



AP/Carte-J (2017)PV38

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

**38th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination
Monday, 27 March 2017, Budapest**

REPORT

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The meeting was chaired by the vice-chair of the Board of Co-ordination, Jorge Orlando (Portugal)¹. The chair Jarkko Lehikoinen (EYCA President) was excused for absence due to the major event of his national organisation, Alianssi, in Finland. The vice-chair welcomed the participants, particularly the new CDEJ members², noting that not only the quorum was achieved but that all governmental representatives of the Board of Co-ordination were present³. The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

2. Adoption of the agenda

AP/Carte-J (2016) OJ 38prov

Agenda was adopted with no change as it appears in Appendix I and in the reference document AP/Carte-J (2016) OJ 38.

3. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The elections of the chair and vice-chair were postponed till the next meeting of the Board of Co-ordination on 16 October 2017 in Strasbourg.

¹Jorge Orlando's term of office was prolonged till March 2017 at the Board's meeting on 17 October 2016.

² It should be recalled that the Committee of Ministers nominates member states of the Partial Agreement to the Board of Co-ordination, and not individuals.

³ 1257th meeting of the Committee of Ministers, 25 May 2016, item 8.1 "Appointment of the eight governmental members of the Board of Coordination": The Deputies, in their composition restricted to the representatives of the member States of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card,¹ appointed the following eight member States to sit on the Board of Co-ordination of the Partial Agreement in 2016-2017: Andorra; Austria; Azerbaijan; Croatia; Cyprus; Republic of Moldova; Montenegro; Serbia.

The Secretariat recalled that according to the Resolution Res/AP(2003)1 instituting the Partial Agreement, the chair and vice-chair positions should alternate between EYCA and governmental representatives each year. The term of office of the current chair from the EYCA side had already been prolonged at the Board's meeting on 17 October 2016 till March 2017. The next Chair should come from the governmental side.

4. Adoption of the report of the 37th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

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The report of the 37th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination was adopted without change as it appears in AP/Carte-J (2016)PV37.

The representative of Moldova asked the EYCA Director several questions on the Moldovan youth card organisation.

5. Implementation of the programme of activities 2017 – oral report

AP/Carte-J (2016)2 (programme of activities 2017)

Markus Wolf (CDEJ member, Austria) and Jorge Orlando (CDEJ member, Portugal) took part in and reported on the Cyprus Chairmanship seminar on “Countering violent extremism and youth radicalisation: using the European Youth card to promote peaceful communities” (29-31 January 2017, Nicosia), organised by the Partial Agreement, EYCA and the Youth Board of Cyprus. The event was a big success with large participation of various stakeholders, final recommendations worked out for policy action and a publication to be prepared on its basis. The media coverage (TV, print and on-line media, radio) was extensive. The results would be fed into the youth department's work on this subject, including the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth, ERYICA's co-operation with the Council of Europe, etc.

The Board discussed ways in which the Partial Agreement and EYCA could contribute to the Summer University in 2017 (28 August-1 September 2017), and how the theme of youth mobility could be presented there. This activity would be the major event of the Partial Agreement's programme of activities in 2017.

As regards the preparation of the promotional seminar for states not party to the Partial Agreement, it was agreed that this time the accent would be made not on big payers but on ordinary member states. The importance of new accessions did not lie so much in the increase of the budget (as, according to the existing financial rules, even the accession of a big payer would not bring a considerable increase of the PA budget), but in the geographical representation – the wider it was, the richer and the more relevant the exchanges. The place and date of the next promotional seminar would be determined at a later stage.

The Board of Co-ordination took note of the above information on the basis of document AP/Carte-J (2016)2.

6. Recent developments in the European Youth Card Association (EYCA) – oral update

Manel Sanchez, EYCA Director, up-dated the Board on the recent developments in EYCA.

New EYCA member in Germany

Reisenetz e.V. - the German Association for Youth Travel - is the latest addition to EYCA since March 2017. The partnership was made official in Berlin where Jarkko Lehikoinen, EYCA President, and Klaus Eikmeier, CEO of Reisenetz eV, signed the agreement granting Reisenetz the license for the European Youth Card in Germany.

With a history spanning nearly 30 years, Reisenetz is the leading youth travel network in Germany, bringing together almost 100 member organisations. The mission of the network is to work for quality youth travel that creates positive, enriching experiences for young people. In 2015 alone, Reisenetz and its members helped over 6 million young people travel to more than 60 countries.

