

Youth Partnership

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and the Council of Europe in the field of youth



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Symposium

'Youth Policy Responses to the Contemporary Challenges Faced by Young People'

Hotel International, Koulova 1501/15,

160 45 Prague, Czech Republic

12-14 June 2017

DRAFT Programme

12 June – Day 1: Setting the Scene

- 14:00 Registration
- 15:00 Welcome to participants from EU-CoE youth partnership
- 15:10 Youth policy from the perspective of the two partner institutions
Director-General of Democracy, Council of Europe, Snežana Samardžić-Marković,
European Commission (TBC)
- 15:40 Introduction to the Symposium and getting to know each-other
- 16:15 Break
- 16:45 Introduction to the afternoon session
- 16:50 Young people's experiences and aspirations and the contemporary challenges they face: interactive
keynote by Steven Roberts, researcher
- 17:30 Future Trends
- 17:45 Challenges' moments with Magda Nico, Pool of European Youth Researchers
- 18:30 Festive dinner with a welcome speech from the representative of the Czech Ministry of Youth and Sport

13 June – Day 2: Challenges and Youth Policy Responses

- 9:00 Opening of the day
- 9:15 Story-telling, Vicky Anne Reichling, young activist and Bruno Antonio, youth worker
- 9:35 Introduction to the themes of the working spaces, Cristina Bacalso, Pool of European Youth Researchers
- 9:45 Youth Policy fair: Open space for learning on practice and policy responses to contemporary
challenges at local, national and European level
- 11:15 Break
- 11:45 Exploring challenges and local, national and international practices in six simultaneous working spaces,
corresponding to the following 6 thematic groups

| IDENTITY and AUTONOMY | SOLIDARITY and DEMOCRACY | ACTIVITY and OCCUPATION |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Belonging | 3. Participation and expression | 5. Learning and training |
| 2. Agency and empowerment | 4. Volunteering | 6. Working and creating |

- 13:15 Lunch break
- 14:30 Exploring policy responses to contemporary challenges affecting young people - continuation
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Round up and review of the work of the thematic groups
- 17:50 Closing of the day
- 18:30 Departure with buses to the dinner on the boat

14 June – Day 3: Key Messages, Conclusions, and Follow-up

- 9:00 Opening reflections – inspiration for the key messages by John Muir
- 9:10 Messages in a bottle: elaboration of key messages
- 10:30 Presentation of the key messages
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Panel: reflections of participants and Matthew Johnson, Director for Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe
- 12:15 EU-CoE youth partnership's follow-up activities
- 12:20 Closing words from the representatives of the Czech Ministry for Youth and Sport
- 12:30 End of the Symposium