

Ministerial Conference

Working breakfast

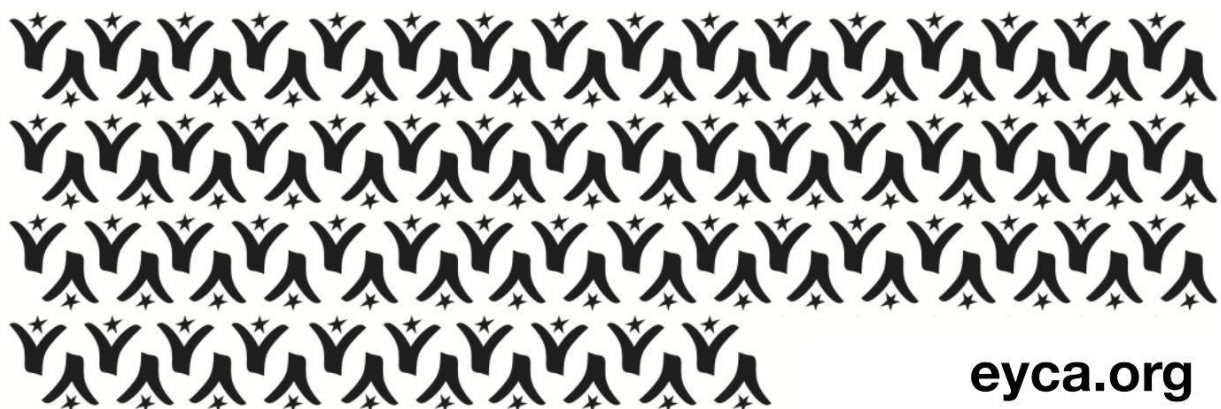
***Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the youth
card: looking ahead to new horizons***

08.00 to 10.00 at Grand Hotel Excelsior

08.00 – 8.30 – Buffet breakfast starting: getting plates and places

10th October
Valetta, Malta

CONCEPT AND DRAFT PROGRAMME



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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, has been 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.

In this context, an exploratory research report has been commissioned to better understand the effects of the Partial Agreement's events on both civil society and governmental agencies from Signatory States. The report will also shed light on alignments of the Council of Europe youth sector priorities with youth mobility-related topics. Finally, some suggestions are already available in order to continue adapting the Partial Agreement's Youth programme to the needs of youth card's beneficiaries and to the member States.

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.

Practical information

The Working breakfast will take place from 08.30 to 10.00 at Grand Hotel Excelsior.

At the end of the Working breakfast participants will be able to join other side events, if they so wish:

- AI & Youth: Co-Shaping Policies for a Responsible Future
- Vote16 side-event organised by the Maltese National Youth Council
- On-site visit to Aġenzija Żgħażaġh (Maltese Youth Agency).

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

DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 1 10 th October 2025	
8.00 – 8.30	8.00 – 8.30 – <i>Buffet breakfast starting (choosing food and seated at the tables)</i>
08.30-08.45	Opening and welcome word • Miriam Teuma – CEO Agenzija Zghazagh • Tobias Flessenkemper – Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe • Miguel Perestrello – Chair of the Board of Coordination
08.45-09.00	Youth Card current affairs PA Youth Mobility through the youth card • Natalja Turenne – setting the context: partnership of the PA Youth Mobility through the youth card and EYCA • Hailey Ciantar – EYCA Youth Panel • Manel Sanchez - EYCA Director
09.00-09.45	Policy discussion on Youth Mobility / impact of the Conference / plans • Adjusting expectations • How can the European Youth Card contribute to youth mobility? • Which implications of youth mobility are politically relevant (now and in the future)? • Steps forward for the PA on Youth Mobility through the youth card
09.45-10.00	Conclusions, next meetings.

Pro memoria: 17 November 2025 – meeting of the Board of Co-ordination of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card