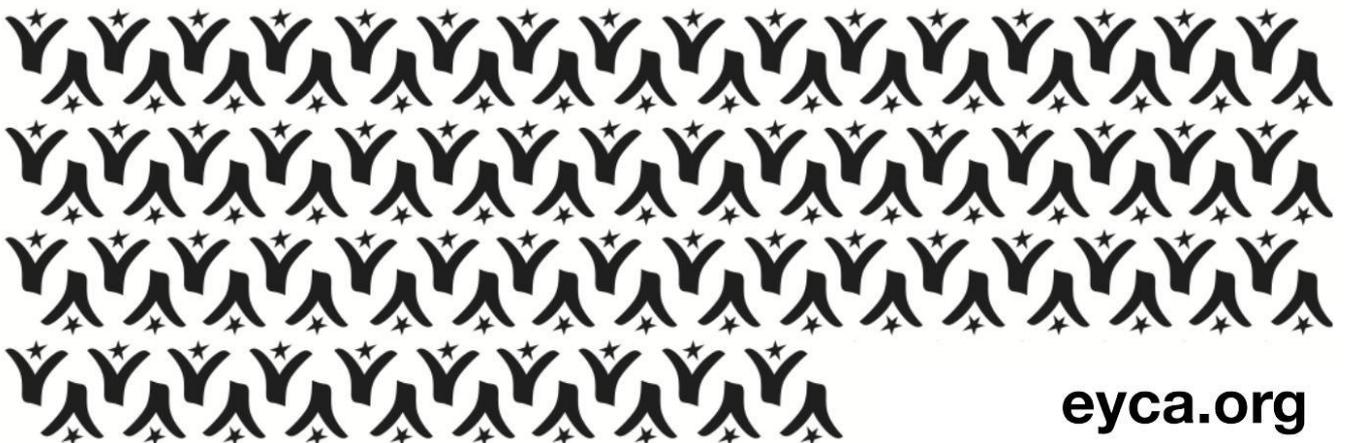


Development of the European Youth Card: Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the youth card and the European Youth Card Association

Report 2024



INTRODUCTION

The aim of this report is to describe the activities of the work undertaken by EYCA in 2024 considering the financial support the Association received in the framework of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card in the framework of the Council of Europe.

The Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card has become one of the core priorities of the European Youth Card Association, throughout the 37 years of its operations. EYCA is constantly investing efforts to strengthen its relationship with the Council of Europe, aligning with the priorities and objectives in the youth sector.

European Youth Cards are a valuable tool for the physical and social mobility of young people. Not only do they offer benefits that help young people save up and reinvest in their personal development, but having an EYC also exposes young people to various professional opportunities. Moreover, European Youth Cards provide communication channels, enabling policy-makers (1) to design youth-focused policies and services, and (2) to effectively engage young citizens in democratic life.

In 2024, the implementation of the programme of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility was diverse in themes approached, locations where events were organised and profiles of stakeholders involved. The 2024 programme was rich, benefited from great exposure also towards other Partial Agreements of the Council of Europe and successfully aligned with policy priorities and momentums of signatory member States. Such is the case for the events organised in Montenegro and Andorra in key moments for the national policy developments of the respective States.

Priorities

Having in mind priorities 2024-2027 of the Council of Europe's Youth Sector adopted by the Joint Council on Youth, we argue that youth mobility remained in 2024 an important tool for achieving these objectives.

The proposed specific aims for the Partial Agreement work programme 2024 were:

- Create synergies among different stakeholders to boost investment in youth infrastructure: centres, services, spaces etc. and youth work, as a social safety net for all young people;
- Explore how the European Youth Card, as a youth mobility tool, can enhance sustainable youth infrastructure;
- Explore the role that European Youth Card services can play to directly advance peace, conflict transformation and democratic engagement.

I. HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY: YOUTH POLICY AND YOUTH WORK PROMOTING THE CORE VALUES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

1. Commissioning design and content input for EYCA communications tools

1.1 Communication activities have been implemented as planned.

- The EYCA Facebook page is growing, with 5100 likes and an average organic reach of 40.000 users per month.
- EYCA set up a new Instagram page, reaching out to young people directly. There are 3224 followers on Instagram.
- On LinkedIn, EYCA has 1399 followers and a professional tone, promoting the PA on Youth Mobility events, in particular among civil society and policy makers.

