

Youth Partnership

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



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Activities and products of the
Youth Partnership 1998 – 2013

A. Training of Youth Workers and Youth Leaders: 1 November 1998 – 31 May 2005

The partnership on training started in 1998 and led to four consecutive covenants. The following activities have been implemented in this period:

1st Training Covenant (1 November 1998 – 31 July 1999):

- 3 training courses
 - Intercultural Language Learning
 - Roma Youth Leaders
 - Project Management and Trans-national Voluntary Service

2nd Training Covenant (1 August 1999 – 30 June 2000):

- 6 training courses
 - Organisational Management
 - Intercultural Learning
 - Conflict Management
 - Training for Trainers
 - Voluntary Projects
 - Youth Information and Counselling.

3rd Training Covenant (1 July 2000 – 29 February 2004):

- 3 European Citizenship training courses followed by an impact evaluation seminar
- "Advanced Training for Trainers in Europe" (ATTE) course
- Contribution to the conference "Bridges for Training" (Bruges 2001) organized by JINT

4th Training Covenant (1 March 2004 – 31 May 2005):

- 3 short-term training modules on European Citizenship (in co-operation with the network of National Agencies and the SALTO Resource Centers)
- Evaluation meeting on "Advanced Training for Trainers in Europe" (ATTE)
- T-Kit Seminar: T-Kit 7 – Citizenship, Youth, Europe (in co-operation with the Polish NA)
- Contribution to the "Bridges for Recognition" event (Leuven 2005).

B. Euro-Mediterranean Youth Cooperation 1 May 2003 - 30 April 2005

The partnership on Euro-Med youth cooperation implemented the following activities in co-operation with the North-South Centre in the Council of Europe:

- Training course "Intercultural learning and human rights education in the Mediterranean"
- Training course "Citizenship matters –promoting the participation of women and minorities" (in cooperation with Swedish Institute of Alexandria)
- Long-term training course: "Youth participation and intercultural exchange in Euro-Med youth projects"
- Long-term training course Training for Trainers – TATEM (in cooperation with Salto Euro-Med Resource Centre)
- Production of training and education materials (Training-Kit on Euro-Med youth work).

C. A better knowledge & understanding of youth / youth research 1 April 2003 – 31 March 2005

The following activities were implemented under the covenant "Youth Research":

- Development of the "*European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy*" as a state of the art online knowledge management system including the creation of a network of correspondents
- European Network of Youth Researchers including two annual meetings
- Four thematic research seminars on
 - "*Resituating Culture: Reflections on Diversity, Racism, Gender and Identity in the Context of Youth*"
 - "*What about Youth Political Participation?*"
 - "*The Youth Sector and Non-formal Education/Learning: working to make lifelong learning a reality and contributing to the Third Sector*"
 - "*How does the Voluntary engagement of Young People enhance their active citizenship and solidarity*"
- Workshop on the "*The New Generation of YOUTH Programme*".

D. Contribution to European Youth Campaign 'All Different – All Equal' 2005 - 2007

The following activities were supported by the Partnership:

- *Launching Event* with representatives of National Campaign Committees and youth initiatives.
- *Fan Convention on Fair Play* (in co-operation with the CoE Sport Department).
- Training and networking meeting of *sport supporters for the prevention of discrimination and violence in sport*
- *Training Course* for resource persons in charge of awareness raising and communication in the National Campaign Committees
- *Training of Trainers* active in the campaign
- Symposia "*Diversity Youth Forum*" in Budapest, "*Intercultural and Interreligious dialogue*" in Turkey and "*Participation and active citizenship*" in Luxemburg
- *European Youth Event* in St. Petersburg with 400 young people
- Conference "*Immigration and Xenophobia*" in Italy
- *Closing event* of the campaign in Sweden
- *Final and concluding event* in Portugal, evaluation and valorization of the campaign.