The European Youth Card will be launched in Germany during the course of this year with a specific focus on youth travel.

“Engage. Inform. Empower”

The three main European networks for youth information and youth mobility (ERYICA, EYCA and EURODESK) have joined forces to develop **a set of recommendations for the new EU Youth Strategy**.⁴ The position paper entitled *Engage. Inform. Empower* stresses the importance of making youth information and mobility opportunities available to all young Europeans and recommends the development of an ambitious Youth Information Strategy as one of the pillars of the new EU Youth Strategy. Youth mobility should be recognised as one of the key pillars of the EU Youth Strategy in order to encourage member states to mainstream youth mobility in their national policies. This also involves supporting young people from disadvantaged groups to overcome potential barriers to have access to mobility opportunities.

A joint good practice collection⁵ would be also published in the near future where models of good practice from the three networks on how to effectively reach out to young people, are showcased. The publication would aim at inspiring youth workers in their daily effort to increase the quality of their services and would serve as a tool for policy-makers to advance youth work and youth mobility at all levels. The collection would encompass models of good practice from across Europe and show the diversity, creativity and effectiveness of digital tools and non-formal education in engaging young people as active citizens.

Structured Dialogue in Finland

EYCA Director recalled that EYCA is a long-time supporter of the EU Structured Dialogue with youth. 18 EYCA member organisations in EU member states actively promote Structured Dialogue consultations and outcomes and encourage European Youth Cardholders to get involved. The European Youth Card Finland had been supporting the Structured Dialogue since 2012 by engaging

⁴ http://www.eyca.org/uploads/files_KgwQjNoXAX/2016-10/328835893-engage-inform-empower.1477480357.pdf/328835893-Engage-Inform-Empower.pdf

⁵ http://www.eyca.org/uploads/files_KgwQjNoXAX/2017-07/best-practice-web.1500018637.pdf/best%20practice_web_.pdf (published in July 2017)

cardholders in the process. In 2016 nearly half (47%) of the young people involved in the consultation were European Youth Cardholders. To bring the Structured Dialogue closer to young Finns, the Youth Card team decided to make the consultation available via the Crowst⁶ mobile app. This new method had allowed to considerably boost participation.

The mobile app was just one of several channels used to reach out to young people during the consultation. In addition to traditional channels, the Youth Card Finland also organised interviews over the phone or in groups in order to ensure the participation of young people belonging to minorities or vulnerable groups.

EYCA Excellence Awards and EYCA's General Assembly

Each year EYCA celebrates the achievements of its member organisations through the EYCA Excellence Awards. In 2017 this tradition will be continued by recognising five EYCA members for their excellent work in the last 12 months. The Excellence Awards winners would be announced on the 3rd of June, during the closing event of the EYCA Annual Conference hosted in Belgrade, Serbia. The General Assembly itself would take place from 1-4 June 2017. On this occasion a new EYCA's President would be elected, Jarkko Lehikoinen having finished his two consecutive terms of office. The Youth Department planned to be represented at this event – celebrating EYCA's 30th anniversary – at an appropriately high level.

The Board of Co-ordination took note of the above information provided orally by the EYCA Director, Manel Sanchez.

7. Any other business

The Secretariat informed the Board that, in agreement with EYCA and the Croatian youth card, it had made a preliminary proposal of an event for the official programme of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in May-November 2018 on the theme of “Brain drain – brain gain”.

The current Board's meeting would be traditionally followed by a working dinner for all Partial Agreement members where recent developments within the Partial Agreement and EYCA would be presented.

10. Date and place of the next meeting

In the framework of the youth sector's statutory bodies in Strasbourg on 16 October 2017.

⁶ Crowst Oy is a mobile app allowing users to answer surveys on their phone.



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Appendix I

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 - Participation in the CDEJ summer university (28 August – 1 September 2017, Budapest)
 - Proposals for an activity for the second half of the year
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Appendix II

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Budapest (EYC), 27 Mars 2017
List of participants / liste des participants

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Board member

Mr Istvan Karasz
Board member

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Valentin DUPOUEY *Apologised for the continuation of the CCJ meeting*
Erasmus Students' Network

Youth Department / Service Jeunesse

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