

*Board of Co-ordination of the
Partial Agreement on Youth
Mobility through the Youth Card*

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INTRODUCTION

As a recently appointed member of the Board of Co-ordination of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, you may find this guide essential.

What is the Board's role and its tasks? What does it mean to be a member of this Board?

This document describes the role, tasks, and working methods of the Board of Co-ordination as well as the main objectives of the Partial Agreement.

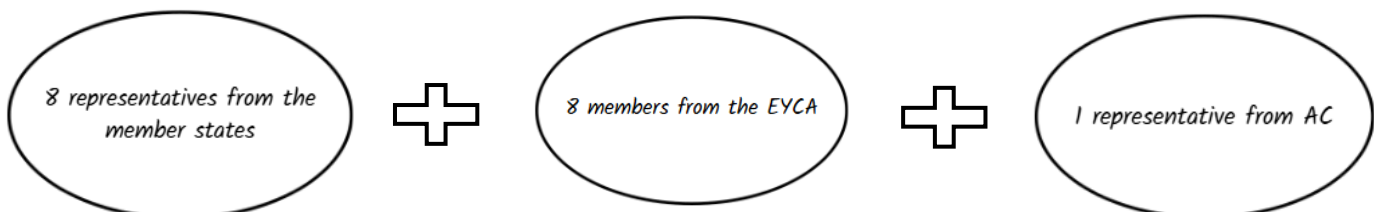
ROLE OF THE BOARD

The main role of the board is to oversee the programme of activities that are carried out in co-operation with the European Youth Card Association (EYCA). Therefore, the board's main function is one of supervision and governance.

Composition of the Board

The board is a joint body made up of different stakeholders. Its membership consists of:

- ⇒ 8 governmental representatives from the member States party to the Partial Agreement nominated by the Committee of Ministers.
- ⇒ 8 members from the European Youth Card Association (EYCA) nominated by EYCA.
- ⇒ 1 representative appointed by the Advisory Council on Youth¹.



¹ The Advisory Council representative serves in a personal capacity. Should they be unable to attend a meeting, an official substitute appointed by the Advisory Council will participate in their place.

TASKS OF THE BOARD

- ⇒ ***Establish the annual programme of activities of the Partial Agreement, to be implemented in co-operation with EYCA.***

- ⇒ ***Monitor the implementation and evaluate the results of the annual programme of activities.***

- ⇒ ***Oversee the long-term development of the European Youth Card Scheme and promote intergovernmental co-operation on youth mobility and access to rights.***

WORKING METHODS OF THE BOARD

Meetings

The Board of Co-ordination holds regular meetings throughout the year to fulfil its mandate. Usually, they take place in the framework of the statutory bodies' meetings of the Youth Sector and sometimes on-line.

During its meetings, the Board is expected to:

- ✦ Review and formally adopt the annual programme of activities for the Partial Agreement.
- ✦ Monitor the implementation of the programme of activities and provide strategic guidance, including on co-operation with other Partial Agreements.
- ✦ Familiarise oneself with and discuss key issues related to the development of the European Youth Card Scheme.
- ✦ Make or assess proposals and provide recommendations concerning intergovernmental co-operation in the fields of youth mobility and young people's access to rights through the youth card.
- ✦ Report on its activities and decisions to the relevant statutory bodies of the Council of Europe.
- ✦ Discuss and agree upon its own working methods and procedures to ensure efficiency.
- ✦ Address any other relevant matters or ad hoc issues as they arise.

SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Subjects dealt with by the PA (examples)

- ✓ Inclusive youth mobility (disadvantaged groups, disability issues)
- ✓ Active youth participation
- ✓ Employability and mobility (including brain drain)
- ✓ Youth Work
- ✓ Intercultural dialogue
- ✓ Prevention of radicalisation
- ✓ Access to rights
- ✓ Mental health and developing resilience



BUT ALSO THE PA:

- ✓ Provides access to the latest European youth policy developments, research, and events.
- ✓ Facilitates networking and capacity-building for staff working on the youth card.
- ✓ Creates a direct feedback channel from young cardholders to inform proactive and relevant policy-making.
- ✓ Has an annual work programme with seminars, webinars, workshops, study visits and trainings.

Participants and beneficiaries of the activities (example):

Interviewees: "the Youth Card helps to address democratic backsliding by putting governments in touch with young people and increasing their trust in institutions."

"One of the issues we are dealing with in more recent years is democratic backsliding, and how certain tools can be used to strengthen democratic processes. "

