

## Youth Partnership

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Youth policy symposium with EECA countries

*Role of youth work in  
education for democratic citizenship and participation*

13-14 November 2013  
Yerevan, Armenia

### Programme

Venue: Ani Plaza Hotel  
19 Sayat Nova Ave Yerevan 0001, Armenia  
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#### 12 November

Arrival of participants

#### 13 November

09h30

#### Welcome

Opening remarks by

Arsen Karamyan, Deputy Minister of Sport and Youth Affairs of Armenia

Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia

Welcome addresses by representatives of partner institutions:

Traian Hristea, Head of EU Delegation to Armenia

Oleksandr Pavlyuk, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan

- 10h00 Introduction into the event by facilitator and rapporteur: Anahit Minassian and Kateryna Shalayeva
- 10h30 Coffee break
- 11h00 Short presentations of the Armenian youth policy and experiences in this field (David Hayrapetyan) and of the situation in the region (Areg Tadevosyan)
- 11h45 Panel discussion: European and Regional experiences - the role of youth work in education for democratic citizenship and youth participation
- Karin Lopatta-Loibl (European Commission)  
Hranush Shahnazaryan (Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe)  
Matthias Christensen (European Youth Forum)  
Andriy Pavlovych (SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre)
- Discussion
- 13h00 Lunch
- 14h30 **Working Groups on Role of youth work in education for democratic citizenship and participation:**
- [Each working group will come up with proposals for actions that could be achieved by the actors from the EECA region]*
- WG I. Inter-sectoral approach** (How to achieve and promote cooperation between youth work and other sectors, such as the formal education sector, in the education for democratic citizenship and participation?)
- WG II. Supporting intercultural dialogue of young people** (national and regional perspective)
- WG III. Innovation** (what are the new trends and developments? How can youth work incorporate them in their non-formal education for democratic citizenship and participation?)
- WG IV. Reaching out to young people with fewer opportunities** (how to use youth work to engage vulnerable groups, rural youth and others with fewer opportunities)
- 17h00 Coffee Break
- 17h30 Reports from Working Groups and Discussion
- 20h00 Dinner

## 14 November

- 09h00 A visit to an example of a youth work project in Armenia
- 10h30 Coffee break
- 11h00 **Panel:** Status and recognition of youth work and its links with policy (What is the status of youth work in the region and level of its recognition? How can policy makers involve youth work in the implementation of youth policy objectives? – input from regional and wider European stakeholders)
- Bodnar Iryna (All-Ukrainian Association for Youth Co-operation ALTERNATIVE-V)  
Davide Capecchi (Director of European Youth Information and Counselling Agency)  
Alex Petrov (Secretary General of National Youth Council of Moldova)  
Kateryna Shalayeva (Pool of European Youth Researchers)  
Petyo Kanev (Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bulgaria)
- 12h30 Lunch
- 14h00 **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. Some of the proposed topics include: What is the experience of current European programmes supporting youth work in the region and what could be their role in the future? How can national policies in the region further develop and support youth work in education for democratic citizenship and participation?)
- 16h30 Coffee break
- 17h00 **Plenary session: Conclusions and Follow-up**
- Karin Lopatta-Loibl (European Commission)  
Vladimir Kharchenko (Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe)  
Armen Papyan (Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Armenia)  
Marta Medlinska (Coordinator, EU-CoE Youth Partnership)
- 18h00 End
- 19:00 Dinner

## 15 November

**Leaving early hours in the morning or a cultural/field visit**

**Cultural visit**

**09.30-13.30 Visit to Echmiadzin and the residence of Armenian Catholicos**

**15.00 Visit to National Gallery**