

Youth Partnership

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Advocating for youth work in Eastern and South-East Europe

Regional Seminar on youth work 2024

Skopje, North Macedonia 29-30 October 2024

Venue: [Hotel Holiday Inn](#) Skopje, Filip Vtori Makedonski, 5 Skopje, 1000

Draft Agenda

DAY 0: MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER

Arrivals

16:30-18:00 Optional youth-themed tour

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Informal welcome evening

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER

9:30-11:00 Opening session

- Welcome words by *Oleg SOLDATOV, Head of the Council of Europe Programme Office in Skopje*
- Introduction to the programme
- Connecting and getting to know each other

11:00-11:30 Coffee/tea break

11:30-13:00 Youth work developments in Europe

- Overview of the European developments in the youth work policy field by
 - *Marius SCHLAGETER, Policy Advisor (Council of Europe)*
 - *Charalampos PAPAIOANNOU, Policy Officer (Youth Unit, DG EAC, European Commission)*
 - *László MILUTINOVITS, Project Officer on Youth Work (EU-CoE Youth Partnership)*
- Reflections and Q&A

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:00 Youth work developments in Eastern and Southeast Europe

- Advocating for youth work: achievements and challenges in the two regions, panel discussion:
 - *Konstanze SCHÖNFELD, Member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, Germany/Netherlands*
 - *Kristina ZIMAJ, Freelance Consultant in Youth Programmes, Kosovo*
 - *Maka SARTANIA, National Focal Point, EU4Youth Coordination and Policy Support Programme, Georgia*
 - *Mariam GHARAGYOZIAN, Project Manager, Gyumri Youth Initiative Centre (YIC) NGO, Armenia*
- Mapping national developments and achievements

16:00-16:30 Coffee/tea break

16:30-18:00 Youth work developments in North Macedonia

- Panel on national advocacy and developments in youth work
 - *Marko GJORGIEVSKI, Director of the National Agency for European Educational Programs and Mobility*
 - *Sofija ARNAUDOVA, Coordinator of the Master's Studies in Youth Work, Faculty of Philosophy Skopje*
 - *Andrej NAUMOVSKI, President of the Union for Youth Work*
 - *Azra Sadiku NUREDINI, Youth Officer, Municipality of Gostivar*
 - *Velika SRBAKOVA, Youth worker, Youth Centre Kavadarci*
- Sharing of good practices on youth work from North Macedonia

19:30 Dinner out

21:00 Karaoke night (optional programme)

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER

08:00 *Informal programmes in the morning (optional)*

- Yoga session
- Walk to the old town of Skopje

9:30-11:00 Updates from the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership

- Updates on various projects from the EU-CoE Youth Partnership
- Thematic group discussions
- Presentation the study *Youth brain drain from the Western Balkans, the Eastern Partnership and Türkiye* by Gökay ÖZERİM and Samir BEHARIĆ, members of the Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee/tea break*

11:30-13:00 Advocating for youth work

- Sharing the initial outcomes from the 'Advocacy Kit for Youth Work Development'
 - *Olga KYRIAKIDOU, Youth Worker and Trainer in the youth field, President (Hellenic Youth Workers Association)*
- Sharing of good practices related to advocacy for youth work

13:00-14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30-16:00 Making links with the upcoming 4th European Youth Work Convention

- Introduction to the 4th EYWC by representatives of the hosting organisations:
 - *Miriam TEUMA, Chief Executive, Agenzija Zghazagh – The National Youth Agency of Malta*
 - *Marvik-Ann DE BONO, Programme Manager - Head of Youth Sector at European Union Programmes Agency*
- Testimonials on developments since the 3rd EYWC
 - *Olga KYRIAKIDOU, Vice President, Alliance of Youth Workers Associations (AYWA)*
 - *Jelena STOJANOVIĆ, Executive Director, NAPOR*
 - *Nik PADDISON, Freelance writer, creator and trainer in the fields of learning and youth work*
 - *Armenuhi PETROSYAN, Deputy Head of Youth Affairs Department,, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia*
- Discussion: What issues pertinent to the two regions should be addressed at the 4th EYWC?

16:00-16:30 *Coffee/tea break*

16:30-18:00 Conclusions and closing

- Evaluation of the seminar
- Closing remarks
 - *Konstanze SCHÖNFELD, Member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe*
 - *László MILUTINOVITS, Project Officer on Youth Work, EU-CoE Youth Partnership*

19:00 *Dinner*

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER

Departures