

Youth Partnership

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Correspondents of the European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy

15th Annual Meeting

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Report

Key decisions

1. **Youth Policy Country sheets** to be updated again. It was agreed that the country sheets on youth policy should be updated in the second half of 2019. A small group (Marko, Tiina, Mariana, Zdenka) will review the structure and propose to simplify or eliminate what is not relevant. A revised template will be circulated to the correspondents to be updated in the autumn of 2019. The process will be evaluated at the 2020 Annual Meeting. There were two opinions in the group. One was against doubling work that was carried out more extensively for Youth Wiki. The other one emphasized that the EKCYP country sheets are more concise and policy-makers work with them more easily. CDEJ representatives in the group particularly supported the idea of updating the EKCYP country sheets because they felt they had more direct connection to the data gathering process while the Youth Wiki is done through sub-contracting experts and information is not always the same.
2. **Youth Work Country Sheets.** To date 22 country sheets on youth work have been published on the Knowledge Centre. Correspondents from remaining countries must submit theirs in the coming months. This is especially important because youth work is high on the policy agenda of both partner institutions and this will become even more important ahead of the 3rd European Youth Work Convention. The country sheets will have to be as up to date as possible by the beginning of 2020 because this will be an important reference and contribution of EKCYP to the upcoming planning process for the 3rd Convention.
3. **Knowledge management and data gathering.** Correspondents discussed how to make the data gathering more easy to use. So far various systems were used (googledocs, surveymonkey, typeform, other...) for surveys to EKCYP. The correspondents agreed on the following:
 - The youth partnership should seek (based on a survey among EKCYP and PEYR) a flexible, user-friendly system that makes it possible to save, add information and revise questionnaires before submitting. In the interim phase, circulating a word version of surveys in addition to the online link would help the correspondents know what they may expect to gather information on.
 - Publish all completed questionnaires on the country pages to show activity of EKCYP.
 - Share as much in advance as possible information anticipating data collection so correspondents can plan it in advance.
 - Facilitate use of the data gathered through previous surveys for other research initiatives.
4. The survey on social inclusion and digitalization would have an extended deadline to 10 July so all correspondents could complete it.
5. The survey on youth policy monitoring and evaluation would have the same extended deadline. Correspondents will be able to complete/send further information to the team of researchers, following the discussions at the Annual Meeting of the first research findings. (See separate document).
6. A survey on youth work professions and how they interact will be launched in the second half of July. As part of that survey, the correspondents will be invited to recommend potential contacts and sources of further knowledge on the topic. (See separate document).
7. Mentors were assigned to all new correspondents that attended the meeting and correspondents exchange about work in EKCYP during that session. It was agreed that those exchanges would continue on bilateral basis.
8. Correspondents will send to the youth partnership secretariat all relevant publications/reports/relevant research and policy documents from the country to be added to the country pages on a regular basis. This will ensure that the Knowledge Centre is an updated reference for research.
9. It was agreed that correspondents and the youth partnership should disseminate information about the work of EKCYP to other stakeholders, including national public authorities, NGO, National

Agencies of Erasmus+, academia, universities and other institutions. EKCYP correspondents could have at least one meeting per year to share updates.

10. Correspondents shared updates on priorities in national contexts and what type of knowledge support might be needed. (See separate document).

EKCYP objectives for 2019 and conclusions from the EKCYP meeting

Knowledge on youth work, contributing to building up the knowledge base presented in the online platform dedicated to youth work, within EKCYP (ahead of the 3rd European Youth Work Convention and as an implementation of the CoE CM Recommendation on youth work as well as EU Council Conclusions on quality of youth work), namely continuing the publication of youth work country sheets, updates from CDEJ and from EKCYP correspondents.

Collecting and analysing data on youth policy evaluation models and contribution to “Insights” on the topic, as agreed at the 14th Annual Meeting. The team of selected researchers shared the first findings of the survey results and correspondents discussed what would be useful to have in such a publication. It was agreed that a general overview of concepts, a presentation of initiatives across countries, analysis of good practice and recommendations for improving such processes would be beneficial.

Contributing to the research on professions involved in youth work. The researchers selected for this project carried out a first survey during the annual meeting to understand what data exists at national level about youth work practitioners, young people benefitting from youth work and the impact it brings, as well as places where youth work happens and cross-sectoral cooperation. The draft survey will be updated and launched in the second half of July.

Continuing to collect data on Youth Wiki thematic information on chapter 5: participation. Five experts are writing country chapters which should be finished by the end of August. EKCYP continues to have a good complementarity and link to Youth Wiki through the correspondents that are contributing to both projects.

The annual meeting also included a session on strengthening peer cooperation and support among EKCYP correspondents, based on the decisions taken in the 14th annual meeting. The work of the 15th annual meeting and the implementation of the work of EKCYP has been coordinated and led by the Support Group. About a third of the correspondents were newly nominated to the network, therefore part of the first and last sessions were dedicated to ensuring good understanding of the work of EKCYP and strengthening the peer-learning and networking initiatives. Generally the work in EKCYP has become more challenging with the thematic knowledge gathering, sometimes on quite narrow and specific themes. There was agreement that involvement in EKCYP was no longer a one-way communication but it can also be beneficial for the work of the national correspondents in their own countries. Therefore, part of the meeting was also spent on sharing about priorities at national level and the type of research or knowledge support that might be useful.

Reference documents on EKCYP contributions in 2017-2018:

[Reports of past annual meetings \(including 2018\)](#)

[Research results on education of youth workers](#)

[Contributions to Youth Wiki from non-programme countries](#) and [Youth Wiki](#)

[Youth Work Country Sheets](#)

[Insights on Youth Policy Governance](#)

Additional documents from the meeting:

PPT – the first results of the survey on youth policy monitoring and evaluation

Draft questionnaire for the survey on youth work professions and how they interact

Current priorities and updates at national level.

Annex: 1. Programme of the 15th Annual Meeting

17 June 14:00 - 17:30	Meeting of the EKCYP preparatory group
18 June 9:00 - 17:30	15th Annual Meeting of EKCYP Correspondents
9:00 – 10:00	Opening of the meeting by Tanya Basarab, EU-CoE youth partnership Introduction of EKCYP correspondents Contributions to the 2019 EU-CoE youth partnership work plan – input by team and the EKCYP support group
10:00 – 10:30	First results of data gathering on youth policy evaluation Presentation of the first analysis and findings of the results Input by Ruta Braziene, Irina Lonean and Marti Taru
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Contributions related to youth policy evaluation Discussion of the first findings related to youth policy evaluation and, if available, further exploration of case studies Suggestions for shaping the publication
12:30 – 13:00	Contributions related to youth policy Finalising discussions on youth policy evaluation. Update on planned knowledge gathering on other topics: youth political participation, democratic citizenship education, digitalisation and social inclusion; exchange on the results, challenges, findings
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Contributions related to youth work Input by Tomi Kiilakoski and Jim Odonovan and discussion on further building the knowledge base
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 18:00	Strengthening peer support and cooperation within EKCYP – follow up on 2018 decisions Mentoring and work in groups – led by EKCYP support group Ideas for 2019-2020 Updates and priorities from national level Wrapping up on main decisions, evaluation Closing the meeting by Marta Medlinska
	Dinner

Annex 2. List of participants at the EKCYP annual meeting 2019

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