1.2 Website

- The EYCA website was updated throughout the year. EYCA has also started an internal process of restructuring the website and making it more user friendly. The new version will be launched in 2025.
- Information on the PA is prominently featured - <https://www.eyca.org/partial-agreement>.

1.3. PA on Youth Mobility branding

- In 2024, EYCA advertised the branding of PA on Youth Mobility during the organised events and open calls. Approximately 150 persons were directly exposed to the branding in person only during PA events
- As part of the 13th Annual Cultural Routes Forum which took place in Visegrad (Hungary) EYCA attended a networking event where approximately 300 stakeholders in the youth and cultural field were present. EYCA actively promoted the PA on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, sharing promotional materials and informative flyers.
- On social media channels and website, EYCA helped expose the Partial Agreement branding to at least a third of our annual organic reach, i.e. an estimate of 10.000 persons.
- EYCA also distributed its promotional materials branded with PA on Youth Mobility during all events: rolls-ups, mugs, tote bags, stickers.

1.3 EYCA Update

The EYCA internal mailing list offered information to all members about opportunities at European level, news from members and benefits for young cardholders. The PA seminars calls were promoted accordingly and member organisation were encouraged to attend and present good practices.

2. Travel, board and lodging associated with:

Quality improvement support to existing members

In 2024, EYCA continued to offer support to member organisations to improve their youth card related services, diversify the offer for young people and ensure EYCA offers a digital and sustainable product.

Key elements of each of the visits and capacity building events are offered below:

Visits to Scotland, UK

- EYCA member organisations from France and Luxembourg jointly organized an exchange visit to Scotland, UK at one of the oldest and most experienced EYCA members: Young Scot;
- As Young Scot is highly specialized in youth information services, the exchange focused on developing high-quality youth card services and creating an integrated youth information infrastructure, having at its centre the European Youth Card;
- EYCA members exchanged good practices also in other areas, such as partnerships with universities and sports centres, looking at possibilities to expand the outreach.

Visit to Portugal

- The National Youth and Children Council from Czech Republic, an EYCA member organisation, invited two policymakers from their respective Ministry of Youth to form a delegation that visited MOVIJOVEM, the youth card organisation in Portugal.
- The visit focused on developing coordinated youth policies and integrated services, using the model of Portugal: hostels (youth-friendly accommodation), incentives to travel across the country, youth-friendly spaces where tailored information is available, outreach methods in youth-friendly, cultural events (ex. festivals) and coordinate policies at the national and local level.
- The visit had a positive impact on EYC receiving support from the Czech Government, as the member is currently working closely with decision-makers. Strategically, EYCA is also working to help the member organisation advocate for the Government to become a signatory state of the PA on Youth Mobility.

Visit to Slovenia

- SLOAM – the EYCA member organization in Slovenia – hosted the delegations of EYCA members in Andorra, Scotland and Montenegro during a two-day exchange visit focusing on digitalizing EYC services and diversifying income streams.
- The visit empowered and equipped EYCA members with new information, and tapped into their entrepreneurial spirit and creative methods to engage private actors in contributing to the social and economic support of young people.

Visit to Spain

- EYCA member organizations from Georgia and Romania visited IBOVE, the Youth Institute of Balearic Islands, in Spain. The visit focused on creating sustainable partnerships with financial institutions, while maintaining a good policy balance and youth-oriented services.

Maximising Impact Seminar at the University of Primorska in Koper, Slovenia

- Every year, EYCA organizes a flagship capacity-building event dedicated exclusively to member organizations. In March 2024, EYCA organized the MI seminar focused on connecting the youth card infrastructure to student services and in particular to the European Student Card.
- The event brought together stakeholders of the European Student Card, representatives of the Universities, EYCA members and representatives of student organisations.
- This year, the event was co-organized and hosted by SLOAM – Slovenian Youth Mobility Agency and hosted **35 participants coming from 20 different** countries.

