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REPORT

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

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Present: Anja Frohner, ERYICA Director, Imre Simon (on-line), ERYICA project manager, Alix Ramos (CDEJ, Luxembourg), Jorge Orlando Queirós (CDEJ, Portugal), Peter Török (CCJ) and the secretariat: Tobias Flessenkemper, Clementina Barbaro and Natalja Turenne.

The meeting was opened by the secretariat. The agenda was adopted as it appears in document CC-ERYICA(2025)OJ36.

2. Nomination of the Chair of the meeting

The JCC unanimously agreed that the meeting should be chaired by the secretariat.

3. Recent developments within ERYICA - an oral up-date

At the 36th ERYICA General Assembly (19-21 May 2025) in Chisinau, Moldova, five organisations received the European Youth Information Quality Label: Federation Infor Jeunes Wallonie/Bruxelles (Belgium), Harno (Estonia), Zett (Germany), Eurodesk Italy (Italy), Dirección General de Juventud de la Comunidad de Madrid (Spain). With these additions, 15 organisations have now been recognised over the years for their commitment to quality youth information. The 36th General Assembly also marked the three-year review of the first group awarded in 2022, demonstrating ongoing dedication to maintaining these standards.

From 17 to 20 June 2025, the ERYICA network brought together 25 youth professionals from 12 countries for the **ALTYO Training Course on Advocacy and Lobbying for Youth Organisations**, held in Vilnius, Lithuania. Participants explored the tools and strategies to champion youth information rights—locally, nationally, and at the European level. Hosted by LiJOT and supported by Erasmus+, this training was about networking and empowering action to ensure that youth information services remain **visible, valued, and influential** in both practice and policy - and that youth needs are heard.

In late September 2025, around **30 youth (info) workers, trainers, and psychologists** from across Europe gathered in Samobor, Croatia, to take part in the **pilot training of [Do You Mind?](#)**, an Erasmus+ KA2 project on youth mental health. The five-day training aimed to strengthen youth (info) workers' capacity to support young people's mental well-being, offering a space for exchange, reflection, and practical learning. Their experience and expertise brought a very dynamic and comprehensive approach and created a positive synergy where everyone learn from each other.

ERYICA and the partners of the [AI Youth Navigator](#) KA2 project took part in the **AI tools training for youth info work** from 7-9 October 2025 in Šibenik, Croatia. Fifteen selected participants with different backgrounds and experience in youth (info) work (youth workers, trainers, managers, school social workers) from the partners countries tested 16 AI tools.

One of the highlights of the ERYICA's action would be launching [youthinfo.ai](#), ERYICA's new project on AI. The consortium of this new project, coordinated by ERYICA, [youthinfo.ai](#), would have its first face-to-face meeting in Cagliari, on 2-3 December 2025, hosted by Eurodesk Italy. This 2-year project would focus on AI in youth information work through different angles: **ethics, the use of chatbots, training on AI and automation, and webinars on critical thinking**. The first year, six publications would be released, including: "Ethical use of AI in youth information work", "Chatbots in youth information work" (a report on desk research on the use of chatbots in youth information work; recommendations and guidelines on the use of chatbots in youth information work; and Guidelines on the impact and use of AI on search engine optimisation; and "Understanding AI as a youth information worker" (a report on youth information workers' AI literacy).

In 2027, the consortium would give European youth info workers the **opportunity to attend webinars and trainings**. Partners would organise national dissemination events, and the project would be concluded by a final seminar in Autumn 2027.

Another important event would be **First Residential of the ERYICAdemy 2025–2026 Cycle "Shaping Tomorrow's Trainers"** (2-5 December 2025) - a key milestone in its long-term effort to strengthen training excellence across the European youth information field. Hosted in collaboration with the Institut Valencià de la Joventut (IVAJ) and implemented within ERYICA's Erasmus+ KA1 accreditation, the four-day gathering would bring together 20 youth information professionals from 11 countries, guided by a team of ERYICA-certified trainers and an ERYICA training coordinator. Participants would explore: the ERYICA Training System, Facilitation Skills for Youth Information Training, Preparation for Designing Microteaching Sessions, Team Building & Trainer Development, and Understanding Youth Information Realities.

Last but not least, the European competence framework for youth information workers, [YouthInfoComp](#), was now available in German and Portuguese bringing this essential resource to 12 linguistic versions.

4. Implementation of the work programme 2025

The detailed presentation of the implementation of the work programme 2025 appears in the Narrative Report 2025. The ERYICA Director had already presented the developments as regards the Quality Label for the Youth Information under item 3.

