

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

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PARTIAL AGREEMENT WORK PROGRAMME 2019

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.

Youth Mobility continues to be a priority for all policy-makers with an interest in youth issues in Europe. Having in mind its different aspects (work mobility, learning mobility, cultural mobility, etc.), EYCA has a great potential to fill the gap which is recognised by all policy stakeholders when it comes to the available data and development of mobility policies.

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 information etc. Youth cards connect young people to all a variety of services and opportunities. Youth Cards provide communication channels which can enable policy-makers (1) to provide young people with information, and (2) to consult young people directly. And many youth card organisations create innovative practices to engage young people as active citizens and in co-designing solutions.

Priorities

Having in mind the [*priorities for the 2018-2019 programme of activities of the Council of Europe's Youth Sector*](#) adopted by the Joint Council on Youth, the European Youth Card will contribute to the achievement of these objectives in 2019. Therefore, the proposed specific aims for the Partial Agreement work programme for 2019 are:

- Encouragement of young people's active participation in democratic processes through various models of youth participation;
- Support youth work development in member states and the implementation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work;
- Support young people's development of media literacy skills (contribution to the follow-up of the NHSM Campaign) and young people's access to information and counseling.

A proposed work program 2019

1. Promotional PA Seminar “Mainstreaming youth mobility in policies at all levels”

The Partial Agreement's promotional seminar on “Mainstreaming youth mobility in policies at all levels” is a regular activity of the Partial Agreement organised as a response to the interest voiced by a number of states not yet party to the Partial Agreement to learn more about it, as well as about the youth card and its implementation.

The objectives of the Seminar are the following:

1. To promote the European Youth Card as a tool for policy development and implementation, at local, regional, national and European levels, especially towards governmental representatives of states who did not yet sign the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility;
2. To share good practices on how the EYC is developed by EYCA members and get hands-on experience on how the youth card is used to provide services to young people at all levels.

Location: Madrid, Spain

Time: January/February 2019

Budget: 10.000 EUR

2. PA Seminar “The European Youth Card and effective youth work services”

As one of the leading European countries in promoting qualitative youth work services, Finland is the perfect location to host one of the PA seminars, especially as it will hold the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers until May 2019.

The objectives of the Seminar are the following:

1. To explore the understanding of ‘youth work services’ and the variety of models across CoE countries;
2. To consider the European Youth Card's possible contribution to the provision of effective youth work services in member states.

The seminar will offer the space to learn from the Finnish model of youth work and understand the process from policy design to implementation, including through the use of the European Youth Card. The event is expected to bring together youth workers, young

people (beneficiaries), representatives of Ministries responsible for youth work in CoE member states and researchers.

Location: Finland

Date: May 2019

Budget: 10.000 EUR

3. PA Seminar “The European Youth Card to advance safe on-line spaces”

On average, young Europeans spend 7h/day on-line, which makes the social media one the most popular spaces where young people express themselves, get information from and interact with their peers. Adapting youth work services to the digital era and ensuring internet is a safe space for *all* young people should be part of youth policy agenda.

The seminar is a contribution to the follow-up of the *No Hate Speech Movement Campaign* which encourages policy makers and youth workers to advance public policies and practices on the use of internet centred on human rights. Young people could and should also significantly contribute to such practices. The Seminar will draw experience from the various good examples of EYCA member organisations on how the European Youth Card can be used as a tool to promote values and practices based on tolerance and respect for human rights.

The objective of the Seminar is the following:

1. To follow-up on the No Hate Speech Campaign and identify concrete initiatives on which different stakeholders can work together to ensure that internet is a safe space for *all* young people;
2. To consider how the European Youth Card can be used as a tool to promote values and practices on tolerance and respect for human rights.

Location: Strasbourg, France (EYCS)

Date: September 2019

Budget: 12.000

4. PA Seminar “Fostering youth participation through the European Youth Card”

The Council of Europe, since the creation of its youth sector in the early 70’ of the last century, practices “co-management” in decision-making between governmental representatives in the field of youth and representatives of international youth NGOs, and thus highly values the active participation of young people in its own work and on a more global level. Nowadays, youth participation takes various forms and formats, well beyond the traditional participation in political parties or voting once in five years. Young people are finding new, alternative ways of engaging.

The objectives of the Seminar is the following:

1. Offer the space for debate and recognition of the variety of forms in which young

people make their voices heard;

2. Explore the ways in which the European Youth Card can be a tool to reach out to the engaged and the disengaged young people and offer them ways for active, constructive and democratic participation;

The seminar will bring together policy makers and practitioners in the youth field, youth researchers, youth activists and young card holders.

Location: Greece/Italy

Date: November 2019

Budget: 10.000 EUR

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

Updated presentations on the activities of the Partial Agreement will continue to be made at all meetings of the CDEJ in 2019.

In addition, a presentation/half-day seminar for the Permanent Representations (diplomatic representations to the Council of Europe) could take place. EYCA will offer to host a dinner with Permanent Representations to the CoE in order to present the results of the program and its publications, especially the fund-raising action.

Planned budget: 3.000 EUR.