

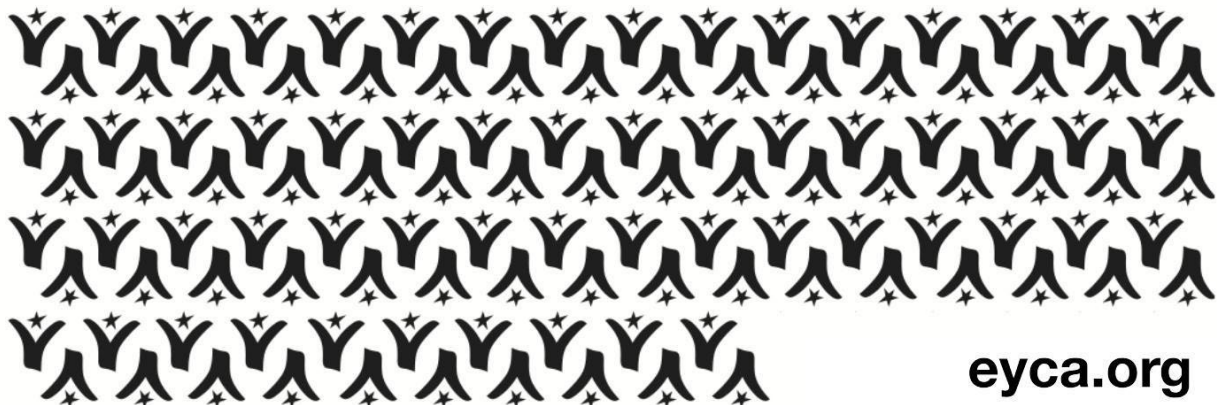
## **Partial Agreement Seminar:**

*'Urban youth participation and inclusive youth spaces'*

27-29 November 2024  
Andorra la Vella, Andorra

Seminar of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card  
and the European Youth Card Association (EYCA)

CONCEPT AND DRAFT PROGRAMME



## Introduction

Urban settings have become living labs to pilot various initiatives that help tackle society's current and future challenges. From innovating in democracy to nudging behaviours towards a more environmental-friendly future, cities and urban settings are the best laboratories to experiment with real-life solutions to complex problems. As young citizens are increasingly aware of these challenges, their participation in solving communities' complex issues becomes essential. Not only they can bring fresh perspectives, but also they have a direct interest in addressing challenges with long-term impact in the future.

At the same time, the European youth sector holds a conversation on youth mainstreaming and inclusive youth spaces, in particular through the lenses of youth work. While concepts such as *urban labs* have gained traction in social innovation field, the practices are still not known or connected to youth sector debates. Drawing from various good practices and innovations, the seminar will offer a space for policy makers, EYCA members, community leaders and young people themselves to exchange and understand how the European Youth Card can be used as a tool for bringing various stakeholders together.

The seminar will showcase the advantages of being part of the PA on Youth Mobility and models of good practices on urban youth participation, will be organised at the end of 2024. The event will present also the promotional video of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility. The event is dedicated to Governments who are considering signing the PA on Youth Mobility and will showcase concrete examples on how urban youth participation can be fostered through European Youth Card.

**The main objectives** of the seminar are to:

1. Promote the European Youth Card as a tool for policy development and implementation, at local, national and European levels, especially towards Government representatives;
2. Share good practices on how the European Youth Card is developed by EYCA members especially with a focus on urban youth participation,
3. Encourage Governments who have not signed the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility to do so and address 'youth mobility' as one of the priorities in their public policies.
4. Promote the presentation video of the PA on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card.

Therefore, **the profile of expected participants** is:

- representatives of Governments from the **member States of the Council of Europe party to the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card** 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;
- a number of invited governmental representatives from the Council of Europe States not yet party to the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility;
- representatives of EYCA member organisations, including EYCA Board members;
- representatives of **European** youth NGOs **from member States of the Council of Europe** involved in issues of young people's participation in solving urban communities' complex issues, in development of inclusive urban youth spaces, and youth work;
- representatives of the Council of Europe.

**PLEASE NOTE that applications which DO NOT correspond to the above criteria will NOT be taken into account.**

## About the organisers

The **Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card** exists since 1991 and is a programme of the Council of Europe<sup>1</sup> aimed at developing the youth card scheme, particularly at European level, in the best interests of young people with a view to facilitating their mobility as well as access to the various goods and services necessary for their personal and cultural development.

The **European Youth Card Association (EYCA)** groups over 35 youth card organisations all over Europe and is the Partial Agreement's statutory partner. EYCA's vision is a Europe where all young people are mobile and active (socially, culturally, educationally and economically). EYCA's mission to reach this objective consists in delivering quality youth card services and in contributing to a better policy on youth mobility and active citizenship.

Today, over eight million youth cardholders benefit from youth card opportunities.

**Carnet Jove Andorra** is the EYCA member organisation in Andorra and offers benefits to over 8000 young people. More about Carnet Jove Andorra on: <https://carnetjove.ad/>

The **Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports** of the Government of Andorra is the primary government authority responsible for youth in Andorra. Decree 300/2023 states that "the ministry in charge of youth and volunteering is organically structured through the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports". The Secretary is further delimited by the Area for the Promotion of Youth and Volunteering and the Centre for Educational and Professional Orientation (COEP), both of which operate functionally under the Secretary. This structure is very recent, and may not be reflected in the government website, which still shows an organisational chart that is in line with Decree 171/2021.