Clearly, the highlight of this year's activity was the **Seminar on Climate Action and Youth Information** "*Equipping Youth with Skills for Climate Action: Youth Engagement and Effective Information Sharing*" (European Youth Centre Strasbourg on 12-13 November 2025). The event addressed a pressing challenge of our time, which is at the same time an important factor in young people's mental health: climate and its change. Climate action and its connection to youth information provision were the main focus of the programme, in light of the new Council of Europe Recommendation on Young People and Climate Action. Youth (information) workers, young people, green NGO representatives and stakeholders such as the CoE Advisory Council on Youth and EYCA representatives participated in joint discussions and forward-looking planning. The seminar provided a collaborative space to equip young people with the skills necessary for effective engagement in the vital area of climate action. All participants were very energetic and knowledgeable and rated their experience at the seminar very high.

The report of the seminar is available on-line.

As regards the translation from Catalan into English of the eLearning course initially developed by the ERYICA's Catalan member for its own needs with a delivery planned for this year, ERYICA requested in May 2025 a minor amendment to the Grant Agreement 2025 which concerned the prolongation of the deadline for the delivery (2027). Not only it was realised that the prices for the translation from the less common languages was more expensive, but more importantly it was discovered that the eLearning Platform had numerous hidden SCORM packages constituting the majority of the text. The translation of these packages was not considered in the planning stages of the Grant Agreement 2025. Thus, it was proposed that the final cost of the translation be divided between 2026 and 2027. The Council of Europe had agreed to that amendment.

5. Preparation of the work programme 2026

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The detailed proposal of ERYICA for the work programme of the ERYICA-CoE Partnership for 2026 is set out in document CC-ERYICA(20205)1 and includes:

- continuing to advance and strategically support the promotion and the implementation of the European Youth Information Quality Label;
- providing eLearning opportunities, enabling youth (information) workers and youth sector professionals to enhance their skills and expertise by completing the Advanced YIntro translation and delivering the eLearning course;
- promoting and developing youth information and counselling services in recognition of their 40 years of networked presence in Europe;
- promoting recognised CoE-ERYICA partnership resources and CoE youth policy tools and documents.

The JCC supported the proposed concept for the work programme 2026 and paid particular attention to the subpoint "**Future strategy**": a threat posed by the changing information ecosystem (information overload, digital media, literacy gaps) which would be addressed through **a dedicated seminar** aimed at developing future-oriented strategies and actionable recommendations and examine youth information and counselling as a profession and a service. In this context, the Head of the Youth Department made a proposal that this seminar could be

linked (as a separate event or as an integrated part) to the “**Journalists Matter**”, a **CoE Campaign for the Safety of Journalists**. This initiative started in 2023 aimed at **promoting media freedom and protect journalists from violence, threats, and harassment** while performing their duties. The Campaign was a **5-year project** meant to cover all CoE member States. An event “**Youth Facing Disinformation - Why Journalists Matter**” would be held on 9-10 November 2026 in the EYCS.

The JCC found it an excellent idea and asked the secretariat to start the necessary contacts to link the two activities. With this, the concept note for the work programme 2026 was adopted.

6. Strategic partnership between the Council of Europe and ERYICA in light of the conclusions of the 10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers for Youth (Malta, 8-9 October 2025) [Link to the Declaration](#)

The Head of the Youth Department introduced this item by underlining that ERYICA’s co-operation with the Council of Europe was mentioned in the Declaration of the 10th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers for Youth which was very important as it both recognised its value and legitimised it. It meant that this co-operation had its usefulness with regard to the youth sector’s priorities and asked for an outlook for further steps and connections, as the integration of the youth perspective offered increased opportunities of co-operation with other sectors of the Council of Europe.

An example of this was the already mentioned Seminar on Climate Action (11-13 November 2025), when Elena Brodeala, Legal Advisor at the Freedom of Expression and CDMSI Division, presented the CDMSI’s work and stressed the importance of strengthening media and information literacy, protecting freedom of expression, and promoting quality journalism and free, pluralistic media as essential tools to counter climate-related mis- and disinformation. As regards the prospectives for 2026, linking the planned seminar on youth information challenges to the Council of Europe Campaign “Journalists Matter” would be in line with such strategic outlook.

7. Any other business

8. Date and place of the next meeting

(in the framework of the statutory bodies of the youth sector of the Council of Europe in Autumn 2026)