The objectives of the seminar included:

- Offering a space for dialogue and share of good practices among EYCA member organisations;
- Creating better and stronger links between EYC services and higher education policies;
- Supporting EYCA member organisations to have a clear understanding on the European Student Card

PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR

DAY 0 – 13th of March	
Arrival of participants	
19.30 – 21.30	Welcome dinner at Hotel Grand Koper - Capra Restaurant
Day 1 – 14th of March	
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nassim Djaba – EYCA Board Member • Mayor of Koper (TBC) • University of Primorska • Miguel Perestrello – EYCA President Round of introductions from participants
9.30 – 11.00	Intro session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of opportunities and cooperation models of EYC with Universities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLOAM – presentation of good practices • University of Primorska – perspectives on working with EYC
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	European Student Card initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro by the EC • General presentation / training by NTT Data
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.00	Understanding EYCA infrastructure and diversity of membership in connection with higher education
15.00 – 16.00	<i>Interactive session (world café) on how to link</i> European Student Card initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms • Tech and digital infrastructure • Stakeholders
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 17.30	Challenges and opportunities in working with ESC and membership perspectives – debates, Q & A Closing of the day
18.00 – 20.00	Guided tour or free time
20:00	Dinner at Restaurant Karjola
DAY 2 – 15 th of March	
09.00 – 11.00	<i>1:1 session between EYCA members and experts or EYCA office.</i> Work in pairs and groups
11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12.30	How to move forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete opportunities of working with ESC initiative • Other areas to cooperate with higher education sector: EYC as tool of matching education & labor market, mobility for educational exchanges etc. Closing the event
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch and Departures

The full report of the Maximising Impact Seminar 2024 is [available here](#).

Identifying and supporting the new member organisations of EYCA

In 2024, EYCA offered a particular focus on three regions in Europe:

1. Baltic countries
2. Nordic countries
3. Western Balkans.

At the beginning of the year, in February 2024, EYCA welcomed a new member organisation for the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, namely the Ministry of Youth and Sports. On this occasion, EYCA completed its membership in all Western Balkan states, which allowed for starting and strengthening the cooperation with the Regional Youth Cooperation Office – RYCO.

The Ministry of Youth and Sports attended EYCA's Statutory events and has already expressed interest to host the next EYCA Conference in 2025. At the same time, the Ministry opted for a model where they outsource the operations of the European Youth Card by opening a call for tenders. The winner was BONEVET, a non-profit, youth-led organisation with coverage in six municipalities and vast experience in providing youth work services.

In September 2024, EYCA also welcomed a new member organisation, Koolisüsteemide OÜ, for the territory of Estonia. The new member has relevant experience with digital card services in Estonia and with membership cards for schools and universities. They are expected to launch the EYC in spring 2025.

Particular efforts were made to better understand the youth affairs landscape in the Nordic and Baltic countries. In this regard, EYCA has commissioned research in the first half of 2024, which shed light on the opportunities and challenges of offering EYC services in these regions. The full research is available [at this link](#).

New signatory states of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

While EYCA actively undertook efforts to advocate for member States to sign the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, in particular in Italy and Türkiye, there were no further concrete steps taken. EYCA remains committed to supporting member organisations in offering their Governments or Ministries of line the right information in order to join the PA on Youth Mobility.

Legal support dimension of quality improvement development

Domain registration and protection

- To ensure the reciprocity of European Youth Card discounts and benefits in all European countries, the registration and protection of online domains is crucial. To make sure youth information is easily accessible to young people, EYCA has registered europeanyouthcard.xy and eyca.xy domains, so that they can be used by member organisations.

Effective license and sub-license agreements

- According to the EYCA Statutes, there can only be one license holder for the European Youth Card per territory, i.e. one organisation developing the card for the given country/territory. However, to expand the distribution network and to make the card available to all young people, there are also sub-license agreements in some cases. EYCA provides the legal services connected to both license and sub-license agreements

II. LIVING TOGETHER IN DIVERSE SOCIETIES: YOUTH POLICY AND YOUTH WORK PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

1. Commissioning technology infrastructure:

- to support good practice database development
- to support EYCA's members' group structure

