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EPLM NEWSLETTER

This newsletter provides updates from practice, research and policy on the topic of learning mobility in the youth field in Europe.



This newsletter provides an overview of recent and future events related to youth learning mobility, in face-to-face and online formats. It covers new tools, publications, podcasts and webinars, research outcomes and EPLM's plans for the upcoming months. T

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THE EPLM IS...

European Platform on Learning Mobility (EPLM) in the youth field is a network that brings together researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and young people who aim to develop high-quality and sustainable learning mobility for all.

To achieve this mission, the EPLM maintains and advances the quality, impact, knowledge, inclusivity, participation, sustainability, visibility and recognition of learning mobility (including blended or online) in non-formal and informal education and learning in Europe.

EPLM UPDATES



SustainMobility conference, 26 February-1 March, Schloss Hohenkammer, Germany

[SUSTAIN-MOBILITY](#) was the fourth conference of the European Platform on Learning Mobility (EPLM) in the youth field. It was hosted by JUGEND für Europa, National Agency for the EU programmes Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps in Germany, in co-operation with the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership and other EPLM members. The conference brought together over 120 practitioners, researchers, policymakers from local, regional and national levels and young people to discuss this important topic.



The conference:

- established a common understanding of sustainability in the area of youth learning mobility, with a holistic focus on the economic, socio-cultural and environmental dimensions of sustainability;
- mapped the main actors and practices and gave visibility to their work;
- explored main dilemmas related to sustainability in the context of learning mobility;
- raised political awareness of sustainability in non-formal education settings and the youth policy area and connected stakeholders and initiatives.

“ I took back from the conference definitely the interconnection of three aspects of sustainability: environmental, social and economic. The ideas of the sustainability checklist will help me to draft my own. The willingness to change the system and act! (participant of the conference) ”

Participants had an opportunity to hear the perspectives of representatives from the four angles of practice, research, policy and young people.

The event was received quite positively and proved that the topic requires further discussions and research. Check a short [video](#) with glimpses from the conference and some opinions from the participants. All materials regarding the conference can be found on the [EPLM website](#). They include [A Concept Note](#), [Sustainability and learning mobility: an exploratory study](#), [Sustainability and Learning Mobility in the European Youth Field Background paper](#), [Greening the youth sector: Sustainability Checklist](#) and [Collection of the Resources on Sustainability and Learning Mobility](#). The outcomes of the SustainMobility conference will include a report and the Compendium of Practices, expected to be published at the end of the year.

“ I took back from the conference motivation to really start to act instead of talk (participant of the conference) ”

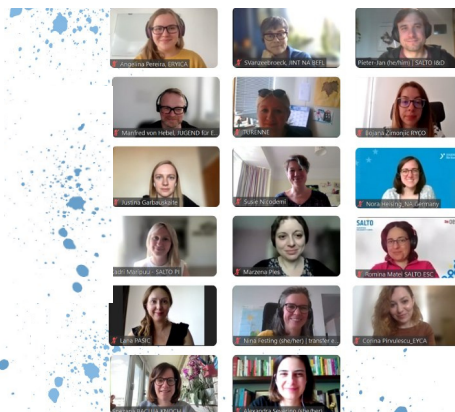


EPLM UPDATES

The second edition of the Handbook on Quality in learning mobility is currently being reviewed. The EPLM continues to promote quality learning mobility and analyse its different forms.

The EPLM is also preparing two papers related to quality and learning mobility:

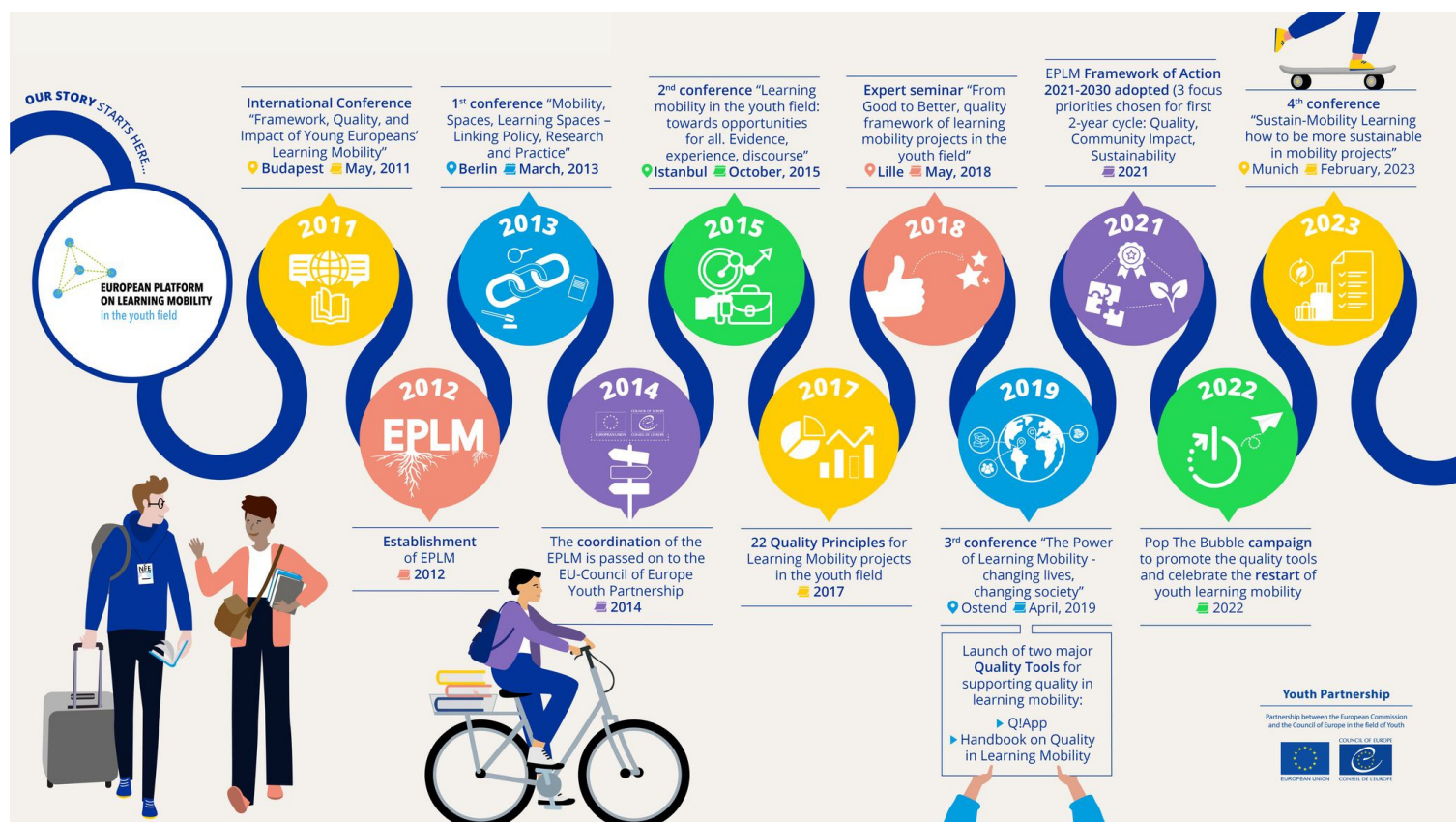
- State of youth learning mobility
- Value and cost of learning mobility.



