

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ERYICA AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
IN 2018**

1. Youth Information and Counselling in Ukraine

In May 2017, an expert from the ERYICA network, invited by the Council of Europe, attended the International Forum "From initiatives into action" (29/05/2017 – 01/06/2017) in Chernigiv, Ukraine. 120 participants from all over the country attended this event, and many demonstrated great enthusiasm for receiving further details about existing practices in youth information in Europe and how to gain support from ERYICA. Many participants, including the Ukrainian Ministry responsible for youth, wished to be updated about the youth sector activities in other countries and at the European level (funding programmes, tools, training opportunities and resources). Some lacks and obstacles were identified:

- many of the stakeholders did not know about the existing European funding programmes and cooperating frameworks for non-formal education, i.e. Erasmus+, European Youth Foundation;
- handouts, brochures, websites and information from the NGOs were often in Ukrainian (or Russian) language, which may be an obstacle to their visibility and collaboration with peer organisations in other countries and at the European level; and
- there is little or no distinction between different kinds of youth services (i.e. volunteer youth work activities, professional youth work services, youth information work, youth counselling) and no structure or national coordination for the different youth services and activities conducted across the country.

In this context and in the framework of its partnership with the Council of Europe for the year of 2018, ERYICA supported the youth work sector in Ukraine, the national association of youth centres and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine in their **efforts to provide quality youth services** in the country. In particular, ERYICA provided expertise and assistance to raise awareness about the importance of making youth information and counselling services available to young people and to support them in taking the first steps in the design and development of these services. The specific aims of this project were to:

- **support the recently created association of youth centres** in developing youth information services in Ukraine by providing expertise, resources, training and good practice examples from the ERYICA network;
- **boost the enhancement of youth policy and youth work in Ukraine through Council of Europe recommendations** (namely CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work, CM/Rec(2016)7 on young people's access to rights and CM/Rec(90)7 and CM/Rec(2010)8 on youth information and counselling), by gathering targeted participants in a seminar on youth information and counselling and by allowing them to discuss and share issues, solutions, strategies and good practices with each other and with European peers; and
- **facilitate networking amongst stakeholders of the youth sector in Ukraine**, with the aim of enabling them to become part of the countries that provide youth information and counselling services and by supporting them to reach quality standards of youth information in Europe.

To attain these aims, the activities under the partnership between ERYICA and the Council of Europe in 2018 involved:

- **preliminary survey on the information needs of young people in Ukraine** by involving the country in the study in which ERYICA was involved in the framework of the Erasmus+ project [Youth.Info: Future Youth Information Toolbox](#). The data collection started in November 2017. The data analysis was carried out at the start of 2018.
- a **kick-off meeting** including ERYICA representatives, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, Council of Europe representatives, and Ukrainian youth organisations, other Ukrainian stakeholders at the national level;
- a **national seminar on youth information and counselling** gathering targeted Ukrainian participants and experienced youth information workers and experts from the ERYICA network (20-21 June 2018, Vinnytsia, Ukraine);

- **dissemination activities** to promote other publications edited by ERYICA and the Council of Europe under their partnership; namely those available in Russian (**Info Rights Kit** and **Youth Information Starters' Kit**).

2. Dissemination activities for the Manual "Liaisons"

In the course of 2016 and 2017, ERYICA and its French-speaking members created a manual for youth information workers, youth workers and educators. The manual, entitled '**LIAISONS - Manuel pour la prévention de l'extrémisme violent à travers l'information jeunesse**' aims to define educational tools and information resources able to support the target group in addressing the above-mentioned project objectives.

The proposed activities under the partnership between ERYICA and the Council of Europe in 2018 also involved the promotion and dissemination of the manual LIAISONS throughout Europe, especially after its translation into English. Some examples of events where the manual was promoted:

- o ERYICA General Assembly and other events of ERYICA;
- o European Youth Card Association (EYCA) General Assembly;
- o Eurodesk General Assemblies;
- o Multiplier events of the 3 networks listed above;
- o Events organised at local, regional and national level organised by ERYICA members and stakeholders;
- o ERYICA youth ambassador events;
- o Relevant events organised by the European Youth Forum;
- o Relevant events organised by National Youth Councils;
- o The European Youth Event (EYE), 1-2 June 2018, Strasbourg, France;
- o Final conference of the No Hate Speech Movement and other events taking place at the national level in the framework of the NHSM;
- o Relevant events organised by the Council of Europe;
- o The University on Youth and Development (UYD) of the North-South Centre;
- o Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship (North-South Centre);
- o Events organised by the European Commission and/or the EU-CoE youth partnership;
- o Events organised by UNESCO;
- o The Global Week on Media and Information Literacy and GAPMIL events;
- o Relevant events organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat in the field of youth;
- o Related events organised by the European Association of Youth Clubs;
- o Relevant events organised by Ministries at national or regional level;
- o Relevant events organised by National Agencies;
- o Relevant events organised by other stakeholders, such as the European Forum for Urban Security or the European Social Network; and
- o Any other relevant events that come up over the course of the year.

In order to achieve a wider promotion of LIAISONS, a number of meetings took place between the ERYICA staff, ERYICA representatives, governmental representatives from the Council of Europe member states, youth organisations, and organisations interested in youth information and youth radicalisation issues.

ERYICA also used its wide-reaching **online** presence to disseminate the manual, through social media channels (such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), emails, the ERYICA website and newsletter, as well as publications such as the ERYICA annual report, which is also diffused online. Such a wide array of channels permitted to reach a large audience of stakeholders from all over Europe.