

**Reimagine our future: youth policies meeting new realities.**

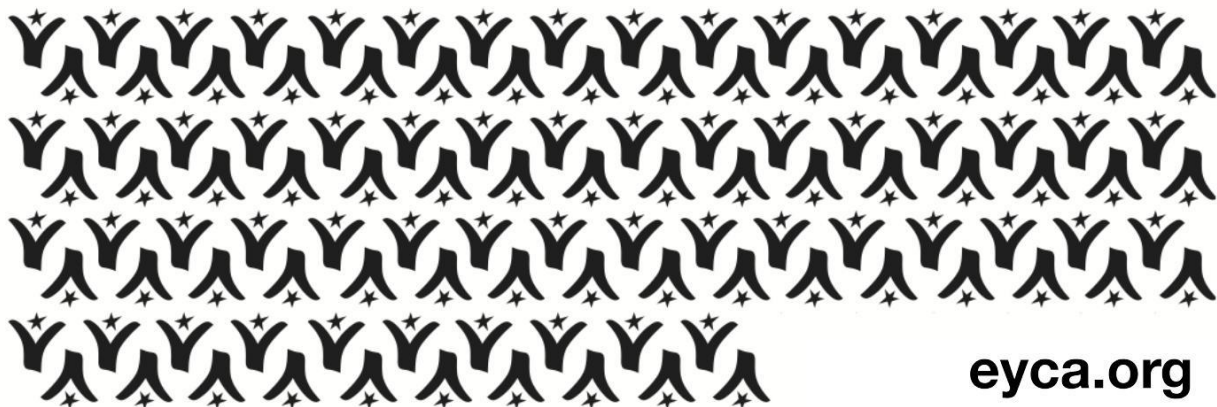
**The role of the European Youth Card in connecting emerging topics with youth policy development.**

**18 -19 November 2021 (mornings)**

**Valletta, Malta**

Thematic on-line seminar of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and the European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

Concept Note and Provisional Programme



## Introduction

The seminar *“Reimagining our future: youth policies meeting new realities”* is organised as part of the 2021 work programme of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card. It will offer policymakers and other stakeholders the space to debate and reflect on emerging topics that need to be addressed in youth policies and programmes, particularly through the European youth card scheme.

## About the organisers

**The Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card** exists since 1991 and is a programme of the Council of Europe<sup>1</sup> aimed at developing the youth card scheme, particularly at European level, in the best interests of young people with a view to facilitating their mobility as well as access to the various goods and services necessary for their personal and cultural development.

**The European Youth Card Association (EYCA)** groups 36 youth card organisations all over Europe and is the Partial Agreement’s statutory partner. EYCA’s vision is a Europe where all young people are mobile and active (socially, culturally, educationally and economically). EYCA’s mission consists in delivering quality youth card services and in contributing to a better policy on youth mobility and active citizenship. Today, over seven million youth cardholders benefit from youth card opportunities.

**Agenzija Żgħażaġh (Malta)** provides young people with the time and space to make friends, learn in new ways and develop their talents through its regional youth services and an extensive empowerment programme. Through an interactive youth information service, Agenzija Żgħażaġh provides information on services and opportunities for young people as well as listening to their views on issues that impact their lives.

## About the seminar

One of the priorities of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility for 2021 is to *“support and encourage innovation in youth work and youth services, especially in the context of COVID-19 challenges”*. The pandemic has led to major disruptions in everybody’s life. As our societies try to get back to normal, policymakers and all those involved in youth issues need to address new challenges faced by young people in a pro-active way, through adapted youth policy development and tailored programmes for young people. Addressing the effects of the pandemic requires creativity and cross-sectoral approach in youth policy development.

### The seminar aims to:

- a) Offer latest information (based on research) and inspiration (based on good practices) to policy makers regarding the new realities faced by young people;
- b) Create the space for debate, reflection, and partnership-building to address new and more complex challenges faced by young people;
- c) Explore the ways in which European Youth Card can be a tool to identify emerging topics in youth policy development and help reach out to beneficiaries (young people).

At the end of the seminar, participants will:

- Identify emergent topics that need to be addressed through youth policies, following the pandemic context;

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<sup>1</sup> The Council of Europe is the leading Pan-European international organisation promoting inclusive, human-rights based youth policies.

