

# Youth Partnership

Partnership between the European Commission  
and the Council of Europe in the field of youth



## **The Current Crisis and Youth – Impact and Ways Forward** Strasbourg, 20-21 February 2013

### **Programme**

#### **Tuesday**

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

#### **Wednesday**

09:00 Opening session - Setting the stage: The Current Crisis and Youth

...seen by partner institutions

Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, EU Ambassador, Representative to the Council of Europe  
Ólöf Ólafsdóttir, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Council of Europe

....seen by young people

Elise Drouet, Board member of the European Youth Forum

09:45 Coffee break

10:15 Setting the stage: The Current Crisis and Youth

...seen by research community

Howard Williamson (University of Glamorgan, UK)

10:45 Introduction to the programme and participants

11:15 Impact and Ways Forward: Social Inclusion – panel 1

Chair: Karin Lopatta-Loibl (Youth Policy Unit, DG EAC, EC)

Interventions: Niamh Casey (European Social Charter, Council of Europe), Mara Georgescu (ENTER project, Council of Europe), Terry Barber (University of Dundee, UK), Laura Marin (Open Society Foundation Roma Policy Research Fellow), Lidia Salvatore (European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Impact and Ways Forward: Social Inclusion – workshops

Workshop I

Facilitator: Howard Williamson (University of Glamorgan, UK)

Contribution of Youth Work and Non-formal Education

*Possible topics include: how can we ensure that YW/NFE reaches and truly helps the growing number of socially excluded young people? What role can the different youth work approaches such as street work, youth centres and online youth work play? How can youth work help in addressing the growing issue of NEETs and in overcoming discrimination and exclusion?*

Workshop II

Facilitator: Simona Mursec (Advisory Council, CoE)

Contribution of Youth Participation

*Possible topics include: which participatory approaches are needed to reach out to excluded and non-organised young people and what is our understanding of participation? How can we promote participation of socially excluded young people? What role can youth organisations play in reaching out to and involving them?*

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Impact and Ways Forward: Education – panel 2

Chair: Yulia Pererva (Division on Citizenship and Human Rights Education, CoE)

Interventions: Dejan Bojanic (OBESSU), Lucy Pyne (OECD), Soren Kristensen (Researcher), Rui Gomes (Head of Education and Training, CoE)

17:00 Impact and Ways Forward: Education – workshops

Workshop III

Contribution of Youth Work and Non-formal Education

Facilitator: Jo Peeters (Scouting Gelderland, The Netherlands)

*Possible topics include: how can YW/NFE contribute to and enhance educational outcomes, provide motivation for learning and practical experiences that are often lacking in times of crisis? Which competences are needed and what role can YW/NFE play in preparing young people for living together in diverse societies, a competitive global reality, constantly developing technologies and a greater need for mobility?*

Workshop IV

Contribution of Youth Participation

Facilitator: Elise Drouet (Board Member, European Youth Forum)

*Possible topics include: how can participatory approaches impact and be adapted to formal education systems? How can young people become more involved in taking ownership of their education and turn schools into an interactive environment? How can they influence curriculum and out-of-school opportunities, evaluate and provide feedback to teachers, trainers and professors...*

18:30 End of Day I

19:00 Dinner

## **Thursday**

09:30 Impact and Ways Forward: Citizenship – panel 3

Chair: Simona Mursec (Advisory Council, CoE)

Intervention: Mick Carpenter (MYPLACE project), Lucille Rieux (Secretary General, AEGEE Europe), Rui Gomes (Head of Education and Training, CoE), Nadine Karbach (Project Coordinator ePartizipation – IJAB, International Youth Service of Germany), Gabriella Cseh (Facebook, Head of Policy for Central and Eastern Europe)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Impact and Ways Forward: Citizenship - workshops

### **Workshop V**

Contribution of Youth Work and Non-formal Education

Facilitator: Sladana Petkovic (Pool of European Youth Researchers)

*Possible topics include: how can we address the phenomena of youth resignation and extremism in times of crisis? How can YW/NFE help in raising awareness of citizenship (local, national, European), promote participation in society and critical thinking? How can we help young people to minimise the risks and maximise the opportunities of new media? Where and what is the link between YW/NFE and new social movements?*

### **Workshop VI**

Contribution of Youth Participation

Facilitator: Terry Barber (University of Dundee, UK)

*Possible topics include: how can and do young people express themselves in times of crisis? What is the significance of new social movements and what is our understanding in terms of participation? What is the future of youth participation, both online and offline? What is today's role of youth organisations? How and which participatory approach can reach out to more young people? How can minority youth participate in a society where they are seen as scapegoats?*

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Reporting from all the workshops

- Social Inclusion
- Education
- Citizenship

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Discussion with conclusions

17:00 Closing of the event

Karin Lopatta-Loibl (Youth Policy Unit, DG EAC, EC)

Tina Mulcahy (Acting Head of Youth Department, Council of Europe)

19:00 Dinner