



MINISTERUL MUNCII, FAMILIEI,
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Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the youth card

invites to its promotional seminar

"Renewing the commitment to youth mobility"

27-29 October 2026
Bucharest, Romania

DRAFT CONCEPT AND DRAFT PROGRAMME

Introduction

Youth Mobility has evolved throughout years as a policy priority: from advancing mobility between young people in the East and the West of Europe (after 1989) to ensuring mobility in learning opportunities, volunteering and social cohesion. Depending on the social, economic and political context, youth mobility has gained positive or negative connotations. We speak about '*youth mobility on labour market*', but in some contexts it may mean brain drain. We speak about '*youth mobility in education*', but in some contexts this equals heavier bureaucracy or unrecognised credentials. We speak about '*youth mobility in volunteering*', but there are few policy instruments in place that would recognise the value of volunteering abroad.

As our world, and particularly Europe, is becoming increasingly interconnected and borderless, youth mobility has changed but not lost its political aspects. Youth mobility and access to it as a right may need redefinition by the decision makers. The right place to start this policy conversation is in the framework of the Council of Europe Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the youth card.

As the political priorities shift towards green technology, digitalisation and security, the topic of youth mobility and its inclusion perspective are seemingly left behind. The conversation on youth mobility needs to be shifted and updated based on research, lived experiences of young people and perspectives ahead.

Objectives of the event:

- Reinforce the commitment towards youth mobility and that of the Partial Agreement as an ecosystem that allows young people to explore, both themselves and European values / places.
- Gain better knowledge and insights into challenges and opportunities regarding mobility of young people.

About the organisers

The Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card exists since 1991 and is a programme of the Council of Europe¹ 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 over 35 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 to reach this objective consists in delivering quality youth card services and in contributing to a better policy on youth mobility and active citizenship. Today, over nine million youth cardholders benefit from youth card opportunities.

The Romanian member organisation of EYCA is the Asociația pentru Mobilitate Europeană which implements the European Youth Card and its services for Romanian youth.

The Ministry of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity is organised and operates as a specialised body of the central public administration, with legal personality, reporting to the Government. The Ministry of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity implements national policies

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

aligned with those at European and international level, within its areas of activity, fulfilling the role of a state authority responsible for strategy and planning, regulation, analysis, coordination, monitoring, inspection and control.

The Ministry of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity ensures the coordination of the implementation of the Government's strategy and policies in its areas of activity. **Romania has signed the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the youth card on 7th of March 2023**, joining 23 other Member States which prioritise accessible and quality mobility opportunities for youth.

Student Cultural and Sports Complex (CCSS Tei)

Tei Student Cultural and Sports Complex (CCSS Tei) is a public institution primarily dedicated to students and young people, with the mission of providing an environment that supports personal and professional development, participation in sports, non-formal education and active engagement in community life.

CCSS Tei benefits from a comprehensive infrastructure for sports, accommodation, catering and recreational activities, enabling the organisation of a wide range of programmes and events. CCSS Tei includes its own hotel and two restaurants, as well as numerous sports facilities, including tennis courts, beach volleyball courts, football and rugby pitches and facilities for table tennis.

Through its own infrastructure and cooperation with public institutions, universities, student and youth organisations, sports federations and associations, CCSS Tei contributes to expanding the opportunities available to young people and encouraging their involvement in sports, educational and community activities.

Bucharest Students' Cultural Centre

The Bucharest Students' Cultural Centre is one of the most important spaces dedicated to the cultural and artistic life of students and young people. It is a vibrant place where they can explore and develop their talents and passions through clubs, artistic groups, courses, performances, festivals, and cultural projects. Activities include fashion and design, theatre, music and singing, dance, photography, and many other creative fields, offering young people opportunities to learn, perform, and express themselves.

Practical information: Deadline for applications is Thursday 24 September midnight CET
Please send it to youthmobility@coe.int

The event will be mostly hosted at the **Youth Centre 'TEI'** and the **Victoria Palace** in Bucharest, Romania, the Government's headquarters.

All guests will be provided accommodation, meals and have their international travel reimbursed.

Profile of guests:

- Government representatives from PA Youth Mobility signatory states
- Council of Europe representatives in the youth sector
- UN Agencies representatives based in Romania
- High level Governmental representation of Romania
- EYCA member organisations
- Civil society representatives in Romania and PA Youth Mobility signatory states

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 0 27 of October	
Until 18.00	Arrival of participants and welcome dinner
19.00 – 21.30	Welcome dinner at the Youth Centre TEI
DAY 1 28 th of October (venue: Victoria Palace, room TBC)	
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome - Minister of Labour, Family, Youth and Social Solidarity, Romania (TBC) - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania (TBC) - Natalja Turenne – PA Youth Mobility, Council of Europe - Jugoslav Radovic – EYCA President and Chair of Board of Coordination PA Youth Mobility - Andreea Maslina – EYCA Youth Panel - Other high-level public officials - TBC <i>Moderated by Manel Sanchez, EYCA Director.</i>
10.00 – 11.30	Panel discussion on future of youth mobility and youth infrastructure <i>Moderated discussion with high level representatives based on European policies and studies regarding youth mobility, youth work and youth infrastructure.</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee break and Group photo
12.00 – 13.00	European Youth Card shaping the conversation on youth mobility policies Examples of EYC good practices from across membership Questions and Answers session
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.00	Romanian youth mobility policies, experiences, challenges, solutions for youth
16.00 - 16.15	Coffee break

16.30 – 17.00	Conclusions and close of the day
17.00 – 19.30	Cultural programme at the Bucharest Students' Cultural Centre
19.30 - 22.00	Traditional dinner
DAY 2 29th of October (venue: Youth Centre TEI)	
09.30 - 10.00	Welcome back and recap of the previous day
10.00 - 11.00	<i>Eastern Europe infrastructure on youth /</i> Storytelling of various experiences on youth mobility <i>Exact programme to be defined</i>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 13.00	Untapping the potential of EYC in connecting stakeholders and building youth infrastructure Working groups on different topics related to youth ecosystems
13.00 - 13.30	Closing of event
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch break and departures