E. The first Framework Partnership Agreement: 1 May 2005 – 31 December 2006

The following activities were implemented during the Framework Partnership Agreement, covering the three areas of Youth Worker Training, Euro-Mediterranean Youth Co-operation and Youth Research:

European Citizenship training courses

- *Expert Seminar* on political, social and educational dimensions of European Citizenship Education and development of training projects as of 2006.
- *Evaluation meeting* on the format, the content, the results and experiences of earlier European Citizenship training courses.
- *Training courses* for youth workers and youth leaders: in 2005 three and in 2006 six *5-day training courses* (in co-operation with National Agencies of the YOUTH Programme).
- *Curriculum Development Seminar* for the conceptual framework of the courses.

- *Training on European Citizenship* of staff of National Agencies, National Co-ordinators and of SALTO Resource Centers.

Human rights education, intercultural dialogue and co-operation

- Two Regional Training Courses on *Human Rights Education and Citizenship* in Jordan and in Egypt within Euro-Mediterranean youth co-operation.
- Consolidation and evaluation seminar of the long-term training course "*Participation and Intercultural learning*":
- Seminar on "*Diversity, Human Rights and Participation in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean youth cooperation*" at University on Youth and Development in Mollina (in co-operation with the European Youth Forum and the North-South Centre).

Quality, recognition and visibility of youth work and training

- *Training of trainers initiative (TATEM)*: 3rd phase with a follow-up seminar developing and consolidating skills and competences of trainers active in Euro-Med projects.
- *Survey on training offers for youth workers / trainers in Europe*: mapping of different types of training offers for trainers and youth workers.
- *Training for youth trainers on co-operation with Eastern Europe and Caucasus* (in co-operation with SALTO Resource Centre for Eastern Europe and Caucasus).
- *MA in European Youth Studies*: support of the development group of European universities by hosting two workshops.

Youth policy development

- *Seminar on Youth Policy* in Egypt within Euromed youth co-operation: (in co-operation with the National Agency of Sweden)
- *Seminar on The role of research in youth policy and youth work development in the broader Euro-Med context*
- *Round-table on youth policy in the Euro-Mediterranean region* in Cairo, (in co-operation with the Swedish Institute in Alexandria).

Better understanding and knowledge of youth

- Three Research Seminars on:
 - *Social Inclusion*
 - *Diversity, Human Rights and Participation*
 - *Young people and European citizenship*
- Workshop on *Voluntary activities and young people with fewer opportunities*
- Workshop on the *Economic dimension of youth work*
- Literature review on *Socio-Economic dimension of youth work*
- *European Knowledge Centre on Youth Policy*: further development and integration of a second series of priority themes
- *Annual Researchers network meeting*

Management activities

- *The Partnership Management* was reinforced by convening meetings of Partnership Management Board (two per year), four Partnership Sectorial Groups, Partnership Consultation Meetings (both once a year)

F. The second Framework Partnership Agreements: 1 January 2007 – 30 June 2010

The following activities have been implemented in this period:

European Citizenship training courses

- Further development of curriculum of *European Citizenship training courses*.
- European Citizenship follow-up seminar for former participants of the training modules.
- Series of *training courses on European Citizenship* for youth leaders and youth workers (in cooperation with Youth in Action National Agencies in United Kingdom, Hungary, Turkey, Poland, Denmark, Italy, Germany, Iceland, Spain, Belgium, Romania, Slovenia, Czech Republic, France).
- Preparation, monitoring and evaluation through meetings of *consultants* (Jan 2007), of *trainers and National Agencies* (May 2007) and two *evaluation meetings* (February and October 2008).

Human Rights Education, Intercultural Dialogue, Euro-Mediterranean and Euro-African youth co-operation

