

Youth Partnership

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Symposium on Well-being of Young People

in Eastern Europe and Caucasus

Tbilisi, Georgia, 11-12 June 2012

Programme

10 June

Arrival of participants

Accommodation and venue:

Holiday Inn
1, 26 May Square
Tbilisi, Georgia
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11 June

09h15 Registration

10h00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Opening remarks by Vladimer Vardzelashvili, Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia

Welcome addresses by representatives of partner institutions:

Philip Dimitrov, Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation to Georgia

Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Georgia

10h30 Coffee break

- 11h00 **Panel: Continuing from Odessa – news on youth policy development**
Moderator: Marta Medlinska, Coordinator of EU-CoE youth partnership
- Special 20 min presentation of youth policy development in Georgia
- Manana Kavtaradze (Head of Internal Relations Division, Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia)
- 10 min interventions from:
- Ulrich Bunjes, Head of Youth Department, Council of Europe
- Sergej Koperdak, Head of the Youth Policy Unit, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- Discussion and interventions from other participants
- 12h30 Lunch
- 14h00 **Working Groups on Well-being of young people: roles of youth policy and youth work**
- [The current developments as a starting point in each group. Three introductory inputs will be given in each group by a researcher, policy-maker and youth worker. Challenges and pressures, as well as proposed policies and solutions will form the discussion in each group]*
- WG I. Healthy lifestyles** (promoting sport and balanced nutrition; fighting obesity and substance abuse, sexual education)
Facilitator: Christina Demenshina
Input speeches: Juozas Meldziukas (policy maker), Paolo Emilio Adami (youth worker / activist), Andriy Mishyn (researcher)
- WG II. Young people’s access to social rights** (enhancing quality of education and training; employment; housing; youth information)
Facilitator: Motamed Afshari Behrooz
Input speeches: Alexandru Coica (policy-maker), Ievgen Vlasuik (youth worker / activist), Siyka Kovacheva (researcher)
- WG III. Mental health** (preventing violence and self-violence; challenges and opportunities for young people’s health in relation to new technologies and societal change; perception of one’s image, anxieties and depression, dealing with pressure)
Facilitator: Robert Thomson
Input speeches: Michael Fitzgerald (researcher), Tomus Ioana (youth worker / activist), Marcela Valkova (policy-maker)
- WG IV. Social Inclusion and Anti-discrimination** (addressing situations of multiple discrimination; promoting freedom from discrimination and inclusion of vulnerable groups and their participation)
Facilitator: Tomasz Bratek

Input speeches: Ewa Krzaklewska (researcher), Jolanta Sakaluskiene (policy-maker), Vera Serdyukova (youth worker / activist)

17h30 Reports from Working Groups and Discussion

Facilitated by Robert Thomson

20h00 Dinner

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09h00 A visit to an example of a youth work project in Georgia

11h30 **Panel: Knowledge based approach to youth policy on well-being of young people** (what are the effective and innovative strategies to engage and work with young people on these issues, but also to promote them cross-sectorally within governments; how to create partnership approaches between various stakeholders) – input from regional and wider European stakeholders

Facilitation and input by Robert Thomson

Panellists:

Michael Fitzgerald, Henry Marsh Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Trinity College, Dublin

Ante Martić, Head of Youth Cooperation Service, Ministry of Social Affairs and Youth of Croatia

Matthias Christensen, Policy Officer Youth Work Development, European Youth Forum

Tamar Khomasuridze, Assistant Representative at UNFPA Georgia

13h00 Lunch

14h30 **Panel on youth information online**

Facilitation: Marcela Valkova, Policy Officer, European Commission and Srd Kisevic, Research and Youth Policy Officer, EU-CoE youth partnership

Ana Ascensão e Silva, EURODESK

Davide Capecchi, ERYICA

Anna Sabakhtarishvili, Deputy Director of Children and Youth National Center in charge of E-services

Lien Vanbrabant, In Petto

15h30 **Open Session: Stakeholders Meeting Point** (discussion in groups related to topics of panels and working groups, policy discussions and ideas for activities in the future – all topics are chosen and proposed by participants)

17h30 **Panel: Concluding remarks and the future of youth policy cooperation in the region**

Moderator: Marta Medlinska, Coordinator of EU-CoE youth partnership

Sergej Koperdak, Head of the Youth Policy Unit, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Caterina Bolognese, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Georgia

Giorgi Avaliani, Deputy Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia

18h15 End

19:00 Dinner

13 June

Leaving