Q!App survey

[Q!App](#) is a quality tool to support organisations preparing learning mobility projects. It was launched in 2019 and so far has been used in more than 15 countries with over 1500 active users. It is based on the [EPLM quality principles](#) and indicators and enables collaboration online with project partners.

Currently, JINT is evaluating the usage of the Q!App. A [survey](#) has been launched to check how the Q!App is perceived and promoted within the European Youth field, identify needs, gaps and add new resources. Contribute to this process by sharing your ideas and experiences until the end of August.





25 years of the Youth Partnership

The [EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership](#) is celebrating its [25th anniversary](#). During this time, it has been empowering the European youth sector by conducting research, organising fora for knowledge-exchange and contributing towards policy developments. [Read birthday messages](#), check the highlights of the most important and impactful [resources](#), and watch a short celebration [video](#).



Sofia Laine
Research Professor,  Finland

Happy Anniversary Youth Partnership! It has been a privilege to work with you for many years already! I wish planetary wisdom with global ethics for your bright future - and sustainable living for the future generations whose development your work also supports!



Hilary Tierney
Programme lead Community work & Youth work MAYNOOTH University; PEYR AG  IRELAND

I appreciate the people who make the Youth Partnership such a pleasure to work with - your commitment and passion shine through - you inspire!



Dan Moxon
Director - People Dialogue and Change,  United kingdom

The community and network that the partnership builds cannot be underestimated, they bring together policy focused youth researchers in a way that brings maximum benefit to the work of the youth sector. I hope in the next 25 years these communities double triple or quadruple in size!



Youth Partnership's Networks at work

Behind the [Youth Partnership's](#) extensive resources and tools are two networks of experts. Meet the correspondents of the [European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy \(EKCYP\)](#) and the [Pool of European Youth Researchers \(PEYR\)](#), whose contribution is vital to the knowledge gathering and analysis in Youth Partnership's work. Who are these experts? What do they do exactly? Watch the [new video](#) to find out more! The networks met on 27-28 April in Lisbon to discuss ongoing research projects, their contribution to the thematic areas of the Youth Partnership and share updates from the youth sector priorities in members' countries and contribute to the planning of the Youth Partnership's 2024-25 work plan.



NEWS FROM PARTNERS

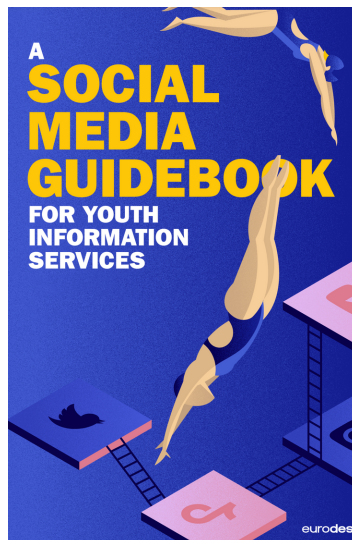
Supporting learning mobility: progress, obstacles and a way forward

European Commission is in the process of proposing a Council Recommendation on a new framework for learning mobility, in order to establish learning mobility as a standard practice for all individuals involved in education, training, youth, and sport, rather than an exceptional occurrence. To contribute to the evidence base and identify both incentives and obstacles to learning mobility, the study was launched mapping and analysing existing evidence and studies on cross-border learning mobility across formal, non-formal, and informal settings in the European Union and beyond.

Additionally, the study evaluated the current practices of data collection and monitoring, and proposed strategies to enhance the existing learning mobility data monitoring system. The findings and policy recommendations from this study will serve as valuable inputs for the Commission's preparation of the proposal for the new Recommendation, scheduled for the third quarter of 2023.

Social Media Guidebook 2023

The [guide](#) published by Eurodesk provides information about the basics of digital branding, different social media channels essentials, and how to improve online presence and services. It helps select the best tools and approaches and supports the development of social media communication strategies in youth information services.



Public Consultations on EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027



The European Commission has launched a public [consultation](#) on the EU Youth Strategy to evaluate its performance at its midterm. The EU Youth Strategy promotes active citizenship and encourages young individuals to actively engage in public life. It emphasises the importance of fostering dialogue with policymakers and provides opportunities for young people to gain valuable experiences through initiatives such as youth exchanges, volunteering and other youth-focused projects. The [survey](#) is available in all EU languages, and it's open until 2 August 2023.

Eurodesk Annual Overview 2022

[Eurodesk Annual Overview](#) summarises the main achievements of the network as a whole and Eurodesk structures at national levels. It contains the key work areas such as information and outreach to young people, communication and promotion activities.

The publication presents Eurodesk activities including youth projects awards, training courses, seminars, publications, national activities, contributions to EU youth initiatives, support for EU youth programmes and other issues related to youth information. The 2022 edition is particularly focused on the European Year of Youth.