EYCA discount database & intranet

- The new **EYCA discount database** was introduced in 2018 together with the website. The database allows members to use APIs to add their discounts to the EYCA database automatically. This translates into quality discount information for young people at all times. Throughout 2023, the discounts were updated in the new database and organised in a user-friendly way, which makes it more accessible for young people. **Currently there are 21.000 valid discounts available to all cardholders across Europe.**
- The existing **EYCA intranet** continued to be expanded into a comprehensive EYCA Customer Relationship Management system (CRM), in order to streamline the collaboration between EYCA and its member organizations.
- EYCA also advanced the negotiation of new, pan-European discounts, as requested by young people. In 2024, **EYCA member organisations** negotiated **a total of 7.700 new benefits** available to all young Europeans, whereas the **EYCA office negotiated 20 new pan-European benefits** with brands and private actors relevant for young people.

EYCA App

The year 2024 marked a significant step forward in digitalising European Card Services by launching a new, integrated app: **myEYC App**. The app is all encompassing and available to all young Europeans in Europe and beyond. It is **currently used by 60.000 young people**. The app has new features, such as: a Forum that actively contributes to building cardholders' communities, and push notifications that help young people stay up to date with opportunities in volunteering, employment, active citizenship and mobility.

2. EYCA's members' group structure, including specific Conference workshops

EYCA regional meetings were organized and hosted by member organisations and attended by most of the EYCA members and EYCA Youth Panel representatives. They took place as follows:

- Group 1 – 16-17 May, Andorra la Vella (Andorra)
- Group 2 – 28 May, Gdansk (Poland)
- Group 3 – 29-3 June, Vienna (Austria)
- Group 4 – 30 May, Edinburgh (Scotland, UK)
- Group 5 – 19-21 May, Larnaca (Cyprus)

Partial Agreement evolution and new possibilities of implementation were discussed in the meetings.

3. Commissioning the generation and dissemination of knowledge relating to volunteering and youth citizenship

During 2024, EYCA continued to consider the feedback received during the research and feedback request from members of PA on Youth Mobility. This aspect has been reflected in the innovative approach to the PA events, such as study visits to have a bird's eye view of how the European Youth Card can be used as a policy tool.

In addition, EYCA worked alongside its member organisations and a specifically created working group on writing and adopting the Strategic Plan 2025-2030. The working group consisted of the EYCA President, current and former, EYCA Youth Panel representatives, EYCA members representatives and the EYCA office. It was facilitated by an expert and it resulted in a series of recommendations and proposals that made the object of working groups at the EYCA Conference. **The Strategic Plan 2025-2030 was voted and approved by the EYCA General Assembly with a deadline of 16 December 2024.**

III. SOCIAL INCLUSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Travel, board and lodging associated with knowledge exchange meetings and events related to promoting and developing social inclusion aspects of youth card organisation

In 2024, EYCA related events were organised for different statutory bodies of EYCA:

EYCA Youth Panel

- The highlight event of the year was the EYCA Rural Youth Camp organized in April in Cazorla, Spain and brought together 50 young people (selected from among 700 applicants) from all over Europe, from rural areas. It was exclusively organized by the EYCA Youth Panel members: from selecting the participants to preparing and leading on the activities. The event was based on comprehensive research on the needs and challenges faced by young Europeans in rural areas. A comprehensive report can be found on EYCA website: <https://eyca.org/news/rural-youth-report>.

- The Panel met two times to issue statements for the EYCA Board and coordinate their activities: in Munich (February 2024) and in Brussels (October). In addition, EYCA Youth Panel attended the Conference in Lecce (Italy) in June 2024.

EYCA Board

The Board met three times in 2024: in Koper (Slovenia) ahead of the MI Seminar, in Lecce (Italy) ahead of the EYCA Conference and in Zaragoza (Spain) in October 2024. The Board made strategic decisions for the development of the organisation and EYC services across Europe and met also online, every time it was needed.

Support visits

As every year, EYCA offered support visits to member organisations who requested it. In 2024, the EYCA Director and other EYCA office staff members had support visits in: Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Estonia, Spain (Balearic Islands, Catalunya, Madrid), Portugal, Andorra, Germany and the Czech Republic.