- Euro-Mediterranean training course "*Human Rights Education for enhancing intercultural dialogue*", 4/2007 in Budapest
- Third Regional Training Course for the Maghreb region *Human Rights and Citizenship* and evaluation meeting for trainers and multipliers, 5/2007 in Fès, Morocco
- Evaluation meeting of the *Training Active Trainers in Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work* (TATEM), 6/2007 in Budapest
- Seminar *The role of youth work and youth organisations in youth policy definition in EuroMed region*, 2007 in Alexandria, Egypt
- Euro-Mediterranean training course *Conflict resolution and Human Rights Education for enhancing intercultural dialogue with young people*, 10/2008 in Budapest
- Training workshop based on *MOSAIC: T-kit on the Euro-Mediterranean youth work - Gender-Equality for Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work*, 12/2008 in Antalya, Turkey
- Training seminar for trainers, based on *MOSAIC, T-kit 11/2009* in Antalya, Turkey (in cooperation with Salto Euro-Med Resource Centre, Turkish National Agency of the Youth in Action program and Akdeniz University)
- 2nd round-table *Youth policy cooperation in Euro-Mediterranean framework*, 2009 in Budapest
- Training course *Human Rights Education in the Euro-Mediterranean context* in Lebanon, 6/ 2009
- Training course *Youth Policy in Intercultural Dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region*, 1/2010 in Strasbourg (in co-operation with Anna-Lindt-Foundation)
- Seminar *Euro-Arab Youth Policy Cooperation in the broader Euro-Mediterranean context*, 6/2010 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
- Consultative meeting for a *training course for Trainers* in the field of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, 5/2010 in Strasbourg
- Activities within the annual *University Youth and Development* in Mollina, Spain:
 - training seminar *Religious Dialogue and Anti- discrimination*, in 2007
 - *seminar Intercultural dialogue: the global youth perspective* in 2008
 - training for facilitators of the 3rd League of Arab States Youth Forum" (Morocco, 11/2009) and preparatory meeting of the 2nd Euro-Arab Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations"

- Activities within Euro-African Youth Co-operation
 - *6th Africa-Europe training course for youth organisations: 'Youth Participation in the joint EU-Africa Strategy', 6/2009 in Tarrafal, Cape Verde*
 - *7th Africa-Europe training course for youth organisations, 5/2010 in Polokwane, Limpopo, Republic of South Africa*
 - *Long-term Africa-Europe Training Course for Youth Trainers: first residential seminar 7/2009 in Grand Bassan, Ivory Coast*
 - *Training Course for Youth Leaders / Organisations of the African Diaspora Living in Europe, 12/2009 in Almada, Portugal*

Recognition, quality and visibility of youth work and training

- Training for Trainers of Youth Workers *Trainers for Active Learning in Europe - TALE*
 - *stakeholders meeting on Training of Trainers, co-organised by the Partnership and the SALTO TC RC*
 - *curriculum development and preparatory phase for the future training strategy*
 - *Implementation of the long-term Training Course for 30 Trainers of Youth Workers (TALE) in a series of three residential seminars*
 - *Several Steering Group meetings on Training for Trainers, accompanying its implementation in 2009/2010.*
- Support of the expert workshop "*Continue the Pathways towards Recognition*" in Prague, Czech Republic, 6/2008 on Recognition of non-formal learning (organized by the Czech National Agency)
- Seminar on "*European YouthPass*" / "*European Portfolio*" - *Tools for Recognition of Non-formal Learning*, 5/2009 in Strasbourg
- *Master's Degree in European Youth Studies*: further development by partner universities with support of the youth partnership.
- *Indicators for Intercultural Dialogue*: kick off by a research / expert workshop 5/2010 in Budapest, followed by a feasibility study.

Better understanding and knowledge of youth / youth research

- *Three research seminars* on the following topics:
 - Employment and the future of work (2007)
 - Equal opportunities (2007)
 - Health and well-being (2008)
- *Two expert workshops* 2008 and 2009 in Blankenberge on History of Youth Work (in co-operation with the Flemish Community of Belgium)
- *Study on the economic dimension of youth work*: expert workshop 6/2007.
- *13th, 14th and 15th annual network meeting of researchers* in 2007, 2008, 2010.
- Creation of the *Pool of European Youth Researchers*; selection following a call and first meeting
- *European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy*: further development in co-operation with national correspondents.