PAST EVENTS



The European Youth Event (EYE), 9-10 June, Strasbourg, France

The [European Youth Event](#), organised by the European Parliament, serves as a platform that unites thousands of young individuals from across the European Union and beyond, both in person at the European Parliament in Strasbourg and through online participation. EYE 2023 provided a space for 8500 young people, aged 16 to 30, to come together, share their perspectives, and develop a variety of skills.

By interacting with experts, activists, influencers, and decision-makers, the participants had a unique opportunity to engage, inspire, and learn from one another. This year, two special tracks were highlighted in the programme: Green Track and Election Track, placing a focus on the sustainability dimension and the upcoming European elections in 2024.



"We need reform, we must keep listening, we must keep explaining, we must keep delivering and not be afraid of change. For that, Europe needs you."

Roberta Metsola, European Parliament President, EYE opening ceremony

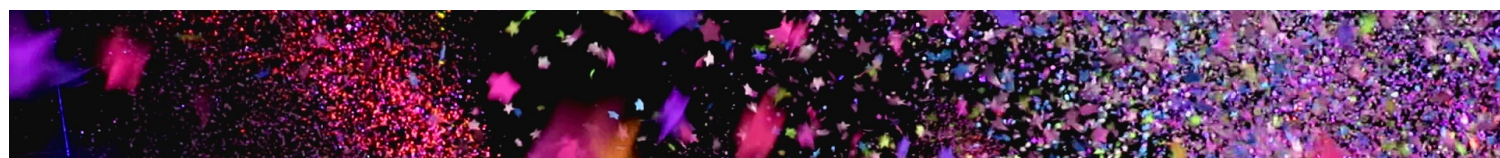


The Inclusion & Diversity Forum, 25-28 April, Bucharest, Romania

During this international conference, participants were given the opportunity to be involved in thoughtful reflection, exchange best practices, share tools and resources, and engage in discussions on strategies to promote greater inclusion and diversity within the EU Youth Programmes. The event served as a platform for celebrating stories, inspiring one another, and fostering a sense of togetherness.



The Forum was organised by SALTO Inclusion & Diversity and prioritised a broad understanding of inclusion and diversity, following the definition that encompasses young people facing fewer opportunities.



PAST EVENTS



Strengthening capacities for governmental youth agendas: European Youth Card as a tool to bring youth in governance, 3-6 April, Evora and Lisbon, Portugal



The Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card organised a study visit in Portugal to strengthen the capacity of governmental youth agendas.

The event was held in collaboration with EYCA, and a Portuguese partner, Movijovem. The study visit created a platform for knowledge exchange and inspiration by bringing together government representatives from the Partial Agreement member states to explore strategies and best practices in youth policy development and program implementation, following the Council of Europe standards.

Activating citizens – municipalities/local authorities making use of the European Solidarity Corps, 13-20 June, online

The main aim of the seminar was to motivate and support municipalities to make use of the European Solidarity Corps Programme as a tool for social cohesion and solidarity.

Participants explored how to bring sustainable added value to the local community by supporting the active engagement of young people in voluntary activities or solidarity projects to achieve social cohesion in local communities.

The seminar was hosted by the [European Solidarity Corps Cyprus](#), the SALTO European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre and the [Europe Goes Local](#) network.

5th European Event of Europe Goes Local (EGL), 23-25 May, Stockholm, Sweden

The event gathered 170 representatives of national working groups and European, national and local stakeholders to discuss crucial issues in local youth work. The emphasis was on strengthening national cooperation, highlighting the role of national and local stakeholders in developing local youth work, using European tools, policies and frameworks.

It was an occasion to showcase practices of meaningful national cooperation structures, concepts and projects and brainstorm about how [Europe Goes Local](#) network could contribute to developing quality and creating bridges between different actors for the benefit of youth work and young people.



PAST EVENTS

Inclusive and Participatory Digital Transformation

The Digital Transformers long-term training course, spanning from October 2022 to April 2023, organised by the SALTO PI, was an all-encompassing endeavour designed to boost the capabilities of youth workers in the realm of digital youth work. This comprehensive programme employed an array of innovative learning methods, comprising four online training courses, a residential training session held in Lithuania, and an invigorating study visit to Armenia. Throughout these training modules, participants delved into pivotal themes such as digital well-being, ethics and digital rights, and digital sustainability, with an unwavering commitment to fostering active participation and inclusive practices.



The training course was thoughtfully structured around a hybrid model, encompassing twelve events, including six panels and six training sessions. Residential events provided valuable networking opportunities and hands-on learning experiences, allowing participants to apply their knowledge in practical settings. Panels, on the other hand, served as informative platforms, offering valuable insights and expertise. The online training courses facilitated an in-depth analysis of the information received during the panels and served as spaces for participants to refine their ideas and further develop their skills.

This project was co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union by National Agencies Belgium-FL, Austria, Finland, Estonia, Iceland, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal and SALTO Resource Centres: Inclusion & Diversity, Participation & Information and Eastern Europe & Caucasus.

Media and Information Literacy Project LAB, 23-25 May, Tallinn, Estonia

Media and Information Literacy Project Lab brought together 35 participants passionate about addressing crucial issues such as fake news, cyber-bullying, sextortion, digital security, and other topics related to Media and Information Literacy. The event provided them with an opportunity to engage with media and information disorder experts, deepen their understanding of Media and Information Literacy, exchange ideas and experiences and collaborate with fellow participants on development of tangible project ideas that can make a meaningful difference.



This Project Lab is made possible through the co-funding and collaboration of National Agencies from Estonia, the Netherlands and Austria. The event was organised with the generous support of the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

A diagram showing a triangle with a point inside. Dashed lines connect the point to each of the three vertices of the triangle.

