

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

37th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

**Monday, 17 October 2016
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Room 3.2**

UP-DATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2016

In accordance with the priorities 2016-2017 adopted by the Joint Council on Youth, the Partial Agreement's programme of activities for 2016 included the following:

PA-EYCA seminar "Mobility towards Inclusion: youth cards supporting young migrants and refugees" was organised in Samobor, Croatia on 10-11 May 2016. The choice of the place was guided by the intention to hold such an activity in one of the European countries affected by the refugee crisis. The participants were governmental representatives, EYCA members, youth NGOs. Taking youth work and youth activities as one of the key elements to prevent and combat social exclusion, hate speech and extremist attitudes, the aim of the Seminar was to debate and identify better opportunities for young immigrants and refugees when using the EYCA infrastructure. Young refugees and migrants also took part in the seminar which allowed to involve them at a higher level and to bring their voice into the public.

PA-EYCA Seminar on evidence on youth mobility was postponed to 2017 in view of the fact that the evidence research had not yet been finalised.

PA-EYCA promotional seminar for member states not party to the Partial Agreement took place in Sitges, Spain on 28 September 2016. The seminar presented the added value of the Partial Agreement as well as best practices developed by various European Youth Cards (Catalan, Portuguese, Scottish, and Hungarian) and examples of their successful co-operation with the state. Apart from EYCA member organisations,

governmental representatives from Ukraine, Belarus, Albania and Georgia took part in the seminar. The promotional seminar combined elements of the activity announced in document AP/Carte-J(2015)3 “**Get Connected**” using the Catalan Connecta't Programme (Get Connected) as an example of good practice in youth work. It consists of different actions and proposals that are aimed at promoting values such as solidarity, sustainability, belonging to Europe, participation, creativeness.

The Partial Agreement took an active part in the preparation, by the IJD France, of **the Launch of the European Youth Card FRANCE** on 13 September 2016 in Strasbourg. It took place in co-operation with the Youth Department and the Directorate of Communication of the Council of Europe, the City of Strasbourg, the University of Strasbourg and AFGES, the most important student union in the Alsace region.

The event introduced the card to an audience of young people, institutional representatives, local NGOs, youth information centres and journalists. One of the highlights of the event was the signing of an agreement between the Carte Jeunes Européenne and the Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, Ms Nawel Rafik-Elmrini. The two partners agreed to work together to promote youth mobility and participation to young residents in the city, with of view to expanding this partnership in the near future. The Launch continued throughout the day on the University campus with activities dedicated to young people.

The event was covered by the Council of Europe, local radio, TV and written press. For information, it can be visualised on the following links:

<http://www.alsace20.tv/VOD/Actu/6-minutes-eurometropole/Avalanche-bons-plans-Carte-Jeunes-Europeenne-YwFh4AjTM2.html> - a report on Alsace20 TV on 13 September event to launch the European Youth Card.

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/councilofeurope/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10155383966387715

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/coe/status/775977234087673856>

News item on the website:

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/the-launch-of-the-european-youth-card-in-france-empowering-europe-s-young-people>

PA's **seminar in the framework of the Cypriote Chairmanship** of the Committee of Ministers was postponed at the request of the Cypriote hosts from 5-6 December 2016 to early February 2017.

Promotional material “Card in the field: refugee relief actions”

A short film is being produced gathering evidence around Europe on how young cardholders and youth card workers participate directly in the actions supporting refugees and migrants (follow-up to the PA/EYCA Seminar in Croatia in May 2016).

Presentations to the CDEJ and to all PA’s members

Updated information on the activities of the Partial Agreement was presented to the CDEJ meetings in 2016.

On 17 October 2016 a traditional working dinner for all member states party to the Partial Agreement will take place in order to present the results of the 2016 programme, the proposed programme for 2017 and to up-date on the developments within EYCA.

If time and financial resources allow, a joint PA/EYCA visit could be organised to Minsk, Belarus, at the request of Belarussian partners, to present the PA and the youth card scheme to a wider specter of decision-makers from the youth sector, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.