Youth Policy Development

- *Workshops on youth policy development and co-operation* (in co-operation with SALTO RC EECA and SEE) for
 - *Eastern Europe and the Caucasus* (2007 in Strasbourg, 2009 in Konstancin-Jeziorna, Poland),
 - *Russia and CIS countries* (2007 Moscow and 2008 Strasbourg) and
 - *South East Europe* (2007 in Croatia, 2008 in Serbia, 2009 in Slovenia – focus on (un)employment).
- *Studies on Youth Policy and Youth Work in the countries of Eastern Europe and Caucasus and in South East Europe*

Management activities

- *Partnership Management* meetings: Partnership Management Board (2 per year), three Partnership Sectorial Groups, and Partnership Consultation Meetings (both once a year).

G. The Third Framework Partnership Agreement: 1 July 2010 – 31 December 2013

Support and Development of Youth Work / Recognition / Training

- Training for trainers of youth workers ("*Trainers for Active Learning in Europe*" - TALE):
 - 3rd (and last) residential seminar 10/2010 in Budapest
 - Evaluation meeting of the Training for Trainers of Youth Workers (TALE) 2/2011
- Pilot seminar "*Youth Policy and realities, youth research and theoretical foundations of youth*", short course of the M.A. European Youth Studies
- Pilot training course "*Participatory and knowledge based youth policy making*", (in co-operation with SALTO Resource Centre Training and Co-operation):
 - preparatory meetings 11/2012 and 5/2013
 - 1st Residential Seminar 12/2013 in Malta
- *Recognition of non-formal learning and of youth work*
 - Publication of strategic paper "*Pathways 2.0 towards recognition of non-formal learning / education and of youth work in Europe*" (in cooperation with European Youth Forum, SALTO Resource Centre Training and Co-operation)
 - *Expert Group meetings* in 1/2011, 9/2011, 2/2012, 11/2012, 1/2013 and 10/2013.
 - Symposium on (*recognition of*) *non-formal learning and youth work* ("Getting there...") took place in November 2011 in Strasbourg; as result participants adopted a statement and related plan of action.
 - Support of the *Eastern Partnership Youth Forum*, October 2013 in Lithuania, focus on Recognition of youth work and Non-formal learning
- European Platform on Learning Mobility
 - Membership in the Steering Group in 2011-2013
 - Supporting the organisation of the European conference "Framework, Quality and Impact of young Europeans' Learning Mobility, 5/2011 in Budapest
 - Co-organising and supporting the conference "Learning Spaces – Mobility Spaces" March 2013 in Berlin.

Knowledge-based Youth Policy

- *Further Development of the EKCYP: 6th annual correspondents meeting 11/2010 in Brussels, 7th annual meeting 10/2011, 8th meeting 9/2012, 9th meeting 10/2013,*
- Workshop on *national knowledge networks*, 11/2012 in Budapest
- Meetings of *Pool of European Researchers (PEYR)* 2/2011, 3/2012 and 10/2013
- Studies on *Youth policy and youth work in Eastern Europe and Caucasus and South East Europe: results of reviews from Eastern European and Caucasus*
- Support of the conference "*Young People and Social Change after the Fall of the Berlin Wall*"; Budapest, 11/2009
- Seminar on "*Mobility of young people - creating opportunities for cross-border volunteering for young people, particularly with fewer opportunities*", 11/2011
- Third workshop on the "*History of youth work*" in Tallinn 10/2011, hosted by the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research and co-organized by Finland
- Supporting the *6th Conference Young People and Societies in Europe and Mediterranean*, 6/2012 in Barcelona
- Symposium '*The Current Crisis and youth - Impact and ways forward*' 2/2013 in Strasbourg
- *Youth in 2020 – the future of Youth Policy conference*, 10/2013 in Budapest
- Co-organising the seminar "*LinkMeln – youth policy and practice*" 12/2013 in Budapest (in co-operation with National Agency of Youth in Action programme in Hungary and SALTO Resource Centre Training and Co-operation).