Resources for shaping youth policy in practice

YOUTH PARTNERSHIP
YOUTH POLICY MANUAL
AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

NETWORKS
EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE CENTRE FOR YOUTH POLICY
POOL OF EUROPEAN YOUTH RESEARCHERS

TOOLKITS, ESSENTIALS
COPYRIGHT YOUTH WORK
PROGRAMME & OTHER
PUBLICATIONS ON
YOUTH POLICY TOPICS

PODCAST under 30

E-LIBRARY ON YOUTH POLICY EVALUATION

YOUTH TOPICS
YOUTH POLICY
YOUTH PARTICIPATION
YOUTH AND CONFLICT
SOCIAL INCLUSION
REGIONAL LEARNING
SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE

YOUTH PARTNERSHIP
EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE CENTRE FOR YOUTH POLICY
EUROPEAN UNION
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

MOOC
• YOUTH WORK
• YOUTH POLICY
• YOUTH RESEARCH

EU YOUTH WIKI

EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2019 - 2027

**ENGAGE
CONNECT
EMPOWER**

SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR POLICY MAKERS

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COUNCIL OF EUROPE YOUTH SECTOR STRATEGY 2030

REVITALISING PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY

YOUTH WORK

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACCESS TO RIGHTS

LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACEFUL & INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

QUALITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS YOUTH POLICY CHALLENGES

MULTILATERAL PEER LEARNING AND EXCHANGE

OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

SUPPORT MEASURES
• ADOPTING INCLUSIVE APPROACHES
• SHAPING YOUTH POLICY STANDARDS

EUROPEAN UNION

EUROPE GOES LOCAL
PARTNERSHIP FOR LOCAL YOUTH WORK IN CITIES

EU 4 YOUTH

EU YOUTH DIALOGUE

European Solidarity Corps

Erasmus+

EUROPEAN YOUTH GOALS

VIDEO VALUE symposium

EMPOWER
ENGAGE
ENCOURAGE

HOW TIMES ARE CHANGING!
HEALTHY WORKING
DESIGNED TO BE USEFUL
LIFETIME

VIDEO VALUE TRANSFORMATION
TO BE COLLECTIVE!

LOOK AT THE
SOLUTIONS!

WE'RE BEING SMARTER!

LEARN FROM EACH OTHER
AND SHARE!

THE KID
A KID
THE KID
THE KID

EMPOWERING & BETTER
CONNECTIONS IN
YOUR VALUE

UPPER &
BRING LIFETIME
MONEY THROUGH

APPROACHING
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Visit the event's website and find out more!

PAST EVENTS

Review Seminar on Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on Youth Work, 3-4 April, Strasbourg, France



The Council of Europe's [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)4](#) is the first internationally agreed policy document that explicitly focuses on youth work. This year it is time to have a look at its impact! A [review seminar](#) on the recommendation brought together 20 participants at European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. Representatives of ministries as well as civil society discussed the implementation in member states, shared



visions and related needs. Find out more about the review seminar. The final review of the recommendation will be available in November 2023.

Youth Research Methodology Seminar, 22-24 May, Hamburg, Germany

The seminar hosted approximately 40 participants from the EU and neighbouring partner countries. This diverse group consisted of youth researchers, researchers from related fields, practitioners and stakeholders with a keen interest in youth research methodologies within international and intercultural contexts. The seminar was co-hosted by the National Agencies of the European Youth Programmes from Finland and Germany. The activity was organised within the framework of the RAY Network by the RAY Network Coordination and the RAY Transnational Research Team.

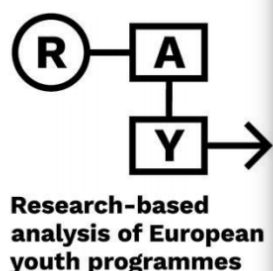


Photo by Tom Pincus

Research Practice Dialogue: Network meeting on Sustainability, 31 May, online

Transfer e.V. organised a networking event, "Sustainability in international youth work", in the German language, for practitioners and researchers. The meeting promoted interdisciplinary exchange about research and practice and reflected on critics, utopias and realistic next steps for future research. Research Practice Dialogue is planning the next network meeting in an international format in English.



PRACTICES

Participation Resource Pool

SALTO Participation & Information gathers exemplary projects for the Participation Resource Pool, demonstrating effective participatory practices within the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programmes. The goal is to highlight high-quality examples from all Key Actions. There are currently six projects showcased within the youth and youth workers' mobilities under Key Action 1 of the Erasmus+ Youth programme, and the number of projects included increases every year.

The projects are sourced from various channels, including the SALTO Awards, recommendations from National Agencies, and thorough research conducted on the Erasmus+ Projects Platform. Interviews are conducted with project coordinators and, whenever possible, participants gain insights into the key characteristics and step-by-step approach of each project. The ultimate aim is to provide a comprehensive understanding of these projects, enabling others to replicate their approach.

Showcased projects:

- [*A Message Across the Oceans: Plastic-Free Youth*](#)
- [*Fight manipulation: Check fake!*](#)
- [*Training Course on Emergency Pedagogy: From Crisis to Chance*](#)
- [*Young People, the Stage is Yours: Power to Act*](#)
- [*Bringing Young People and Politics Together: Participatory Europe*](#)
- [*Leading by Doing: Digital Transformation for Civic Engagement*](#)



European pool of young journalists



Eurodesk, in partnership with the European Commission, has selected a new [*Pool of European young journalists*](#). Their first articles are already live on the [*European Youth Portal*](#). The young journalists are also responsible for creating videos and podcasts on themes of interest to young people. They are also invited to attend and report on international events. European Youth journalists supported EPLM's conference Sustain-Mobility. Read the latest article [*How sustainability saved my life*](#) and discover the story of one of the conference participants who fights for a more sustainable and inclusive life.

PODCASTS



Europe Talks Solidarity

[Europe Talks Solidarity](#) is a series of events, podcasts and publications by SALTO European Solidarity Corps to enhance and explore the concept of solidarity in local, international and global contexts. Recently, the second series of [podcasts](#) was launched. So far, eight new episodes cover a wide range of topics connected to solidarity. They touch upon the characteristics of a solidary city, the relationship between solidarity and basic needs, the role of money in solidarity, the comparative solidarity of different generations, promoting humanitarian solidarity responsibly, the impact of solidarity on societal health, the potential for Europride to foster solidarity within the European LGBT+ community and what can sustain solidarity in the face of violent conflicts.



