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**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ERYICA AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

**Joint Co-ordinating Committee**

29<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Strasbourg, 17 October 2018 (14:30-16:30)**  
EYCS, Room 5.1

***Report***

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The Secretariat opened the meeting pending the election of the chair, followed by a round of introductions. The list of participants appears in Appendix.

**2. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair**

The Joint Co-ordinating Committee (JCC) elected Miriam Teuma (Malta), chair of the CDEJ, as chair, and ERYICA representative, as vice-chair of the JCC, for a one-year term of office.

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

[CC-ERYICA\(2018\)OJ 29](#)

The agenda was adopted without change as it appears in CC-ERYICA(2018)OJ 29.

**4. Implementation of the grant agreement 2018**

[Grant agreement 2018](#); [CDEJ\(2018\)11](#); [CDEJ\(2018\)12](#)



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The implementation of the grant agreement in 2018 was discussed in depth at the 61<sup>st</sup> meeting of the CDEJ under items 7.1 “Assistance to member states” and 7.2 “Quality Label” to the satisfaction of member states concerned and the CDEJ in general. Thus, the JCC agreed to pay particular attention to items 5 and 6 of the current agenda.

**5. Preparation of the draft grant agreement 2019**

[Concept note for the draft grant agreement 2019](#)



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The Head of the Youth Department stressed that nowadays more and more attention was being paid to digital literacy, however face-to-face youth information and counselling should not be neglected, thus the Council of Europe was interested in continuing its fruitful co-operation with ERYICA.

The ERYICA President presented the proposals for the 2019 programme (see above). This proposal had been discussed with the ERYICA members and ERYICA's Governing Board. The main thinking behind this proposal lay in the fact that young people – a target group for all interested in propagating information – had the right to quality information as nowadays the sources of information, particularly on the Internet, were not easily identifiable, nor were their motives. ERYICA's ambition was to have a quality label for youth information centres which would indicate to young people that the labelled service was a safe information source. This label should be easily recognisable by young people and they should feel they have a link to it. Young people's opinion on the information provided could be part of the criteria for labelling offline and online services. The European Youth Information Charter was the backbone of that work which would be in principle a two-year project (2019-20).

ERYICA's Director mentioned that the concept note was only a preliminary proposal which would be finalised by a working group in which the diversity of countries and stakeholders, including young people, would be represented. It was foreseen to finalise a guide for the implementation of the European Youth Information Charter. The representative of the Advisory Council confirmed that this was very much needed.

The Head of the Youth Department briefly explained the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres stressing that it was a "self-paced" development. The European dimension should be present there too. She suggested that possible links between the Quality Label of the Council of Europe and a quality label of ERYICA should be examined, and the latter possibly connected to the youth policy criteria of the Council of Europe (for example, the self-assessment tool on youth policy development in the area of information). Also, in order to deal with the recommendations of centres eligible for a youth information quality label, ERYICA could use the network of Youth Centres holding the Quality Label created by the Council of Europe, knowing that ERYICA itself had its own network and functioned with partner co-ordinators on national and regional levels.

The Chair underlined that the labelled centres needed to have something special, a European dimension (for example mobility, European issues) that would distinguish them from other centres, as all youth information and counselling centres have as their core mission the provision of quality information. The Executive Director of the European Youth Centre in Budapest, who coordinated the Quality Label for Youth Centres programme, underlined that the eligibility criteria and selection should be extremely clear and the scope of the label should be considered thoroughly. The process from expression of interest to receiving an award was very intensive work-wise (for both parties) and a major challenge was quality



assurance and upkeeping of the standards. A concern was raised that “equality” of access to quality information should also be one of the important criteria for the label.

All the speakers recognised that the challenge lay in addressing or labelling the quality of information itself. A more realistic option would be to provide the label for youth information services, meaning the source of information. In this way, any information provided by a service that has acquired the label would be able to label the online and offline information it offers. That would make the label more visible to young people, which is the main aim. There are some good practices of youth information quality labels in the ERYICA network, which will be studied by the working group in the framework of the project.

#### 6. Possible revision of the:

- Partnership Agreement between ERYICA and the Council of Europe
- Rules of Procedure of the Joint Co-ordination Committee

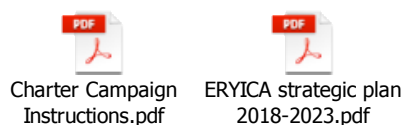
[Proposals for the revised Partnership Agreement and the revised Rules of Procedure](#)



ERYICA’s President conveyed the wish of ERYICA’s Governing Board to update the Agreement between the Council of Europe and ERYICA. The secretariat then briefly presented the technical nature of the proposed changes and indicated both the advantages but also possible risks of the revision. ERYICA found all of the secretariat’s proposals fully acceptable. The proposals by ERYICA concerned the inclusion of the two recently adopted Council of Europe recommendations on youth work and on access to rights on page 3, and the substitution of “organise trainings” by “develop capacity-building activities and resources” on page 4; these proposals raised no objections. The revised Rules of Procedure also met ERYICA’s full agreement.

The secretariat informed ERYICA of the next steps: the revised Partnership Agreement would be sent to the legal advice and the proof-reading services according to Council of Europe rules and would be presented to the CDEJ Bureau in January 2019 (for information and possible discussion) and the CDEJ plenary meeting in March 2019 (for approval) before being forwarded to the Committee of Ministers (through its relevant Rapporteur Group) for authorisation for the Secretary General to sign it on behalf of the Organisation. A small official event might be organised if circumstances allowed.

#### 7. Recent developments within ERYICA, including European YI Charter Campaign



Recent developments within ERYICA were reported in detail by ERYICA’s Director in the CDEJ plenary two days earlier under item 6 “Recent developments in youth policy development - Tour de table” and touched upon, among other things, the European Youth

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Information Charter Campaign which had started on 15 October 2018, as well as ERYICA's strategic plan 2018-23. Thus it was considered that this item had already been covered.

## **8. Any other business**

ERYICA had launched a Youth Ambassadors project involving motivated young people who advocated for young people's right to information and participated in numerous ERYICA activities. ERYICA's representatives asked whether one of them could be an observer with the Advisory Council. The secretariat would check the terms of reference and, if there was no legal obstacle, this request could be added to the terms of reference in 2020.

ERYICA's General Assembly would take place on 15-17 May 2019 in Tallinn (Estonia). Invitations would be sent to the Council of Europe representatives as usual.

9. **Date and place of the next meeting** – in the framework of the October 2019 meeting of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Strasbourg



**APPENDIX**

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**ERYICA representatives**

Jaana Fedotoff (Finland), President of ERYICA, JCC-Vice-Chair  
Eva Reina, Director of ERYICA

**CDEJ representatives**

Miriam Teuma (Malta), CDEJ Chair, CMJ Chair, JCC Chair  
Zorko Skvor (Slovenia), CDEJ member  
Natalia Radchuk (Ukraine), CDEJ member

**CCJ representative**

Patricia Goncalves

**Secretariat representatives**

Antje Rothmund, Head of the Youth Department  
Florian Cescon, Head of the Youth Policy Division  
Natalja Turenne, Administrator, responsible for co-operation with ERYICA  
Gordana Berjan, Executive Director of the European Youth Centre Budapest, responsible for the European Quality Label for Youth Centres