Partial Agreement seminars

In 2024, EYCA organised three Partial Agreement activities as per the Programme agreed. An important focus was on creating ecosystems for youth participation at the local level, a topic that emerged from the EYCA Youth Panel activity and our member organisations' recommendations. More than ever, EYCA connected these topics with the expertise of organisations outside of the youth sector, bringing in voices from the sphere of democracy innovation, technology and participation.

The three activities organised by EYCA in 2024 were:

1. PA Seminar: '*Youth infrastructure essentials: the role of European Youth Card in advancing ecosystems for youth empowerment*' in Montenegro.
2. PA seminar 'Walk the Talk' format: „*Access of Rural Youth to Cultural Heritage: European Youth Card's role in promoting Cultural Routes*” in Hungary.
3. PA Seminar: '*Urban youth participation and inclusive youth spaces*' in Andorra.

PA Seminar: 'Youth infrastructure essentials: the role of European Youth Card in advancing ecosystems for youth empowerment' – 30-31 May 2024, Podgorica (Montenegro)

Context

There is a growing discussion in the European youth sector on the importance of creating and connecting youth public spaces, in what is called youth ecosystems. A *youth ecosystem* refers to the available spaces, services,

trained professionals (expertise) and legal frameworks that allow young people to fully express themselves and be active citizens of our societies. While the vast majority of European countries have one or several of these elements, it is becoming a growing need to have an integrated approach to offering youth services and designing youth-friendly public spaces.

Youth work delivered in these spaces actively contributes to building skills, knowledge and resilience for strong and democratic communities. The European Youth Card can play a strategic role in helping design and strengthen youth ecosystems, as it is directly connected to:

- *Young people* as ultimate beneficiaries
- Public authorities at *local and national levels*, given that most of EYC services are linked to youth policies and the EYC has direct recognition from public institutions. Moreover, the EYC is equally a tool for direct service providers at the local level, especially in cases where municipality cooperation is enforced.
- *The private sector*, through the 20.000 benefits and discounts we offer, can also represent an avenue to foster investment in youth infrastructure
- *Youth programmes and good practices at the European level*: from the Quality Label for Youth Centres of the Council of Europe to programmes such as the European Youth Capital.

DAY 0 Wednesday 29 th May	
Until 20.00	Arrival of participants and welcome dinner
DAY 1 Thursday 30 th May	
09.15 - 10.00	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jugoslav Radovic - Vice President of the European Youth Card Association and Executive Director of NGO Center for Youth education ● Dragoslav Šćekić - Vice President of the Government of Montenegro for Demography and Youth and Minister of Sports and Youth ● Dominique Waag - Ambassador of OSCE Mission in Montenegro ● EYCA Ambassador from Montenegro ● Manel Sanchez - EYCA Director ● Natalja Turenne – Council of Europe
10.00 - 10.30	<p>Aim and objectives of this seminar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mapping the audience ● Expectations ● Brief presentation of EYC scheme and PA on Youth Mobility
10.30 - 11.00	<p>Setting the stage</p> <p>Keynote speaker on aligning objectives and stakeholders to build youth ecosystems</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 13.00	Good practices from EYCA members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenzija Zghazagh - Malta • Young Scot - Scotland, UK • Centre for Youth Education - Montenegro <p>Questions and Answers session</p>
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.00	<p>Panel discussion on youth ecosystems, featuring stakeholders' representatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RYCO ○ Secretariat of the Parliament of Montenegro – deliberative democracy team ○ Municipality of Podgorica ○ Council of Europe, Youth Department, PA on Youth Mobility ○ Local youth NGO / youth worker ○ EYCA <p><i>How can we make the best out of EYC infrastructure?</i></p>
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 - 19.00	<p>Visiting NEST Podgorica</p> <p>Guided tour of the city</p>
19.30 - 22.00	Dinner in the city in a traditional restaurant
DAY 2 Friday 31st May	
09.30 - 10.00	Welcome back and recap of the previous day
10.00 - 11.00	<p><i>Western Balkans youth ecosystem creation: challenges and opportunities to learn lessons. Presentations of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Youth Cooperation Office • Regional Cooperation Council • OSCE Mission • EYCA Office
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 13.00	<p>Untapping the potential of EYC in connecting stakeholders and building youth infrastructure.</p> <p>Working groups on different topics related to youth ecosystems.</p>
13.00 - 13.30	Closing of event
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch break and departures

A detailed report of the event is available [at this link](#).

