

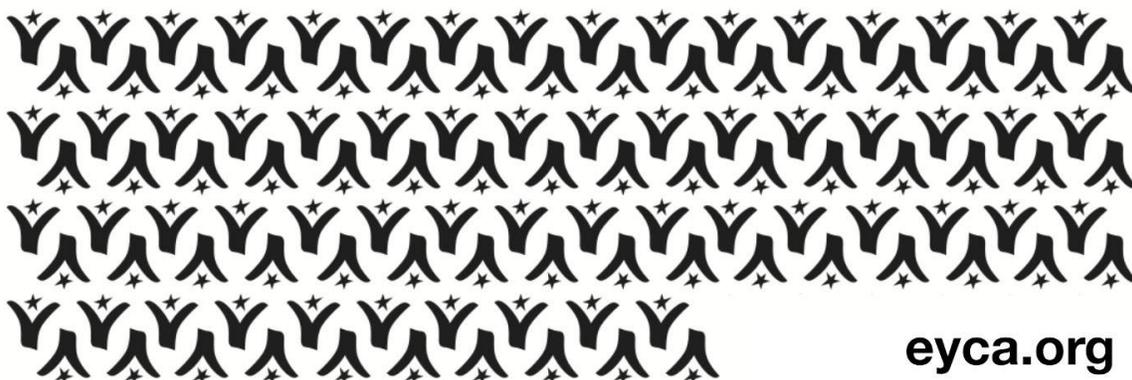
# SEMINAR

Promotional Seminar of the Partial Agreement on  
Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

16<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

online

REPORT



## Context

The promotional seminar was part of the 2021 programme of activities of the Council of Europe Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card. It was jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Youth Card Association, at the request of governmental authorities represented in the CDEJ. The seminar's content was developed in line with identified needs among governments, based on a research EYCA ran from November 2020 – February 2021.

**The main objectives** of the seminar can be summarised:

- 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 through the public health crisis of COVID-19
- Encourage Governments who have not signed the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility to do so and address 'youth mobility' as a priority in their public policies
- Present results of survey among members and non-members of Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the European Youth Card.

Therefore, **the profile of guests** included:

- representatives of Governments working to develop and implement national youth policies and being interested to connect it with the European dimension as regards the youth card and youth mobility;
- representatives of EYCA member organisations, including EYCA Board members;
- representatives of the Council of Europe.

From a **methodological perspective**, the seminar was held exclusively online, for only three hours. Organising the event online considered the possible negative impact on participants mental health and what is generally known as '*Zoom fatigue*', after one year of online meetings.

Therefore, the seminar mainly consisted of presentations of different good practices and models of European Youth Card development, followed by questions, answers and recommendations from the Member States representatives.

Aiming to cover a diverse geographical area and a variety of EYC models, the seminar brought together presentations from many youth card organisations. Also, it featured a video of Dr. Dan Moxon, as researcher who looked into the different expectations and needs of CDEJ members in relation to the European Youth Card development.

### **Presentations**

The seminar was opened by EYCA 's president, Mr. Jan Peloza together with Mrs. Natalja Turenne, representative of the Council of Europe. It was followed by a short introduction on how the PA on Youth Mobility is designed and the benefits it brings to its members.

EYCA Director, Mr. Manel Sanchez, delivered a comprehensive presentation about the European Youth Card Association, its member organisations and how it can support the policy development at national and regional levels.

To offer more context, the presentation was followed by a presentation of PA on Cultural Routes and joint initiative with PA on Youth Mobility. The presentation was offered by Mr. Stefano Dominionni.

For the next two hours, the seminar hosted presentations of different youth card organisations, showcasing models of good practice in using the European Youth Card to implement youth policies and public services in different areas:

- **Carnet Jove Andalucia, Spain - The Youth Card as a tool to build relationships with young people.** The presentation focused on good practices regarding services that can be offered through the European Youth Card, as a "*one stop shop*" tool. Also, by using the EYC as a tool to build constant dialogue with young people (cardholders) and engage them in service design, the card is used as a tool to build trustful relationships with beneficiaries, an essential element in youth work.
- **European Youth Card in Bulgaria - Supporting youth organisation and projects for young people.** Presented by Mrs. Lilya Elenkova, EYCA Board Member, the presentation focused on how the communities of cardholders can be mobilised and empowered to participate in democracy projects. From supporting official programmes such as the UN Youth Delegate to being recognised as an access tool to non-organised young people, the EYC in Bulgaria can offer good practices in how to advance youth participation in democratic societies.

- **Cartao Jovem in Portugal - The Youth Card in policy dialogue and youth engagement at municipal level.** Having one of the most complex European Youth Card programmes, the cobrand with the Municipalities in Portugal serves as an example on how the EYC can be used to deliver young citizens with public services. Over 105 municipalities and over 15.000 young people benefit from the Municipal European Youth Card, a tool through which local and regional administration involves young citizens in public life. The presentation also touched on other topics of interest for young people, such as climate change and how the EYC can contribute to tackle the negative effects.
- **Evropska Omladinska Kartica, BiH - The Youth Card promoting intercultural understanding and peaceful communities.** As a new member organisation in the European Youth Card Association, PRONI presented their model of connecting the European Youth Card with youth work services in multi-ethnic communities, with a purpose to build peaceful and resilient communities.