Geographical Focus

- Eastern Europe and Caucasus
 - Reviews on Youth Policies and Youth Work in the countries of Eastern Europe and Caucasus (2011), including EECA Summary Report
 - Symposium on Youth Policy in Eastern Europe and Caucasus 7/2011 in Odessa, Ukraine
 - Youth Policy Symposium Eastern Europe and Caucasus, 6/2012 in Tbilisi, Georgia: focus on health and well-being
 - Youth Policy Symposium with EECA countries on the role of youth work in education for democratic citizenship and participation, 10/2013 in Yerevan, Armenia
- South East Europe
 - Reviews on Youth Policies and Youth Work in the countries of South East Europe, (2011), including SEE Summary Report
 - Symposium in South East Europe on Recognition of youth work and Non-formal learning, 10/2012 in Albania
 - Seminar on the role of information and counseling in fostering young people's social inclusion and access to their rights, 6/2013 in Croatia
- Euro-Mediterranean youth co-operation
 - *Indicators for intercultural dialogue*
 - Feasibility Study

- Seminar on *Indicators for Intercultural Dialogue* 9/2011 in Mollina, Spain in the framework of the University on Youth and Development,
 - Elaboration of guidelines and indicators by group of experts
 - Expert group meeting on the Indicators for Intercultural Dialogue in non-formal education activities 12/2012, Hammamet, Tunisia.
- “Workshop on empowerment and capacity building of youth organisations in the Euro-Mediterranean framework” 3/2012 in Malta (in cooperation with League of Arab States and Agencia Zghazagh, Malta)
- Symposium “Arab spring: Youth participation for the promotion of peace, human rights and fundamental freedoms”, 8/2012 in Tunisia (in co-operation with League of Arab States and Tunisian Youth Observatory)
- Workshop on *Youth participation and Social Media* 6/2013 in Hammamet, Tunisia
- Seminar on *Youth and Citizenship* – focus on participation, 11/2013 in Amman, Jordan (in co-operation with UNFPA)
- Euro-African Youth Co-operation
 - Steering Group activities and preparatory measures to the 2nd Africa Europe Youth Summit, 10/2010 in Tripoli, Libya.
 - Second residential and last seminar of the long-term training course for trainers on Africa Europe Youth Co-operation in the framework of the 2nd African University on Youth and Development, in Cape Verde, 7/2010
 - Second Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe in Cape Verde, 7/2010 at the same occasion
 - Youth Leaders Meeting on Youth Policies in the context of the Europe-Africa youth co-operation, 4/2011 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 - Meeting of the African Youth Diaspora in Europe, “From Millennium Development Goals to Millennium Development Wins” in 9/2011 in Mollina, Spain

Management activities

- Management Board meetings: 10/2010 in Strasbourg, 11/2011 in Brussels, 4/2012 in Brussels
- Advisory Group meeting 10/2010 in Strasbourg, 4/ 2011 in Brussels, 10/2011 in Brussels and 9/2012 in Brussels

H. Information and Publication activities 1998 – 2013:

A specific *information strategy* aims at making the results of the partnership visible and enhancing the multiplier effect by dissemination of results:

- ***T(raining)-kits*** since 1998:
 - 1: Organisational management
 - 2: Methodology in language learning
 - 3: Project management
 - 4: Intercultural learning
 - 5: International voluntary service
 - 6: Training essentials
 - 7: Citizenship, youth and Europe

- 8: Social inclusion
- 9: Funding and financial management
- 10: Educational evaluation in youth work
- 11: Mosaic - Euro-Mediterranean youth work
- 12: Youth transforming conflict
- 13: Sustainable development and youth work

All T-Kits are translated into French and most in German. Individual T-Kits are translated in other languages, such as Arabic, Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovene and Turkish.

- **Coyote Magazine** deals with issues around “youth – training – Europe”. 21 issues have been published until today with the following focus themes:

- 21: Know what?
- 20: What’s Xtreme about Youth?
- 19: What’s going on?! (in the European youth arena)
- 18: Recognition APP!
- 17: The Power of Volunteering
- 16: The Power of Youth Work
- Extra: 1st European Youth Work Convention
- 15: Social Cohesion
- 14: Youth participation (under preparation)
- 13: Intercultural Dialogue
- 12: All Different – All Equal European youth campaign
- 11: Non-formal learning and Education
- 10: European Year of Education through Sport
- 9: Human Rights Education
- 8: Inclusion and people with disabilities
- 7: European Citizenship
- 6: The White paper and Non-formal education
- 5: Journeys to South-Eastern parts of Europe and beyond
- 4: Youth training in Europe
- 3: Non-formal Education
- 2: Conflict Management – Disabled young people
- 1: Methodological reflections on training
- Supplement 1: Voyage – a simulation game
- Supplement 2: Our European Youth Centres