- Have a better understanding on how the EYC can be mainstreamed in policy development.

### **Profile of the participants**

This two-morning activity is open to participants with expertise in youth affairs, particularly in youth mobility and youth participation:

- Governmental representatives,
- EYCA member organisations,
- Youth workers and service providers,
- Researchers in youth policies,
- Youth NGOs,
- Youth card holders.

### **Practical information**

The format of the seminar will be hybrid: **on-line** for participants and for hosts/speakers/presenters/facilitators in Valetta, Malta. Confirmed participants will receive all the information on how to attend online the event.

### **Confirmation of interest**

Please send your confirmation of interest (Appendix II) to [youthmobility@coe.org](mailto:youthmobility@coe.org) by **Sunday 7 November 2021** midnight CET.

### **Contact**

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## APPENDIX I

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

<b>DAY 1   THURSDAY 18 November 2021</b>	
9.00 – 9.45	<p><b>Welcome and short presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Youth Agency Malta</li> <li>• Council of Europe – about the PA on Youth Mobility</li> <li>• EYCA Director – about EYCA</li> </ul>
9.45 – 10.00	<p><b>Aim and objectives</b> -mapping the audience -expectations <b>Introduction</b> of the facilitator, presentation and expectations of the participants</p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p><b>New realities for young people</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key note speaker on complexity of pandemic effects on young people – RAY / PEYR or Eurofund (TBC)</li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Break</i>
11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Thematic working groups led by EYCA members: European Youth Card and policy development (breakout rooms)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miriam Teuma - Agenzija Żghazagh, Malta – enabling spaces for youth participation and policy shaping in pandemic times</li> <li>• Lazio Crea, Italy – EYC as a tool to connect youth and decision makers</li> <li>• Comunidad de Madrid, Spain – EYC as a tool to empower youth talent and creativity</li> </ul> <p>Participants will work in parallel groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share good practices and challenges they face given the new realities of young people</li> <li>• Map and identify possible new policy priorities and topics to be tackled in youth agenda</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.00	<p>Discussion in plenary Closing of the first morning</p>
<b>DAY 2   FRIDAY, 19 November 2021</b>	
10.00 – 11.00	<p><b>Coffee chat (panel):</b> How the pandemic has changed youth work services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guests to be confirmed, but will cover perspectives of: researcher, decision makers, social entrepreneurship, young people</li> </ul> <p>-National level -youth work -youth sector strategy 2030 (Miriam Teuma)</p>

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11.00 – 11.30	<i>Break</i>
11.30 – 12.30	<p><b>Thematic working groups led by EYCA members: European Youth Card and new realities for youth (breakout rooms)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CJP Netherlands – EYC as a tool to promote culture and tackle mental health during lockdown</li> <li>• Centre for Youth Education – using EYC as a tool for local youth policies</li> <li>• NYCA Bulgaria – EYC as a tool to research emergent needs of youth post-pandemic (presentation of research results)</li> </ul> <p>Participants will work in parallel groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share good practices and challenges they face given the new realities of young people</li> <li>• Map and identify possible new policy priorities and topics to be tackled in youth agenda</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.00	<p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <p>Possible recommendations to the EYCA organisations and policymakers</p> <p>Next steps and closing</p>

**DEADLINE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 midnight CET**

**All applications should be sent to**

**[youthmobility@coe.int](mailto:youthmobility@coe.int)**

## APPENDIX II

### Application form/Expression of interest

PERSONAL DETAILS				
First name				
Last name				
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)		Nationality		Gender (M/F)
Permanent address				
	Postal code			
	Town		Country	
Place of work				
Address of the employer				
Email				
Telephone (with country and city codes!)				
Mobile				
Emergency contact details				

DETAILS OF THE NOMINATING ORGANISATION				
Name of organisation				
Postal address				
	Zip code			
	City		Country	
Email address				
Telephone				
Fax				
Brief info about your organisation (field of work, activities etc.)				
What are your <b>role</b> and tasks within your organisation?				

What are your expectations from this event and how can you use the gained knowledge in your work?
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