PA seminar ‘Walk the Talk’ format: „Access of Rural Youth to Cultural Heritage: European Youth Card’s role in promoting Cultural Routes” – 23 – 26 September, Visegrad (Hungary)

Context

The seminar was organised in the framework of the programme of activities 2024 of the Council of Europe’s Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card. It offered its participants an **innovative interactive** format ‘*Walk the Talk*’, where guests will be walking a cultural route accompanied by an expert and simultaneously **learning and exchanging about youth mobility, youth card, cultural heritage and how to put all this together!** The seminar placed a special attention on young people in rural areas and addressed the challenges they face in accessing cultural or mobility programmes. The event drew on the conclusions and recommendations of several events and processes¹ which took place both at the level of the Council of Europe and EYCA over the past year.

The main objectives of the seminar:

- Promote the European Youth Card as a tool for connecting young people, *in particular those from rural areas*, with the cultural offers of the Council of Europe member States, and notably Hungary;
- Open EYCA members to the cultural heritage possibilities for young people, *in particular those from rural areas*, including the European Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, and encourage them to develop partnerships with cultural heritage actors for the benefit of young people;
- Provide networking opportunities between the civil servants of the Partial Agreements’ member States, the European Youth Card organisations and youth organisations representing rural youth.
- *Those who stayed on to take part in the 13th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe, there was opportunity to network with the Cultural Routes counterparts.*

DAY 0 Monday 23 rd September	
Until 20.00	Arrival of participants and Dinner
DAY 1 Tuesday 24 th September	
09.00 – 09.30	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gergely Mohay – Head of Department, Ministry of Culture and Innovation • Mrs Meltem ÖNHON - EPA Governing Board chair • Mrs. Natalja Turenne, Council of Europe, Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility • Mr. Manel Sanchez, EYCA Director
09.30 – 10.00	<p>Aim and objectives of this event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mapping the audience • explaining context of the PA seminar
10.00 - 10.30	Short Presentations of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and the European Youth Card

¹Rural Youth Report by the EYCA Youth Panel - <https://eyca.org/news/rural-youth-report> (EYCA Youth Panel)
100 proposals from Rural Youth - <https://eyca.org/news/100-proposals-from-rural-youth>

10.30 -11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.45	Matias Rubio - Keynote speech: Barriers to access cultural heritage for young people and possible ways to overcome them” Hailey Ciantar - Youth Panel presentation on EYCA Rural Youth project Q&A
11.45 – 12.30	Antia Loureiro Carbia - Presentation from Galicia Youth Card/Camino de Santiago Marie-Ange Neu - Follow up after the 2023 Walk the Talk seminar in Luxembourg Q&A
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch break
14.00–16.30	Visegrad tour and engaging in a treasure hunt
16.30 – 18.00	Return to the venue: Debrief session/working in groups
19.30 – 21.30	Dinner
DAY 2 Wednesday 25th September	
Until 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.00	Conclusions and next steps, ahead of the Annual Forum on Cultural Routes
10.00 – 11.00	Registration of participants at the 13 th Forum on Cultural Routes (Thermal Hotel)
11.00 – 15.30	Cultural programme as part of the 13 th Forum on Cultural Routes
16.30 – 18.30	Official opening of the 13th Annual Advisory Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks • Forum keynote speech • High-level Dialogue: • “Shaping tomorrow – Promoting European values among youth” • Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe renewals of certification 2024 • Presentation of the 13th Annual Advisory Forum on Cultural Routes
19.00 – 21.30	Welcoming Dinner hosted at the 13 th Forum on Cultural Routes
<i>After 16.00</i>	<i>Participants who do not want to attend the 13th Forum on Cultural Routes can depart</i>
DAY 3 Thursday 26th of September	
9.00 - 9.15	Introduction to the 13th Annual Advisory Forum
9.15 – 10.30	General session 1: “Encouraging youth engagement along the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe”
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00	Panel Discussion: “Intergenerational transmission of traditional practices and know-how”
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 15.00	Bus transportation to the Hungarian Open Air Museum (Skanzen), in Szentendre
15.30 – 16.30	Thematic session: “Innovative approaches to youth participation in cultural heritage activities: challenges and opportunities”
17.00 – 18.30	Workshop on good practices and cultural programme in the regions of Skanzen
19.00 – 20.00	Folklore programme
20.00 – 22.00	Dinner, Open Air Museum
DAY 4 Friday 27th of September	
9.00	Breakfast and departures
9.30 – 11.00	<i>For those who leave later in the day:</i> General Session 2: “Successful initiatives related to youth along the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe”