Talking Youth Work

The [podcast Talking Youth Work](#) started its third season. The podcast formula is based on interviews with practitioners who introduce innovation to youth work.

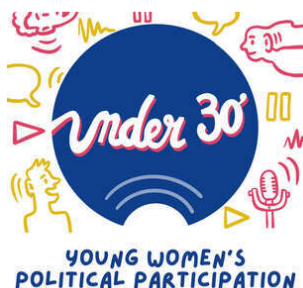
TALKING YOUTH WORK PODCAST



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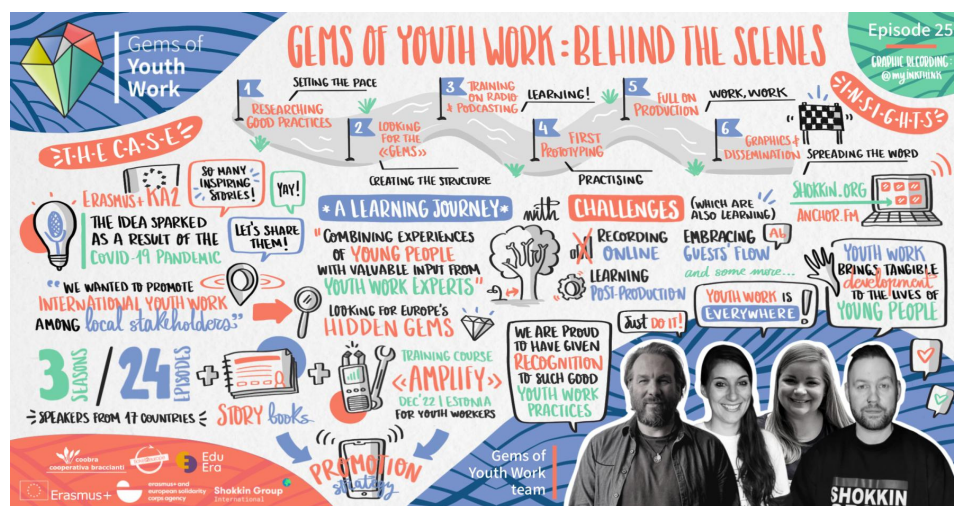
Young women's political participation



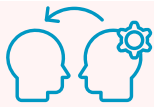
In the [new episode](#) of the [Under 30' podcast](#) of the [EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership](#), Anna Lavizzari, researcher, and Caterina Bolognese, Head of the [Gender Equality Division](#) of the Council of Europe, discuss how to support young women's voices in politics. They cover the ways young women engage with political processes at European, national and local levels and the main barriers to and support mechanisms for their participation.

Gems of Youth Work

[The Gems of Youth Work podcast](#) concluded with a total of 25 episodes, accompanied by graphic recordings. For three seasons, the podcast explored stories from youth workers, trainers, youth organisations and young people. The project aimed to showcase valuable insights and practices, thereby promoting the significance and appreciation of international youth work.



PUBLICATIONS: MENTORING



Mentoring and coaching under research

The [publication](#) on Mentoring and Coaching within the European Solidarity Corps provides a closer look at the current mentoring and coaching practices within the European Solidarity Corps programme. Based on data collected through desk research, surveys, focus groups and interviews, the research concludes with 14 insights and recommendations for National Agencies and communities of practice.

The research is part of the strategic initiative [Mentoring Under Construction](#), commenced by the [SALTO European Solidarity Corps](#) together with the Romanian National Agency for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps in 2020.

Based on the research recommendations, the Mentoring Under Construction community initiated building a mentoring competence framework which would clarify the role and responsibilities of a mentor, the competencies that are needed to fulfil this role and ethical standards for mentoring within the ESC programme.

