card organisations in their countries;
- Identify concrete ways on how European Youth Card can be embedded and play a crucial role in youth infrastructure at national and local levels.

Location: Podgorica, Montenegro

Date: 29-31 May 2024

Budget: 17.000 EUR

2. Walk the Talk seminar «Access of Rural Youth to culture: European Youth Card's role in promoting Cultural Routes» (working title) in co-operation with the Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

The seminar will build on the experience and results of the pilot *Walk the Talk* project conducted last year on 5-7 July 2023 in Luxembourg and will expand further into searching for best solutions to attract young people from rural areas to explore European Cultural Routes. The seminar will take place in conjunction with the Cultural Routes Forum in Vysegrad (25-27 September 2024) on "Transmission and innovation: Fostering youth participation along the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe".

The seminar will continue its innovative interactive format '*Walk the Talk*', where guests will be walking a few cultural routes passing through Budapest accompanied by experts, and simultaneously learning and exchanging about youth mobility, youth card, cultural heritage and cultural routes and ways of turning these exchanges into practical offers for young people in general and rural young people in particular. The National Education Authority of Hungary and the Hungarian Open Air Museum are partners in this project.

The main objectives of the seminar:

- Promote the European Youth Card as a tool for connecting young people, *in particular those from rural areas*, with the cultural offers of the Council of Europe member States, and notably Hungary;
- Open EYCA members to the cultural/heritage possibilities for young people, *in particular those from rural areas*, including the European Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, and encourage them to negotiate special offers for the European Youth Card holders;
- Provide networking opportunities between the civil servants of the Partial Agreements' member States and the European Youth Card organisations;
- Deepen co-operation between the two Partial Agreements.

Profile of expected participants:

- Representatives of member States of the two Partial Agreements;
- Representatives of EYCA member organisations, including EYCA Board members and EYCA Youth Panel;
- Young people/card-holders from rural areas;
- A number of representatives of cultural institutions, tourism developers, researchers and youth NGOs in relevant fields from various member states of the Council of Europe.

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Date: 23-24 September 2024

Budget: 17.000 EUR

3. Seminar «Urban youth participation through the European Youth Card »

This seminar is thought in a promotional format showcasing the advantages of being part of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility and models of good practices on urban youth participation through the European Youth Card.

Apart from Partial Agreement's member States, a number of states interested to join the Partial Agreement will be invited. The event is dedicated to Governments who are considering signing the PA on Youth Mobility and will showcase concrete examples on urban youth participation.

Objectives of the event:

- Promote the European Youth Card as a tool for policy development and implementation, at local, national and European levels, especially towards Government representatives;
- Share good practices on how the European Youth Card is developed by EYCA members especially with a focus on urban youth participation;
- Encourage Governments who have not signed the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility to do so and address 'youth mobility' as one of the priorities in their public policies;
- Promote the presentation video of the PA on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card.

Therefore, the profile of expected participants is:

- Representatives of governments working to develop and implement national youth policies and being interested to connect with the European dimension as regards the youth card and youth mobility;
- Representatives of EYCA member organisations, including EYCA Board members;
- Representatives of the Council of Europe.

Location: Andorra

Date: 5-8 November 2024 (including travel)

Budget: 7.000 EUR

Presentations to the CDEJ and the Board of Co-ordination

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

Location: Strasbourg

Date: in the framework of youth sector's statutory bodies in April and October 2024.