

Country	Developments regarding the European Youth Card scheme and/or youth mobility policy by November 2024
<b>ANDORRA</b>	<p>Carnet Jove Andorra is hosting the next PA Seminar on 27 – 29 November on ‘<i>Urban youth participation and inclusive youth spaces</i>’.</p> <p>They have also received EYCA grants to exchange good practices with other member and have progressed with developing the EYC services. Carnet Jove Andorra is excelleing at branding and recognition of EYC in the country, including new benefits for young people in cluture and sports.</p>
<b>ARMENIA</b>	-
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<p><b>1) Roll-out of the digital youth engagement platofrm aha plus</b></p> <p>Volunteering plays an important role in Austria. Whether through associations or privately, long or short-term, on site or online, volunteering is highly valued. An important pillar in the promotion of volunteering is the involvement of committed young people. When it comes to volunteering by young people in particular, it is important to ask how volunteering is developing and how it can best be maintained and promoted.</p> <p>A landmark project in this regard is aha plus, which implemenation was strongly inspired by the Young Scot Rewards scheme. aha plus is a digital recognition and incentive system respectively a digital platform for young people in Vorarlberg who volunteer or would like to volunteer.</p> <p>Several other Austrian federal states are hoping to be able to co-operate the digital youth engagement platform in the future, whereby the respective regional youth cards and/or youth information centres would be respnsible for the implementation. A feasibility analysis of an Austria-wide roll-out of the Youth Engagement Platform, which was carried out in 2023 with financial support from the Federal Chancellery, has identified a model that makes a nationwide roll-out conceivable and technically feasible. In the summer/early autumn 2024 a project structure and a risk analysis for the implementation was developed in order to prepare important steps for the roll-out. The decisive steps lie ahead in the coming months: securing funding for the roll-out and clarifying and ensuring the necessary administrative framework conditions at regional and national level.</p> <p><b>2) Raiffeisen Bank has terminated contract with EYC Austria</b></p> <p>In June 2024 the Raiffeisen Bank has terminated the contract with the European Youth Card Austria with effect from 31.12.2024.</p> <p>The EYC in Austria is based in particular on cooperation with co-brands (with regional youth cards and the Raiffeisen Club Card) and the income generated by the cooperation with Raiffeisen Bank is of outstanding importance for the operation of the EYC in Austria.</p> <p>In the coming weeks and months, the EYC Austria will be working out various scenarios for the future for the European Youth Card in Austria.</p>

	<p>The next step is to examine the extent to which a cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology can be entered into in favour of both sides, with concrete consideration being given to co-branding with the KlimaTicket for ticket holders up to the age of 25.</p> <p>Other valuable cooperation partners and partnerships are also being examined.</p> <p>However, the licence holder of the European Youth Card in Austria is also seriously considering leaving the EYCA.</p>
<b>AZERBAIJAN</b>	-
<b>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b>	<p>PRONI is still issuing the European Youth Card to the young people from all Bosnia and Herzegovina and we are in constant meetings with the authorities trying to improve and get any support from the State Ministry and we have contacts with the discounts providers in Bosnia and Herzegovina, renewing the contracts.</p> <p>PRONI is currently implementing 18 youth related projects in programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Balkans region, working directly with more than 2000 young people while reaching about 2 million people on our social networks. Four of those projects are funded by the Erasmus+ youth program directly involving youth in mobility and learning.</p>
<b>BULGARIA</b>	<p>NYCA has the ESC quality label. We host volunteering from different countries such as France, Spain, Germany, Romania, Ukraine. Also, we have partnerships with other youth organizations for youth exchanges.</p> <p>Based on the Handbook on quality in learning mobility, we developed a Guideline for our volunteers. We encourage 2 of them to do the assessment of their volunteering experience using the Handbook.</p>
<b>CROATIA</b>	
<b>CYPRUS</b>	<p><i>Activities of the organisation over the past month include:</i></p> <p>Social media campaign and realization of 3 Giveaway competitions through our social media for the promotion of the card (back2School – already completed, Christmas and Easter time).</p> <p>Promotion of the card during the UniFEST Festival in September in the 2 biggest public Universities, and the implementation of competitions in order to increase awareness. It is worth noting that about 150 students agreed on the spot to complete the steps for their EUYC during the UniFEST Festival.</p> <p>Promotion of the card during the “Up to Youth Festival” organised every September by the Youth Board of Cyprus with the participation of more than 70 NGOs working directly with young people. The Festival is open to the public and is visited by more than 5000 individuals every year.</p> <p>Promotion of the card, at a Cypriot level, to all high schools through the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth.</p> <p>Promotion of the card to the newly recruited soldiers through the Ministry of Defence</p>