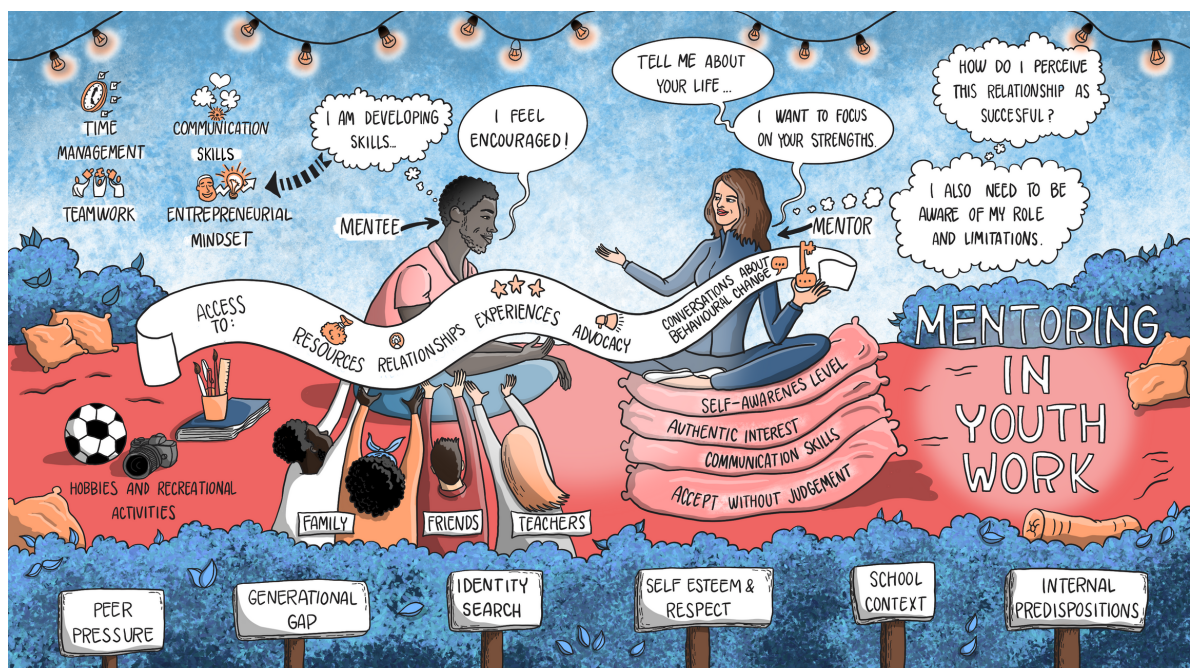
Insights

- #1: Seek Clarity
- #2: A Mentoring System
- #3: Know the obstacles that you are facing
- #4: Learning (still) trumps money!
- #5: Different motivational factors for juniors and seniors
- #6: Recognition Matters
- #7: Ensure Inclusion
- #8: Strengthen Partnerships
- #9: Poor quality is easy to spot
- #10: Good quality is hard to get
- #11: Embrace Solidarity
- #12: Similar needs, but different learning opportunities
- #13: Face-to-face as an antidote for digital fatigue
- #14: To-Do List

Mentoring in youth work

The latest [Perspectives on Youth article](#) of the [Youth Partnership](#) explores the role of mentoring in youth work.

It covers the ways of transferring mentors' knowledge, skills and experiences in supporting young people during challenges in their transitions to adulthood. It also shows "DOs" and "DON'Ts" in mentoring.



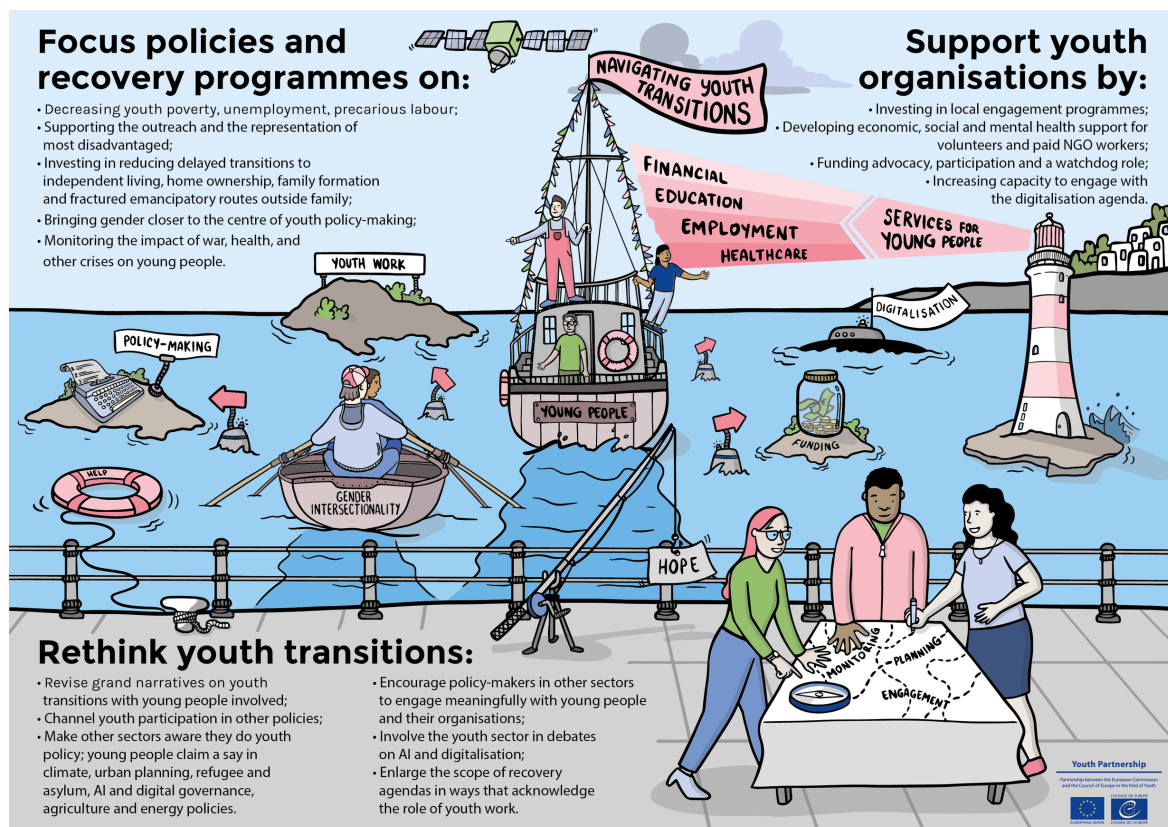
PUBLICATIONS: REPORTS



Navigating Transitions - Adapting Policy to young people's changing realities

A [report](#) from the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership flagship event in the framework of the [#EYY2022](#) was released. The symposium *Navigating Transitions - Adapting Policy to young people's changing realities*

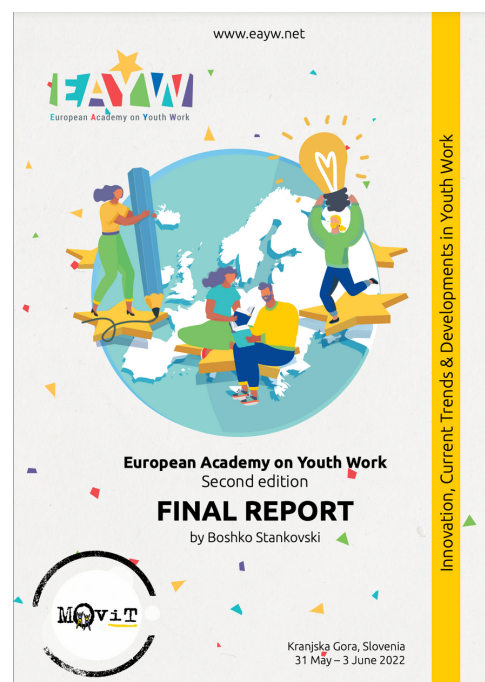
took place in Tirana, Albania, the European Youth Capital 2022 on 21-23 June and brought together 105 participants from 35 countries to reflect on what paradigm shift is needed in youth research, youth policy and youth work to support young people's aspirations.



