

AP/Carte-J(2023)PV49

## **Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card**

**49th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination  
EYC, Strasbourg  
Monday, 13 March 2023**

### **REPORT**

#### **1. Welcome and opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Jan Pelozza, the current President of EYCA (Slovenia), Chair of the Board of Co-ordination for 2023. The list of participants appears in the Appendix.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

*AP/Carte-J(2023)OJ49, annotated agenda*

The Board of Co-ordination adopted the agenda of the current meeting as it appears in the reference document AP/Carte-J(2023)OJ49.

#### **3. Report of the 48th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination**

*AP/Carte-J(2022)PV48*

The Board of Co-ordination took note of the report of its 48th meeting as it appears in document AP/Carte-J(2022)PV48.

#### **4. Tour de table on national developments in the field of youth mobility and youth card schemes** *Link to the table*

It was recalled that one of the priorities of the Council of Europe intergovernmental co-operation in the youth field was to promote and support the development of youth policies, including youth mobility policies. In the absence of monitoring mechanisms to follow-up on the Council of Europe youth sector's work, the CDEJ adopted a «Self-assessment tool» available in 36 national languages, which developed “measurement” criteria (quality benchmarks and standard indicators) and methods **to assess progress made over time** and, as a result, define any necessary adjustments or changes. «Self-assessment tool» thus serves as a basis for **self-paced** youth policy development, mainly for member States, but also for other public stakeholders at various levels (local, regional, national, international). Nine EYCA member organisations had completed a “Self-assessment tool” on Youth Mobility pillar.

The Board of Co-ordination members also proceeded with a traditional up-date on recent developments in the implementation of youth mobility policies and/or European Youth Card scheme on national level.

## **5. Expansion perspectives of the Partial Agreement – oral exchange**

Bulgaria joined the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility on 9 February 2023 and Romania on 7 March 2023. The secretariat and the EYCA Director updated the Board on on-going negotiations with states which have shown interest in the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility, such as Latvia, Italy, Spain, Turkiye.

## **6. Implementation of the programme of activities 2022**

*PA's Progress Review Report 2022 [AP/Carte-J \(2023\)1](#); Report "Democracy Done Right" [AP/Carte-J \(2023\)2](#), Report Promotional Seminar (1 December 2022) [AP/Carte-J \(2023\)3](#)*

The secretariat and EYCA Director completed the up-date on the implementation of the Partial Agreement's programme of activities 2022 since the Board's last meeting on 10 October 2022<sup>1</sup>, i.e. a promotional seminar which took place in a hybrid format (in Brussels and on-line) on 1 December 2022.

## **7. Preparation of the programme of activities 2023**

Work Programme 2023 [AP/Carte-J\(2022\)6](#), Study Visit to Portugal [AP/Carte-J \(2023\)4](#)

The Board was updated on the preparation of the two forthcoming activities: a study visit to Portugal (3-6 April 2023) and an innovative interactive seminar "Walk the Talk" in Luxembourg.

## **9. Recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA – oral report**

The EYCA Director mentioned some recent and forthcoming developments in EYCA, in particular:

- the number of youth card holders in Europe grew to 8,2 mln; this was important in terms of outreach and positive engagement of young people in the communities and societies in which they lived;
- EYCA regional meetings (France, Romania, Belgium, Scotland UK, Spain), events such as "The maximizing effect seminar for EYCA" and #MadridEsNuestro, the new campaign of the European Youth Card, both in Madrid, co-operation with RYCO and EPLM;
- the new EYCA Youth Panel met for the first time in Prague (selected early 2023), this was a good moment for the new team to get to know each other and understand how to work collectively over the next two-year mandate;
- EYCA General Assembly in Podgorica, Montenegro, on 14-16 June 2023, there would be elections of the Board, the President;
- the development of the European Youth Card scheme across Europe, etc.

## **10. Any other business**

None.

**11. Date and place of the next meeting** (in the framework of statutory bodies in October 2023).

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<sup>1</sup> Previously, the Board's members were already updated on the 50/50 training seminar in Malta (see doc. [AP/Carte-J\(2022\)5](#) - report of the training, also available on-line).

# **Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card Board of Co-ordination (49<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

Strasbourg, 13 March 2023

## **List of participants**

### **Governmental representatives**

- 1. AZERBAIJAN - PASHAYEVA Nisa**  
Senior adviser for Youth NGO's Affairs  
Youth Department, Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- 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 - Maria CHRISTODOULOU**  
Youth Board of Cyprus
- 4. MALTA - Miriam TEUMA**  
Agenzija Zghazagh (Maltese Youth Agency)  
Ministry of Education and Employment
- 5. NORTH MACEDONIA - Gjorgi TASEV**  
Advisor for Youth and Youth Policies to the Prime Minister
- 6. PORTUGAL - Jorge Orlando QUEIROS**  
Portuguese Institute for Youth
- 7. SAN MARINO - Riccardo VENTURINI**, Board of Co-ordination Vice-Chair  
Ministry of Education and Culture and University, Research, Information, Sport, Technological Innovation and Relation with A.A.S.S.
- 8. SERBIA - Ivana ANTONIJEVIĆ**  
Assistant Minister  
Sector for Youth, Ministry of Tourism and Youth

### **Representatives of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA)**

1. Jan PELOZA, EYCA President, Slovenia, Board of Co-ordination Chair
2. Manel SANCHEZ, EYCA Director
3. Lilya ELENKOVA, Board member, EYCA Bulgaria
4. Jean Paul ROMEGAS, EYCA France
5. Miguel PERESTRELLO, EYCA Portugal
6. Nikolay YORDANOV, EYCA Madrid, Spain
7. Cristina TSANKOVA, EYCA representative in the CCJ, EYCA Youth Panel

### **Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ)**

Nina GRMUSA, European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL)

### **Guests (Partial Agreement member states):**

Kemal SALIC, BiH, CDEJ  
Enikő VARGA-VEGVARI, Hungary, CDEJ  
Igor JESIH, Slovenia, CDEJ

**Secretariat** - Natalja TURENNE, Administrator