A complete report of the event is found [at this link](#).

Partial Agreement Seminar: “Urban youth participation and inclusive youth spaces’ – 27 – 29 November 2024, Andorra la Vella (Andorra)

From 27-29 November, Andorra la Vella hosted the Seminar of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, organised in collaboration with the European Youth Card Association (EYCA). The seminar, titled “Urban Youth Participation and Inclusive Youth Spaces,” focused on exploring the challenges and opportunities urban settings present for young people, as well as the potential role of the Youth Card in addressing these issues.

Urban settings and cities increasingly serve as dynamic laboratories for testing real-world solutions to complex societal challenges, many of which directly affect young people. Youth participation in addressing these challenges is critical, as it brings fresh perspectives and contributes to long-term, sustainable impact within their communities. Equally important is the emphasis on inclusivity when designing spaces for young people, ensuring that all voices are heard and represented.

PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR

DAY 0 Wednesday 27 November 2024	
Until 20.00	Arrival of participants and welcome dinner at Andorra Park Hotel
DAY 1 Thursday 28 November 2024	

09.15 - 10.00	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Bonell Tuset - Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Government of Andorra • Natalja Turenne - Council of Europe (online) • Miguel Perestrello - EYCA President
10.00 - 10.30	Aim and objectives of this seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping the audience • Expectations
10.30 - 11.00	Cities as living labs - Example of Paris Bilal Ata Aktas - Paris Youth Council
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 12.00	Alicia Puig - DemSoc good practices
12.00 - 13.00	PA Youth Mobility with Natalja Turenne - Council of Europe EYCA Good practices by Manel Sanchez. EYCA Director Questions and Answers session
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 14.30	National and Regional Youth Policy Frameworks Alain Cabanes - Secretary of State of Youth and Sports
15.15 - 18.30	Visit to Encamp Youth Sports and Social Centre
19.00 - 22.00	Visit and Dinner in the city at the Museum
DAY 2 Friday 29 November	
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome back and recap of the previous day
09.30 - 10.30	Panel discussion on youth participation in urban settings <i>How can we make the best out of EYC infrastructure?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andorra Youth Forum - Anthony Francome (Director) • Paredes Municipality - Paulo Silva (city councilor) • EYCA Youth Panel - Stiven Domi • Alicia Puig - Dem Soc
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break

11.00 - 12.00	<p>Untapping the potential of the European Youth Card in connecting stakeholders and building youth participation at local level</p> <p>Working groups on different topics related to youth in urban participation</p> <p>Conclusions from the working group to be included in the final report</p>
12.00 – 12.15	Closing of event
12.30	Lunch break and departures

A full report of the event can be found [at this link](#).

IV. POLICY APPROACHES AND INSTRUMENTS BENEFITING YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

Commissioning technology infrastructure

The EYCA common card number database (CCDB) allows for card numbers to be verified instantly online. This allows cardholders to use online discounts and services such as mobile applications.

The development of the CCDB continued in 2024. New member organisations added their card numbers to the database, with **over 9.2 million card numbers verifiable via the CCDB currently**. In 2024, EYCA continued to support members to add customised features to the EYCA free app, making the experience more user-friendly for young people, by offering tech grants as part of the MI programme.

Special edition of the European Youth Card

In 2024, EYCA continued using the EYC special editions app especially to promote active participation and mobility of young people. Ahead of the European elections which had a profound impact on the continent, EYCA has developed again a special edition of the EYC to support active youth participation in the democratic life of Europe.

Signed:

Manel SÁNCHEZ | EYCA Director


**European Youth
Card Association**