European Academy on Youth Work

The [report](#) from the 2nd European Academy on Youth Work gathers comprehensive insights from the event and explores innovation in youth work.

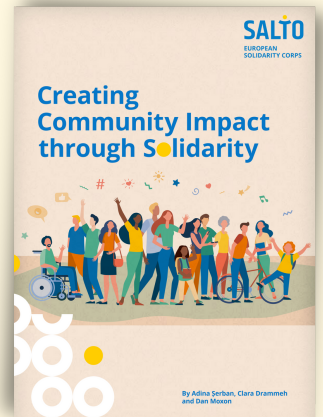
In June 2022, the second EAYW event was successfully held in Slovenia, bringing together more than 160 participants from the European youth work community of practice. The event provided a platform for participants to delve into over 30 innovative practices and engage in discussions about the essential elements required to initiate, support and sustain innovation in youth work. Watch the [video](#) about the 2nd EAYW and save the date for the 3rd edition, which will take place from 14 to 17 May 2024 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia. The 3rd edition will focus on how youth work could develop in the coming years and what might be the related needs in youth work practice, education and training and policy development.



PUBLICATIONS

Creating Community Impact through Solidarity

This [research](#) delves into the mechanisms through which European Solidarity Corps (ESC) funded projects contribute to community impact. It examines the diverse ways in which projects and organisations generate meaningful outcomes within communities, by analysing a collection of 15 practical examples. These actions encompass a range of initiatives, including solidarity projects, team volunteering projects and individual volunteering projects.



Participation in Eastern Europe



The [Youth Partnership](#) contributes to the [EU Youth Wiki](#), the EU's online platform presenting information on European countries' youth policies, with chapters about Erasmus+ non-programme countries. Read the recently published chapters on youth participation in [Armenia](#), [Azerbaijan](#), [Georgia](#), [Moldova](#) and [Ukraine](#) and learn about the opportunities available to young citizens to participate in politics and civil society and the current debates and reforms in these countries.



Shrinking space for participation

Youth organisations are increasingly affected by the shrinking space for civil society and restrictive measures imposed on their functioning. Almost 30% of youth organisations feel they face significant difficulties in their participation in decision-making processes, access to information and right to assembly.

Have a look at the [Youth Partnership's new illustration](#) about the impact of Covid-19 on youth spaces and youth participation and read the [report](#)!

New forms of youth political participation

The [Youth Partnership's latest study and the results of the survey](#) on new forms of youth political participation are now available. They cover the ways young people engage with democracy today, how they acquire information and what type of social and political issues they are interested in.

Inclusion and the EU Youth Dialogue

Do you know what the [EU Youth Dialogue](#) is? Who are the young people participating in this consultation process?

Read the [report](#) of the [EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership](#) to find out how the EU Youth Dialogue is promoting the social inclusion of young people!



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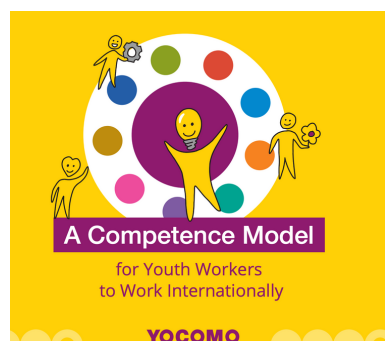
Green Inclusion Seminar

An [external report](#) of the Green Inclusion Seminar, gathering inputs, recommendations and resources, was published. Additionally, an [internal report](#) gives details of the programme and how the outputs were created.

The seminar took place in Amersfoort, Netherlands, on 15-18 November 2022 and gathered together 36 practitioners from 12 countries to start discussions on the nexus of green inclusion and its meaning in the youth sector. The seminar looked at connections between the two horizontal priorities of the European Educational Programmes: diversity and inclusion; and the environment and the fight against climate change.



YOCOMO Competence Model



The revised edition of the [YOCOMO- A Competence Model for Youth Workers to Work Internationally](#) has been released. The model covers nine competencies through four learning dimensions (Attitudes, Knowledge, Skills and Behaviour). One notable addition to the competence set for youth workers is the emphasis on "Being Civically Engaged." This particular competency centres around enabling youth workers to be conscious of and adopt principled positions on political and societal matters that impact young individuals.

It entails actively challenging power dynamics, facilitating value-based processes, engaging in collaborative endeavours with young people, and fostering their critical civic participation in communities, both within Europe and beyond.

YOCOMO Training of Trainers 2023-2024 is now accepting [applications](#). The course will prepare trainers to implement training activities for youth workers with competence-based holistic and systemic approaches, in their context.

ID Talks Magazine

[SALTO Inclusion & Diversity Resources Centre](#) published the [ID Talks Magazine](#). It encompasses all the articles from the spring 2023 edition of the ID Talks "Understanding Mental Health", a series of five online events that hosted inspiring guests and started discussions on provoking topics. They aimed at raising awareness, normalising the concept of mental health, promoting it as a positive resource and the development of mental health literacy and competences of youth workers.

The publication also includes all the articles from the previous versions of ID Talks, covering six editions from 2020 to 2023.



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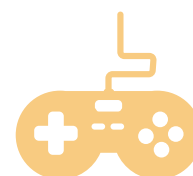


Videogames as a space for learning

SALTO Participation & Information has released a collection of case studies called [Exploring Participation with Videogames](#). This publication offers insights and practical advice on utilising video games within the realm of non-formal education to foster youth participation in civic society. It delves into the ways in which popular video games can serve as effective platforms for learning and participation. The primary goal is to connect with young individuals in their preferred digital environment and explore the educational potential of video games in a captivating and enjoyable manner.



AI and young people



Artificial Intelligence is permeating all parts of our lives and it is taking over some services, including youth work. Or is it not? In the Youth Partnership's [thematic library](#), the two new studies explore the youth workers' perspectives on AI. At a time of intensive policy and regulation debates on AI in both the Council of Europe and the European Union, what is the place and role of young people in these processes? Check [Automating Youth Work: youth workers views on AI](#) and [Shapers & Shakers Young people's voices in the world of Artificial Intelligence](#) papers.

