

# Youth Partnership

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



## BRIDGES TO NEW BEGINNINGS

**Developing synergies between different sectors supporting the  
inclusion, human rights and participation of young refugees and  
migrants**

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, 4 – 5 December 2018

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

## 3 December

19.00 Dinner

**Informal welcome**

## 4 December

**9:00 Opening and introductions**

*Welcome words by Marta Medlinska, co-ordinator of the EU-CoE youth partnership*

**09.45 Starting points on the situation of young refugees and migrants: inputs by young refugee-led organisations and discussion**

*With inputs from the following organisations:*

- *Razan Damlakhi and Muneir Abdelazim Mustafa Elhassan, Voices of Young Refugees in Europe*
- *Dursa Mama Kadu, Spark 15*
- *Maria Joao Mautempo, The Young Republic*
- *Gulwali Passarlay, My Bright Kite*

10.30 Coffee break

**11.00 Specificities of youth work with young refugees and migrants: learning from the experience of the Youth Knowledge Book of the EU – CoE youth partnership**

*With inputs by Tanya Basarab (EU – CoE youth partnership) and Maria Pisani (editor)*

**Discussion with the Youth Knowledge Book authors:**

- *Anna Fausta Scardigno, University of Bari*
- *Gaëlle Le Guern, Association Oberholtz*
- *Niklas Gregull, Don Bosco Youth-Net and German Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco*
- *Mehmet Gokay Ozerim, Yaşar University*
- *Simon Williams, University of Derby*

12.30 Lunch break

**13.30 Social inclusion and human rights in Flanders: a testimony by Madj Khalifeh on the importance of youth work**

*Conference offered by the Government of Flanders in the Permanent Delegation of Belgium to the Council of Europe*

**15.00 Learning through experiences: cross-sectoral co-operation in practice**

16.15 Break

**16.30 Learning through experiences and discussions: cross-sectoral co-operation in practice**

18.30 End of programme

19.00 Dinner at the EYCS

## 5 December

09.00 Opening

### 09.10 Panel discussion on the current European context: trends and policies affecting the lives of young refugees and migrants

*With preliminary remarks by Tomáš Boček, the SRSG of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees*

*With inputs by*

- *Tomáš Boček, the SRSG of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees*
- *Ahmad Reshad Jalali, European Council on Refugees and Exiles*
- *Lilana Keith, Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants*
- *Hiba Ghandour, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations*
- *Carina Autengruber, European Youth Forum*
- *Delphine Leneutre, UNHCR Representation to the European Institutions in Strasbourg*

10.30 Coffee break

### 11.00 Advocating for the rights and inclusion of young refugees and migrants: discovering tools and policy initiatives at the European level with a cross-sectoral dimension

*With inputs by:*

*Florian Cescon, Head of the Youth Policy Division, Youth Department of the Council of Europe, on the draft Recommendation of the Council of Europe on supporting young refugees in transition to adulthood*

*Pedro Folgado and Martin Vysna, on the results of the expert group set up under the European Union Work Plan for Youth for 2016-2018, "The contribution of youth work to integrating young migrants"*

*Guillaume Coron, on the handbook for professionals on child-friendly information for children in migration, developed by the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe*

*Samir Heco, Project Officer, Education Department, Council of Europe, on the project "European Qualifications Passport for Refugees"*

12.30 Lunch break

### 14.00 Participant-led session: networking and development of synergies on the basis of shared practices and proposals

16.00 Coffee break

### 16.30 Concluding session: building stronger connections for the rights and inclusion of young refugees and migrants

*With the input of Antje Rothmund, Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe*

17.30 End of programme

19.00 Dinner at the EYCS

## Aim and objectives of the seminar

The seminar aims to make a contribution to the access to rights of young refugees and migrants by offering a space for different sectors to understand the situation of this group and to build cross-sectoral bridges, on the basis of the knowledge developed by different fields, and particularly the youth field.

The seminar has the following objectives:

1. Develop a better understand of young refugees and migrants' situation and how different sectors work with this group, also building on the knowledge developed in the youth field
2. Create a space for mutual understanding and synergies among different actors acting in one way or another for young refugees and migrants
3. Disseminate and learn from good practices of cross-sectoral co-operation and of working with young refugees and migrants
4. Identify gaps in intervention for further planning and development in different fields.