All presentations and documents can be consulted [at this link](#).

The event was closed by EYCA Director and the Council of Europe representative, taking on board all recommendations of creating further spaces for debate and learning about the PA on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card.

## PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR

16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	
09.30 – 10.00	<p><b>Welcome address by hosts and organisers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan Peloza – EYCA President</li> <li>• Natalja Turenne - Council of Europe</li> <li>• Manel Sanchez - EYCA Director</li> </ul> <p>Round of introductions from participants</p>
<b>GENERAL PRESENTATION</b>	
10.00 – 10.15	<p>Presentation and discussion:</p> <p>The Partial Agreement and its role in the implementation of youth policies in member states – examples of good practice from governments</p>
10.15 – 10.30	<p>Presentation based on survey results from members and non-members of PA on Youth Mobility</p>
10.30 – 10.45	<p>Presentation of PA on Cultural Routes and joint initiative with PA on Youth mobility</p>
10.45 – 11.00	<p>Coffee break</p>
<b>GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES</b>	
11.00 – 11.45	<p>The European Youth Card and effective youth policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carnet Jove Andalusia, Spain   The Youth Card as a tool to build relationships with young people</li> <li>• European Youth Card in Bulgaria   Supporting youth organisation and projects for young people</li> </ul>
11.45 – 12.00	<p>Coffee break</p>
12.00 – 12.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cartao Jovem in Portugal   The Youth Card in policy dialogue and youth engagement at municipal level</li> <li>• Evropska Omladinska Kartica, BiH   The Youth Card promoting intercultural understanding and peaceful communities</li> </ul> <p>Debates related to the benefits of supporting the European Youth Card and joining the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility</p>
12.45 – 13.00	<p>Conclusions and closing remarks</p>

## List of participants

**Promotional Seminar of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card**  
**“Partial Agreement and its role in the implementation of youth policies in member states”**

**16 March 2021**

Online <https://bluejeans.com/994508701>

**1. Ms Jehona ROKA VARFI**

Specialist  
Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth  
**ALBANIA**

**2. Mr Markus WOLF**

Bundeskanzleramt  
Sektion VI - Familie und Jugend  
Abteilung 7 - Europäische und internationale Familien- und Jugendpolitik  
**AUSTRIA**

**3. Mr Kemal Salić**

Senior Specialist for European Integration and International Cooperation  
Mobility and Youth Unit  
Department of Education  
Ministry of Civil Affairs  
**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

**4. Ms Milena ANDREEVA**

Ministry of Youth and Sports  
**BULGARIA**

**5. Ms Desislava TEODOSIEVA**

State Expert  
Youth Policies Directorate  
Ministry of Youth and Sports  
**BULGARIA**

**6. Ms Zdenka MASKOVA**

Senior Officer  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports  
**CZECH REPUBLIC**

**7. Mr Marco Morelli**

Prime Ministers' Office  
Department for Youth and National Civic Service  
**ITALY**

**8. Ms Marija PETRONIJEVIĆ**

Adviser for the realization of IPA projects  
Sector for International Cooperation and European Integration  
Ministry of Youth and Sports  
**SERBIA**

**9. Mr Hector DEL BARRIO ALVARELLOS**

Head of Service  
Deputy-Direction General for National and International Cooperation  
Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Area  
Spanish Institute for Youth INJUVE  
**SPAIN**

**10. Ms Iryna BIELIAIEVA**

Director of Youth Policy Department  
Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine  
**UKRAINE**

**11. Ms Rachel Cole**

Senior Youth Policy Advisor  
Youth and Social Action team  
**UK**

**12. Ms Lydia Siapardani**

**Advisory Council on Youth** – Council of Europe  
Head of Media and Advocacy  
InterVolve – Irida Centre

**13. Mr David Costa**

Marketing Director  
Movijovem **Portugal**

## **Partial Agreement Cultural Routes**

### **14. Mr. Stefano Dominioni**

Director, European Institute of Cultural Routes  
Council of Europe

## **EYCA Member organisations presenting good practices**

### **15. Mr. Jasmin Jasarevic**

Director PRONI  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **16. Mr. Dejan Radjen**

Youth worker, PRONI  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **17. Ms. Lilya Elenkova**

National Youth Card Association  
Youth researcher, EYA Board member  
Bulgaria

### **18. Ms. Vanesa Martin**

Andalusian Institute of Youth  
Responsible for Youth Information  
Andalucia, Spain

### **19. Mr. Rafael Tovar Pereira**

Andalusian Institute of Youth  
Responsible for Carne Jove Andalucia

### **20. Mr. Miguel Perestrello**

Movijovem, Portugal

## **EYCA Brussels Board and office**

### **21. Mr. Jan Peloza**

EYCA President

### **22. Ms. Corina Pirvulescu**

Members Manager

### **23. Mr. Manel Sanchez**

EYCA Director