



PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON YOUTH MOBILITY THROUGH THE YOUTH CARD WORK PROGRAMME 2025

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 across Europe.

The 2025 work programme aims to create synergies among different stakeholders, events and policy priorities, while shedding light on the (potential) role of the European Youth Card as a tool of policy coordination. In this regard, continuing the innovative approach, the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card will see in 2025 a series of events aligned with the Council of Europe priorities in the youth sector, but also forging new partnerships.

Through the partnership with the Council of Europe and the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility, EYCA aspires to place the European Youth Card (EYC) at the forefront of youth policies. Using the EYC outreach, facilities, connections with different actors in young people's lives and the knowledge gathered from being a youth-oriented product, EYCA aims to connect with Partial Agreement signatory states and support their efforts of effective youth policies implementation.

Priorities

Considering [the 2024-2027 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 engage young people in policy-making and public discussions, in line with a youth perspective currently implemented through all the programmes of the Council of Europe following the Reykjavik Declaration adopted by the 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the member States of the Council of Europe (May 2023).

Therefore, **the proposed Partial Agreement work programme for 2025** aims at the following:

- to take stock of the results and achievements of the Partial Agreement's work programme since 2013 till 2024 by means of a dedicated research in view of sharing the conclusions in appropriate settings organised during the European Conference of Ministers responsible for youth affairs (7-9 October 2025, Malta)¹;

¹ For information: As part of the efforts, EYCA will host a side event on youth mobility for young people from rural areas. The event will bring together youth workers, young people, policy makers, rural youth entrepreneurs and private sector actors in mobility & transports sectors. The event will also be co-hosted by RYCO and will shed light on the challenges faced by rural young people in Western Balkans. Location: Valletta, Malta, Date: 7th October 2025

- to explore new avenues of co-operation between the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility and other Council of Europe Partial Agreements with a view to enhancing the use of the European Youth Card as an effective tool for youth mobility- and access to rights policies with participation of representatives of the Partial Agreement's member States, EYCA member organisations, partners (ERYICA, CCJ, YFJ, etc.) and the secretariat and possibly elected representatives of other Council of Europe Partial Agreements identified as possible partners. In view of setting youth perspectives into action a workshop «**Youth Perspectives in action: Council of Europe's Partial Agreements after the Reykjavik Summit**» will be held **on 11-12 March 2025** in the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg.

- to further enhance co-operation with the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe through continuation of the “**Walk the Talk**”² series with the aim to involve young people in developing and promoting the Cultural Routes and to strengthen the role of the European Youth Card in these processes through a dedicated seminar in the framework of the 14th Annual Forum of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (October 2025, Cappadocia, Türkiye), for the attention of:
 - governmental representatives of the member States of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility working to develop and implement national youth policies and interested to connect with the European dimension as regards the youth card and youth mobility;
 - representatives of the member States of the Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and their cultural institutions;
 - representatives of EYCA member organisations, including EYCA Board members, and EYCA Youth Panel;
 - young card-holders and representatives of youth NGOs or associations of young professionals working in the field of culture, cultural and/or natural heritage, and youth participation;

In addition, presentations of the PA on Youth Mobility and EYCA will be made, as usual, to the European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ) and other relevant meetings of the Council of Europe Partial Agreements. Representatives of the PA's Board of Co-ordination and EYCA's Board and Youth Panel could be invited to take part in events organised by partners such as the next Jury for the Pompidou Group Prevention Prize 2025, the Breakfast Roundtable on “Women in Sport”.

² The working title could be “Gate to the East: exploring Cultural Heritage and the role of EYC in advancing cultural awareness”.