



AP/Carte-J (2017) PV39

Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

39th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

**Monday, 16 October 2017
European Youth Centre, Strasbourg**

REPORT

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the secretariat in the absence of the elected chair or vice-chair. A round of introductions took place. The secretariat welcomed as observers to the meeting the CDEJ representatives of Hungary, Slovak Republic and Portugal (in his capacity of former vice-chair who chaired the previous meeting), all three states being party to the Partial Agreement. The CDEJ representatives of Albania and Bulgaria were also present at the meeting in view of their countries' interest in joining the Partial Agreement.

The list of participants appears in Appendix II.

2. Adoption of the agenda

AP/Carte-J (2017) OJ 39

The agenda was adopted with no change as it appears in Appendix I and in the reference document AP/Carte-J (2016) OJ 39.

3. Election of the Chair (CDEJ) and the Vice-Chair (EYCA)¹

AP/Carte-J (2017)1

At the 38th meeting (27 March 2017, Budapest) of the Board of Co-ordination, the elections of the chair and vice-chair were postponed till the next meeting of the Board of Co-ordination on 16

¹ It is recalled that Article 5 of the Resolution ResAP(2003)1 instituting a Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card stipulates that: “The Board of co-ordination shall elect its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for a two-year period provided that such a period does not exceed the duration of the term of office as representative of a Partial Agreement member state or of the European Youth Card Association.

When the Chairperson is elected amongst the members appointed by the Committee of Ministers, the Vice-Chairperson is elected amongst the members appointed by the Conference, and vice-versa. Each year, each of these offices is given alternately to a member appointed by the Committee of Ministers and a member appointed by the Association.”

October 2017 in Strasbourg. In view of the fact that the Board's term of office was at its end and should be appointed by the Committee of Ministers for the next period of 2018-2019, the Board decided to elect its Chair only for the current meeting, and leave the election of its Chair and Vice-Chair for the term of office 2018-2019 at its following meeting in March 2018.

Louise Macdonald, EYCA's President, was elected chair for the current meeting of the Board of Co-ordination and till the end of 2017. It was agreed that there was no need to elect a vice-chair for the current meeting.

The current Board for 2016-2017 consists of the following member states²: Andorra; **Austria**; Azerbaijan; Croatia; Cyprus; **Republic of Moldova**; Montenegro; Serbia. Among these states only Austria and Republic of Moldova would not be eligible for the next term of office having fulfilled two consecutive terms of office³. *The other current six members of the Board expressed their agreement in standing for nomination for the next term. The representative of Hungary also expressed his willingness to stand for nomination.*

4. Adoption of the report of the 38th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination

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The report of the 38th meeting of the Board of Co-ordination was adopted without change as it appears in AP/Carte-J (2016)PV38.

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

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The secretariat gave a brief update on the implementation of the programme of activities 2017 and noted that both the Cyprus CM Chairmanship event (29-31 January 2017, Nicosia), organised by the Partial Agreement, EYCA and the Youth Board of Cyprus, and the European University on Youth Policies (CDEJ Summer University (28 August – 1 September 2017, Budapest) were extensively reported on at the CDEJ meetings and on other occasions. On this occasion, the secretariat was pleased to hand over to EYCA a letter addressed to Istvan Karasz, the Hungarian youth card representative and member of the EYCA's Board, to thank him on behalf of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe for his active contribution to the success of the Summer University.

As regards the promotional seminar for non-member states of the Partial Agreement, it would take place in December, Varna, Bulgaria. The concept paper and the draft programme of the event appear in Appendix 2 of the document *AP/Carte-J (2017)2*. EYCA Director and the representative of the youth card Bulgaria made a brief presentation noting the link with the Varna Youth Capital celebration and the involvement of the Cascais municipality representatives, as Cascais would be the Youth Capital 2018 and several key events of the Council of Europe sector might take place there as well. The update (as well as the proposal for the 2018 programme of activities) is included in the following Power Point Presentation:

² 1257th meeting of the Committee of Ministers, 25 May 2016

³ The following member states were nominated to the Board of Co-ordination for 2014-2015: Armenia, **Austria**, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malta, Portugal, **Republic of Moldova**, Slovak Republic, and Slovenia.



