

PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON YOUTH MOBILITY THROUGH THE YOUTH CARD

WORK PROGRAMME 2023

Introduction

Co-operation with the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card of the Council of Europe is one of the core priorities of the European Youth Card Association. Both partners have been investing significant efforts to continuously strengthen their relationship in order to improve youth mobility and active citizenship for all young people in Europe.

The work programmes strive to accurately meet the needs of EYCA member organisations and those of governments who already contribute and communicate more effectively its potential value to governments who could contribute.

European Youth Cards are a valuable tool for mobility of young people, which is to be further promoted and strengthened, but also to implement other policy priorities, such as: active citizenship, access to rights, quality youth work, inclusive societies or increasing the capacity of governments to respond to challenging youth issues. The European Youth Card connects young people to a variety of services and opportunities and provides communication channels which can enable policy-makers to:

- (1) offer young people information, and
- (2) consult young people directly and involve them in decision making.

Priorities

Considering [the 2022-2025 Priorities of the Council of Europe youth sector](#), the work programme of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card reflects the need to reinforce youth trust in public institutions and pluralistic democracies, to empower them as actors in governance and to bring youth mobility back on the policy agenda, with a focus on sustainability.

Therefore, the proposed specific aims for the Partial Agreement's work programme for 2023 are:

- support and empower young people to actively shape their communities by getting involved in decision making processes;
- explore how the European Youth Card (EYC), as a youth mobility tool, can foster sustainability and align with SDGs;
- explore the role that European Youth Card-EYC can have in fostering intergovernmental co-operation on youth policy.

A proposed work program 2023

1. Study visit for the civil servants and EYCA organisations on youth policy and the rôle of the European Youth Card in its development: «Strengthening capacity for intergovernmental youth agendas: EYC as a tool to bring youth in governance»

The study visit will be dedicated to governmental representatives from the Partial Agreement's member states and various portfolios which are connected to youth affairs: from social policy, education, sport and communications/ digitalisation, etc., and EYCA member organisations with strong models of youth participation. The event will represent an opportunity to bring high on the agenda intergovernmental cooperation in youth policies and build capacity to take further steps in mainstreaming youth issues in different policy areas.

The event is hosted by Portugal and represents an opportunity to exchange good practices on policy development and programme implementation, youth work practices and outreaching to most

disadvantaged communities and on using the European Youth Card as a tool to actively support those processes.

This event will be in line with Priority no. 5 “Intergovernmental cooperation on youth policy” and contribute to the expected result: “*Member States have increased their capacity to develop youth policies promoting Council of Europe standards.*”

Objectives of the event are to:

- strengthen the capacity of policy makers and youth leaders to work together in implementing the Council of Europe standards on youth policy;
- offer a unique space for members of the PA on Youth Mobility to build stronger partnerships with European Youth Card organisations in their countries;
- foster youth participation in governance and identify how civil servants and EYCA member organisations can work together to achieve this objective.

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

Date: Spring 2023

Budget: 17.000 EUR

2. Promotional seminar

A promotional seminar will be organised by the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility and the European Youth Card Association (EYCA) in the course of 2023 and will be coordinated with another Partial Agreement, for example the Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes. The event will take the form of “Walk the Talk” where participants will find out about both Partial Agreements in an interactive format.

The main objectives of the seminar are to:

- promote the European Youth Card as a tool for policy development and implementation, at local, national and European levels, especially towards Government representatives;
- share good practices on how the European Youth Card is developed by EYCA members especially on how it supports young people in various difficult times;
- encourage Governments who have not signed the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility to do so and address ‘youth mobility’ as one of the priorities in their public policies;
- exchange good practices with PA Cultural Routes.

Location: Luxembourg

Format: interactive, *walk the talk* type of event.

Date: Summer 2023

Budget: 5.000 EUR

3. Thematic seminar «Youth as promoters of sustainability: EYC as a tool to reinforce sustainable mobility»

Sustainability is a topic with multiple meanings and the young generation is one of its strongest promoters. From sustainable traveling to sustainable fashion and being more aware of their behaviour as consumers, young people are demanding companies and brands to be environmentally aware, while keeping political representatives accountable for their positions on protecting the Planet.

EYCA has as a core mission to encourage youth mobility, as a means to break cultural barriers, empower youth as global citizens and promote human rights sensitivity. The EYC in itself is a tool that offers access to different benefits young people need during their journey: from transport to accommodation, leisure and cultural experiences. We strive to remain sustainable and relevant for young people, as one of the reliable stakeholders in the European youth field.

The seminar offers a space for debate, update and participation of decision makers, young people, youth workers and private sector around the topic of sustainability.

Objectives of the event are to:

- create synergies between public sector, youth card organisations, NGOs, young people and companies to advance sustainability in youth mobility;
- offer a unique space for members of the PA on Youth Mobility to build stronger partnerships with the European Youth Card organisations in their countries;
- identify concrete ways to use the EYC as a means to provide young people with green and digital services in smart cities (and beyond).

Location: Valencia or Vitoria-Gasteiz in Spain

Date: September 2023

Budget: 17.000 EUR

4. Presentations to the CDEJ and the Board of Co-ordination

Updated presentations on the completion of the 2022 work programme and implementation of the 2023 work programme will be made to the 2023 statutory meetings of the CDEJ.

Planned budget: 5.000 EUR.