Migration and brain drain

What are youth migration and brain drain trends in Eastern and Southeast Europe? On 11 May, the [Youth Partnership](#) organised a meeting for experts from these regions to discuss challenges, impact and needs in their countries and offered guidance to the research team. Stay tuned, the first results are coming in the autumn!



WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON



SALTO Awards - October 2023

The call for nominations for [SALTO Awards](#) was published. This year, the winners will get 700€ prize money and their project will feature alongside the promotion of SALTO Awards winners on SALTO communication channels.

The contest is open to projects from the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programme and partner countries (Regions 1-3). SALTO will consider nominations submitted by 16 August.

Prizes will be given at the Youth Participation in Democratic Life event in October 2023 in Lublin, Poland, the European Youth Capital. In the meantime, watch the videos about the [2022 winning projects](#) and get inspired!



Environment & Fight Against Climate
Change

Inclusion & Diversity

SALTO Awards 2023 Categories!

Digital Transformation

Solidarity & Volunteering

Participation in Democratic Life

SALTO Awards aim to honour and acknowledge the outstanding achievements that have resulted from learning mobilities. The Awards serve as a platform to showcase innovative practices, effective methodologies, and inspiring success stories that have emerged from learning mobilities. Priority is given to projects that have demonstrated a high level of quality in terms of planning, implementation and outcomes. The jury is seeking to highlight projects and initiatives that have made a tangible difference in the lives of young people and the communities they belong to.

Walk the talk, 5-7 July, Luxembourg

The Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card, in co-operation with EYCA will organise an interactive seminar, *Walk the Talk* in Luxembourg on 5-7 July 2023.

The seminar will promote the European Youth Card as a tool for policy development and implementation, at local, national and European levels, especially to Government representatives, and share good practices on how EYCA members develop the European Youth Card.



European Rural Youth Summit, 5-9 September, Aroneanu, Romania

The European Rural Youth Summit will gather 150 young people, youth workers, youth activities organisers and decision-makers to enhance the rural youth ecosystem in Europe. The event will create a space for dialogue between rural youth and decision-makers on the challenges and opportunities facing rural areas in Europe and provide a learning and participatory context for rural youth to engage with experts and peers on rural development issues.

The event is organised by the European Youth Village Programme's Governance (Active Development Association ADA and Go Free Association) and the Romanian National Agency of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes together with the young people and the mayor's office from Aroneanu.



The European meeting for organisations in the European Solidarity Corps - SoliDARE, 18-22 September, Prague, Czech Republic

The second edition of the SoliDARE event will gather representatives from organisations and informal groups active in European Solidarity Corps. The event aims to continue building up the community of organisations in the programme. It will include inputs from experts, an open space for participants and space to exchange solutions to the challenges that the organisations are facing in implementing projects supported by the European Solidarity Corps programme.



Youth on the Move – InfoMobility eLearning course, 2 October - 10 November, online

ERYICA is organising an open training course, [Youth on the Move- InfoMobility](#) (YoMIM), which will be run under the



Council of Europe-ERYICA partnership agreement. Registration will be open in August. YoMIM refers to the provision of information, guidance, and counselling to young individuals during their stay in a foreign country. Specifically, the YoMIM serves as a valuable addition to existing youth information services, with a particular focus on young people participating in cross-border European mobility programmes and offering guidance and essential information to help young individuals make the most of their time abroad and access valuable resources.

The manual for the course will be available in English, Spanish and French.

SNAC Volunteering Conference 2023 - Shaping Volunteering in Europe and Beyond, 4-6 October, Podgorica, Montenegro

As part of its initiatives, the Strategic National Agencies Cooperation (SNAC) on Volunteering is organising an international event called the "Volunteering Conference". The primary objective of SNAC is to enhance the European Solidarity Corps Programme and promote solidarity within EuSC-volunteering.

SNAC commissioned several pieces of research and analysis on volunteering and its position within the EU programmes and National schemes. The conference will be the space to introduce the results of the research and collect responses and feedback from important stakeholders in the programme



TEC Forum 2023, 27-31 August, near Warsaw, Poland

The TEC (Training and Evaluation Cycle in European Solidarity Corps) Forum is a seminar designed for trainers active in the European Solidarity Corps and National Agencies officers who implement the TEC learning cycle. This year it will focus on structures, strategies and tools supporting the well-being of volunteers, trainers, and NA staff in TEC.

Youth Knowledge Book: Youth and Democracy in the climate crisis: Call for Papers

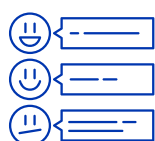
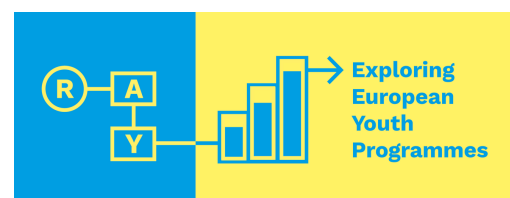
[EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership](#) launched a [call for abstracts](#) for a new Youth Knowledge Book. The publication will cover young people's experiences with the climate and biodiversity crisis, youth engagement with the climate justice and sustainability movements and the responses of the youth sector and youth policy across Europe to young people's environmental activism. Send your abstract proposals by 15 July!



RAY (Research-based analysis of European Youth Programmes)

RAY Monitoring on the European Youth Programmes [survey](#) has been launched. For the first time after the pandemic, participants and project team members of the Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps programmes are invited to reflect on the effects of the projects and activities, as well as on their own learning pathways and competence development. The research aims to analyse the impact of the European Youth Programmes at individual, organisational, community and European levels. Respondents will be invited to the questionnaire via a link sent by email.

In the meantime, RAY Network invites participants involved in the Erasmus+ Youth Programme to contribute to an anonymous survey on learning outcomes, strengths and areas for improvements in the programme. This research will involve representatives of 34 countries and will attempt to discover the effects of the European youth programmes.



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