According to Decree 300/2023, the following functions correspond to the Area for the Promotion of Youth and Volunteering:

- To lead youth policies at the national and international level;
- Coordinate preparation of draft budget proposals;
- Promote the study and research of youth policies;
- Coordinate youth services and programmes.

The work of the Educational and Professional Orientation Centre can be organised into three main themes:

- Individual attention services;
- Training and skills development;
- Projects and activities.

Additionally, the Ministry established the Youth Board through Decree 98/2022 to promote youth participation in decision-making bodies and implementation of public policies. The main objective of the Youth Board is "to coordinate and guarantee the coordination and cooperation in matters of youth of the institutions authorized to develop this competence, and to enable a space for reflection and the making of agreements."

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<sup>1</sup> The Council of Europe is the leading Pan-European international organisation promoting inclusive, human-rights based youth policies.

## Practical information

Participation related costs are covered by the organisers as follows:

International travel related costs are reimbursed by EYCA, through the grant of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility, upon receiving the travel documents. Reimbursement will be done in maximum three weeks after attending the seminar.

Accommodation and meals are covered by the local organisers for a maximum of 2 nights.

## Transport

The participants are responsible for arranging their own travel, possibly in a most economical way. More information about the local transport will be offered at a later state.

EYCA will reimburse international travel costs upon receiving the justificative documents, **up to 400 euros/person** and the tickets need to be booked at least 15 days in advance before travelling.

- Request for reimbursement (to be sent to all attendees)
- E-ticket/ invoice / train/bus tickets clearly showing the paid amount
- Travelling by car: 0.40 Euros/km, upon receiving the gas receipt

The participants' travel to and from the event as well as their stay during the study visit will be covered by the Council of Europe insurance. The organisers do not offer a pre-booked ticket.

## Visa

Those participants who need a visa to travel to Andorra will be requested to fill in a **visa request document, IF SELECTED**, and send a scanned copy of their passport. Please note that the organisers will assist to the extent possible with obtaining a visa for such participants.

## Confirmation and follow-up

Please express your **interest** in participating in this event **by the latest Wednesday 6 November 2024 midnight CET** by filling in an application form in Appendix to this document and forwarding it to [youthmobility@coe.int](mailto:youthmobility@coe.int). The selected participants would need to **confirm** their participation by **Tuesday 12 November 2024** midnight CET.

If a candidate has not received confirmation by 9 November 2024, this means this profile has not been selected.

## Contact

Regarding content and visa issues please contact: [youthmobility@coe.int](mailto:youthmobility@coe.int)

Regarding practical arrangements please contact: Corina Pirvulescu [corina.pirvulescu@eyca.org](mailto:corina.pirvulescu@eyca.org)

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

DAY 0   Wednesday 27 November 2024	
Until 20.00	Arrival of participants and welcome dinner
DAY 1   Thursday 28 November 2024	
09.15 - 10.00	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vice President of the European Youth Card Association and Executive Director of Carnet Jove Andorra</li> <li>● Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Government of Andorra (tbc)</li> <li>● Council of Europe</li> <li>● EYCA President</li> </ul>
10.00 - 10.30	<p><b>Aim and objectives of this seminar:</b> EYCA Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mapping the audience</li> <li>● Expectations</li> <li>● Framework: Brief presentation of EYC scheme and PA on Youth Mobility</li> </ul>
10.30 - 11.00	<p><b>Setting the stage</b></p> <p>Keynote speaker on urban youth participation and living labs</p>
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 12.00	<p><b>National and Regional Youth Policy Frameworks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Youth Plan - Andorra</li> <li>● Flemish Community - Belgium</li> </ul> <p>Questions and Answers session</p>
12.00 - 13.00	<p><b>Connections to local level and EYC. Presentations from EYCA youth card organisations in:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Basque Country, Spain (TBC)</li> <li>○ Montenegro</li> </ul>
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.00	<p><b>Panel discussion on youth participation in urban settings:</b>  <i>How can we make the best out of EYC infrastructure?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ghent – European Youth Capital 2024 representative</li> <li>○ Local Municipality in Andorra</li> <li>○ Barcelona – European Capital of Democracy</li> <li>○ KEKS, Sweden</li> <li>○ Local youth NGO / youth worker</li> <li>○ EYCA</li> </ul>

16.00 - 16.30	Coffee break including visioning of the promotional video of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility
16.30 – 18.00	<b>Guided tour</b>
19.30 - 22.00	Dinner in the city at the Museum
<b>DAY 2   Friday 29 November</b>	
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome back and recap of the previous day
09.30 - 10.30	<b>PA on Youth Mobility - <i>ask me anything</i> session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council of Europe</li> <li>○ Representative of a Signatory Member State of the Partial Agreement</li> <li>○ EYCA Director</li> <li>○ EYCA President</li> </ul>
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	<b>Untapping the potential of the European Youth Card in connecting stakeholders and building youth participation at local level</b> Working groups on different topics related to youth in urban participation Conclusions from the working group to be included in the final report
12.30 - 13.00	<b>Closing of event</b>
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch break and departures