- The series **Youth Knowledge Books** publishes results of research seminars and other activities building knowledge on youth: 17 issues have been published in this series so far:

- # 1: Resituating culture (ed. Gavan Titley)
- # 2: Revisiting youth political participation (ed. Jörg Forbrig)
- # 3: Trading up – potential and performance in non-formal learning (eds. Lynn Chisholm and Bryony Hoskins)
- # 4: Charting the landscape of European youth voluntary activities (eds. Howard Williamson and Bryony Hoskins with Philipp Boetzelen)
- # 5: Social inclusion and young people: breaking down the barriers (eds. Helen Colley, Ph. Boetzelen, Bryony Hoskins, Teodora Parveva)
- # 6: The politics of diversity in Europe (eds. Gavan Titley and Alana Lentin)
- # 7: European Citizenship (eds. Miguel Garcia Lopez and Ditta Dolejsiova)

- # 8: Youth Policy manual - How to develop a national youth strategy (ed. Finn Yrjar Denstad)
 - # 9: The history of youth work in Europe and its relevance for youth policy today (eds. Griet Verschelden, Filip Coussée, Tineke Van de Walle and Howard Williamson)
 - # 10: Youth unemployment and the future of work (eds. Jonathan Evans and Wei Shen)
 - # 11: The history of youth work in Europe - Volume 2. Relevance for today's youth work policy (eds. Filip Coussée, Griet Verschelden, Tineke Van de Walle, Marta Mędlińska and Howard Williamson)
 - # 12: Some still more equal than others? Or equal opportunities for all? (ed. Serdar M. Değirmencioğlu)
 - # 13: Intercultural learning in non-formal education (eds. Susana Lafraya)
 - # 14: 1989 - Young people and social change after the fall of the Berlin Wall (eds. Carmen Leccardi, Carles Feixa, Siyka Kovacheva, Herwig Reiter, Tatjana Sekulić)
 - # 15: EKCYP insights (ed. Philipp Boetzelen)
 - # 16: The history of youth work in Europe - Volume 3 (eds. Filip Coussée, Howard Williamson and Griet Verschelden)
 - # 17: Learning mobility and non-formal learning in European contexts. Policies, approaches and examples (eds. Günter J. Friesenhahn, Hanjo Schild, Hans-Georg Wicke, Judit Balogh)
 - # 18: *The history of youth work in Europe, Volume 4* (eds. Marti Taru, Filip Coussée and Howard Williamson)
- The new publication **Perspectives on Youth – European Youth Partnership Series** fosters dialogue between policy, practice and research:
 - #1: "2020 – what do YOU see?"
 - #2: "Connections – Disconnections" (summer 2014)
 - #3: "Healthy Europe? (early 2015)
 - The **Advanced Training of Trainers in Europe (ATTE)** course is documented in two Volumes:
 - # 1 Curriculum description, edited by Miguel Garcia Lopez and
 - # 2 External evaluation, edited by Lynne Chisholm et al
 - "**Citizenship matters**: the participation of young women and minorities in Euro-Med youth projects", 2005, result of a Euro-Mediterranean training course. Also available in Arabic.
 - Brochure "**Getting there....**": Pathways 2.0 paper, statement and Plan of Action of participants of the symposium on "Recognition of youth work and of non-formal learning / education in the youth field"
 - **Partnership webportal** provides relevant information on EU-CoE youth partnership activities and developments in European youth policies.
 - The **European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy** as integral part of the webportal integrates priority themes of youth policy, including cross-sectoral policies in the different features of this virtual tool.
 - The production of **information materials** on the EU-CoE youth partnership includes leaflets, brochures and a CD-ROM, containing all educational materials and the products mentioned before.