<b>FINLAND</b>	-
<b>GREECE</b>	<p><i>Updates from the Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs:</i></p> <p>European Youth Card Greece has successfully managed to approach twenty-six (26) Municipalities so far across the country within our strategic plan of specialized targeting partnerships with young people all over Greece and by participating in actions of good practices, such as festivals, Youth Committees Conferences, Educational Seminars and Youth Competitions in Municipal and Community level.</p> <p>This local society approach has given us the opportunity to understand the differentiations and the needs of young people depending on the social and educational conditions of each region. Also, to create to the extent possible, adequate opportunities and mainly to provide them accessible and high quality services and solidarity activities by identifying locally relevant and agreed-upon priorities for improving young people's education, health and means of transport aligned with the corresponding incentives provided from the Greek state.</p> <p>Specifically, young people's priorities are different in big cities compared to the rural area of the country, especially in mountainous/island or remote areas. Our partnerships with the majority of e-learning Universities (e.g. University of Athens), Public Transportations, and Health Group "Affidea" have contributed to limiting the desolation of small communities by providing young people the same privileges/opportunities with those who live in big cities.</p>
<b>HUNGARY</b>	The EYCA member is working to digitalise all European Youth Card services.
<b>IRELAND</b>	-
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	Currently, there are no changes regarding the Youth Card Scheme or the Youth Mobility Policy. However, following the reorganization of the youth sector due to recent shifts within the Ministry of National Education, Childhood, and Youth, a review of the youth information framework will be launched to develop and enhance its effectiveness. This initiative will help to increase the visibility of mobility opportunities and the Youth Card in the medium term. Discussions are also underway to connect the Youth Card to other schemes, such as the University of Luxembourg's student card.
<b>MALTA</b>	<p>The National Youth Policy 2021-30 'Towards 2030 Reaching out to, working with, and supporting young people' aims "to effectively support and encourage young people in fulfilling their potential and aspirations while addressing their needs and concerns, and to effectively support young people as responsible citizens who participate in and contribute to the social, economic, political and cultural life of the nation and Europe and in addressing global issues."</p> <p>We are Eurodesk Mobility Advisors. This means we are responsible for the promotion of programmes within the network such as Time To Move and DiscoverEU.</p> <p>We take part in mobility projects such as Erasmus+ and DiscoverEU.</p>

	<p>We promote European networks such as EYCA and Eurodesk, as well as programmes like Erasmus+, and ESC by organising youth info points, sessions, and programmes in secondary and post-secondary schools, organise conferences for example a conference with young people in band clubs, and spread information during services such as detached youth work service.</p> <p>We disseminate information through a monthly newsletter called 'What's On?', along with social media dissemination throughout the year. Content includes information and opportunities from aforementioned networks, as well as opportunities by The European Youth Foundation, Erasmus+ and EYCA.</p> <p>Through the DiscoverEU Inclusion Action, groups of young people attending our day programme 'Youth.Inc' set up a travel experience project across Europe, with the support of youth workers. The DiscoverEU Inclusion Action is specifically designed for young people with fewer opportunities, providing the necessary support to ensure they are on par with their peers in accessing such opportunities.</p>
<b>MOLDOVA</b>	-
<b>MONTENEGRO</b>	<p>Every three years, our team creates a new Strategic Program for the development of the EYC Card in Montenegro with the Ministry of Sports and Youth.</p> <p>Indicator number 1 (<i>Information and counselling services on youth mobility opportunities are available.</i> ) is an integral part of the program.</p> <p>Also, we discuss this topic through various activities such as workshops, mentorship and others.</p>
<b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>	
<b>NORTH MACEDONIA</b>	
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<p>This year of 2024 our flagship programme for Youth Mobility is ANDA Conhecer Portugal, projecting projects that are developed on a european dimension also in our own territory, meaning that all the students that finish highschool in 2022/2023, this year 2023/2024 and next year 2024/2025, will have access to a Voucher that provides them with 6 nights in Youth Hostels and 7 days by train, free of charge. This will allow them, in a universal way, to reinforce their life experience.</p> <p>Apart from this flagship directed more to the national youth policy we have increased our participation in several International events and Exchanges, organising this year Future of Europe Erasmus supported exchange with young people from Spain, France, Germany, Poland, Norway and Latvia (Q3 related)</p> <p>All of the content defined for the Future of Europe 2024 - European Youth as Agents of Sustainability, organised by Movijovem in Guimarães 17-23</p>

	june, was shared among the 7 organisations from the different countries for them to spread it in their own networks
<b>ROMANIA</b>	We have initiated partnerships with ERASMUS offices from universities and with the program National Youth Capital through witch we participate in meetings with young people and offer them information related to how the European youth Card helps them to achieve a higher degree of mobility in all its aspects.
<b>SAN MARINO</b>	-
<b>SERBIA</b>	
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	SLOAM is sharing experience witin EYCA network and continues to provide cardholders with opportunities and benefits in areas of culture, youth information, economic autonomy and lifestyle.
<b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>	
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	-