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The Board took note of the implementation of the programme of activities 2017 and expressed its satisfaction with the developments.

6. Programme of activities 2018

AP/Carte-J (2017)3

Having in mind the *priorities for the 2018-2019 programme of activities of the Council of Europe's Youth Sector* recently adopted by the Joint Council on Youth⁴, the Partial Agreement's objective in this context would be to ensure that youth mobility was an important tool for achieving these objectives in its own programme of activities, such as, for example, mainstreaming the importance of "opportunities for youth mobility" as a positive narrative, changing the perspective on young people with refugee background and seeing them as *opportunity youth*, offering the space for youth workers to be innovative, etc.

The highlights of the programme would be:

- a Croatian Chairmanship Seminar "Role of Youth Cards in promoting social entrepreneurship: from economic empowerment to tackling 'brain drain' phenomena" ("Brain drain or brain gain?"), to take place in Croatia (exact place and date to be confirmed);
- a Seminar on "From good practices to youth policies and vice-versa: the European Youth Card as a tool to promote access to social and civic rights for all young people" (place and time to be confirmed);
- a promotional Partial Agreement Seminar "Mainstreaming youth mobility opportunities in policies at all levels".

The Board of Coordination approved the programme of activities as it appears in document AP/Carte-J (2017).3

7. Recent developments in the European Youth Card Association (EYCA) – an oral up-date

Manel Sanchez, EYCA Director, updated the Board on the recent developments in EYCA. He mentioned its fruitful co-operation with the Council of Europe Cultural Routes Partial Agreement, noting that a memorandum of co-operation would be signed before the end of the year. A Youth Mobility project, gathering a dozen of countries and their policy-makers, EYCA youth card organisations, young youth card holders, allowed to discuss youth mobility policy issues. The results of this project would be available and shared soon.

A new EYCA Board was elected at its General Assembly on 1-3 June 2017. One third of the Board was 30 years old or below.

⁴ Subject to the final approval of the 2018-2019 Programme and Budget by the Committee of Ministers at the 1300th (Budget) Deputies' meeting on 21-23 November 2017.

The English youth card organisation “Vinspired” was confirmed as EYCA’s official member. The German Youth Card organisation “Reisenetz” was also confirmed as an EYCA member. The Moldovan youth card organization Q/A was partly confirmed due to lack of a number of documents. If the process of confirmation would not be completed, EYCA would need to look for a new Moldovan organisation for the development of the youth card in Moldova. Romanian youth card organisation would be subject of the EYCA support visit mid-November. Other visits would take place in Malta, Italy, Russian Federation, Georgia and Moldova. Each visit would also be an occasion to present the Partial Agreement and insist on the fact that the two go very much together.

The German youth card organisation would launch its card in Munich on 9 November 2017.

EYCA Director introduced a new manager of the youth card France who spoke of the most important activities which took place or would take place in his organisation in 2017. Particular attention would be paid to sport events in view of the Olympic Games in Paris in 2020.

EYCA was involved in the European Commission’s Solidarity Cor project for a long time with a view to making available youth cards in the same way as all young people doing an EVS receive them free of charge. EYCA would keep the Council of Europe abreast on the developments.

A question was asked on whether EYCA was working on the Latin continent or more broadly outside Europe. The EYCA President and Director said that they had contacts with delegations from China, Australia, New Zealand, Latin America (Mexico, Brazil) but that for the time-being EYCA had not developed any strategic approach on this.

8. Any other business

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.

The Secretariat announced that the publication on the above mentioned seminar of the Cyprus Chairmanship event was now available in print and online on the following link: <https://rm.coe.int/countering-violent-extremism-and-youth-radicalisation-using-the-europe/168075dec4>

9. Date and place of the next meeting

In the framework of the youth sector’s statutory bodies in Budapest, on 26 March 2018 at 18.30-20.00

APPENDIX I

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18.30 – 20.00

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APPENDIX II

**Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card
Board of Co-ordination (39th meeting)**

List of participants / liste des participants

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