

Youthpass

Recognition of non-formal and informal learning and youth work

Activities and experiences of
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Youth in Action programme

– the EU youth
programme for young people
(13-30) and other actors in
the youth field

German
**National
Agency** for
Youth in
Action

- National implementation of
Youthpass

Network
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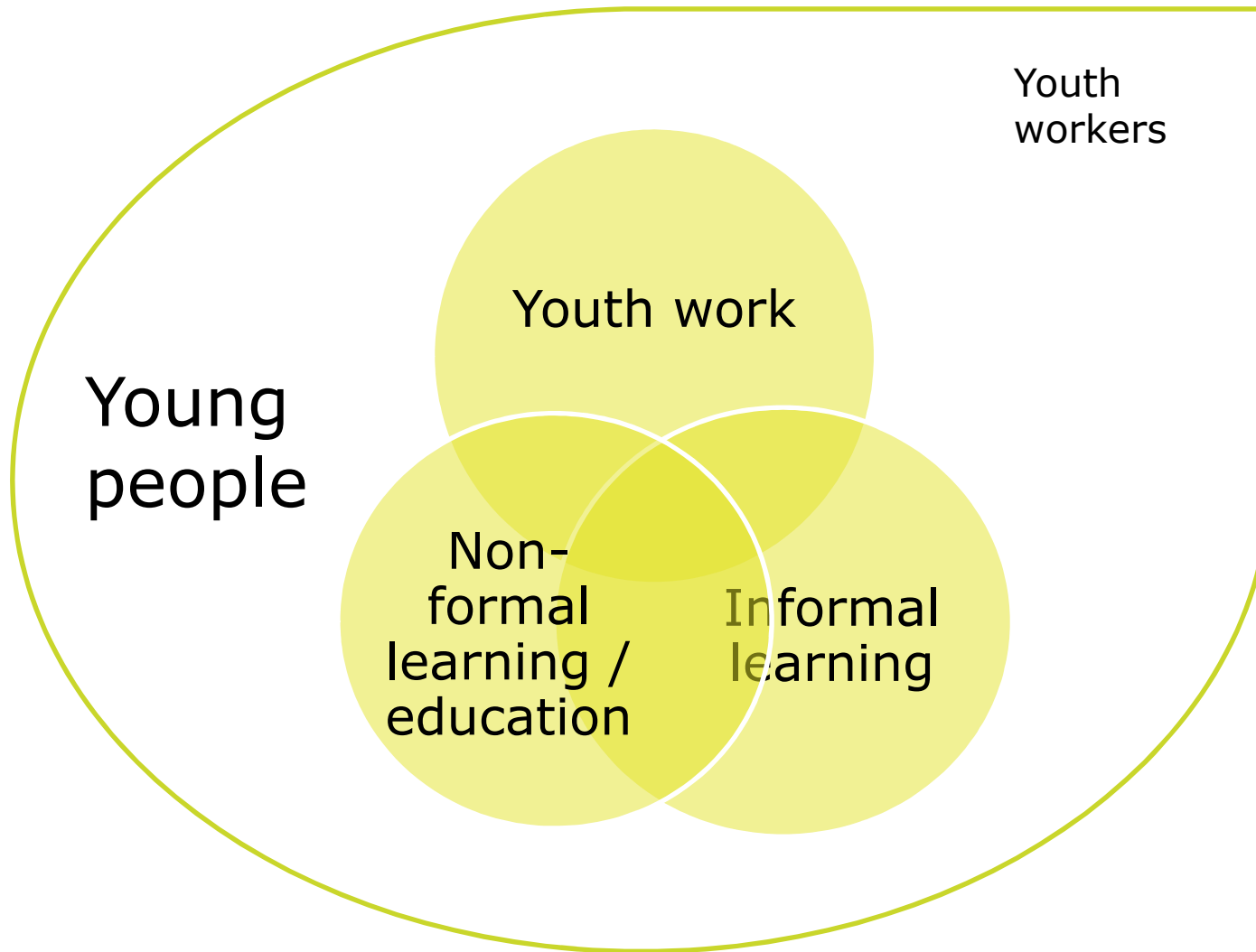
SALTO
Training and
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- Development and European level
implementation of **Youthpass**
- Support to the German
developments, e.g. contribution to
NQF
- European Training Strategy – within
Youth in Action

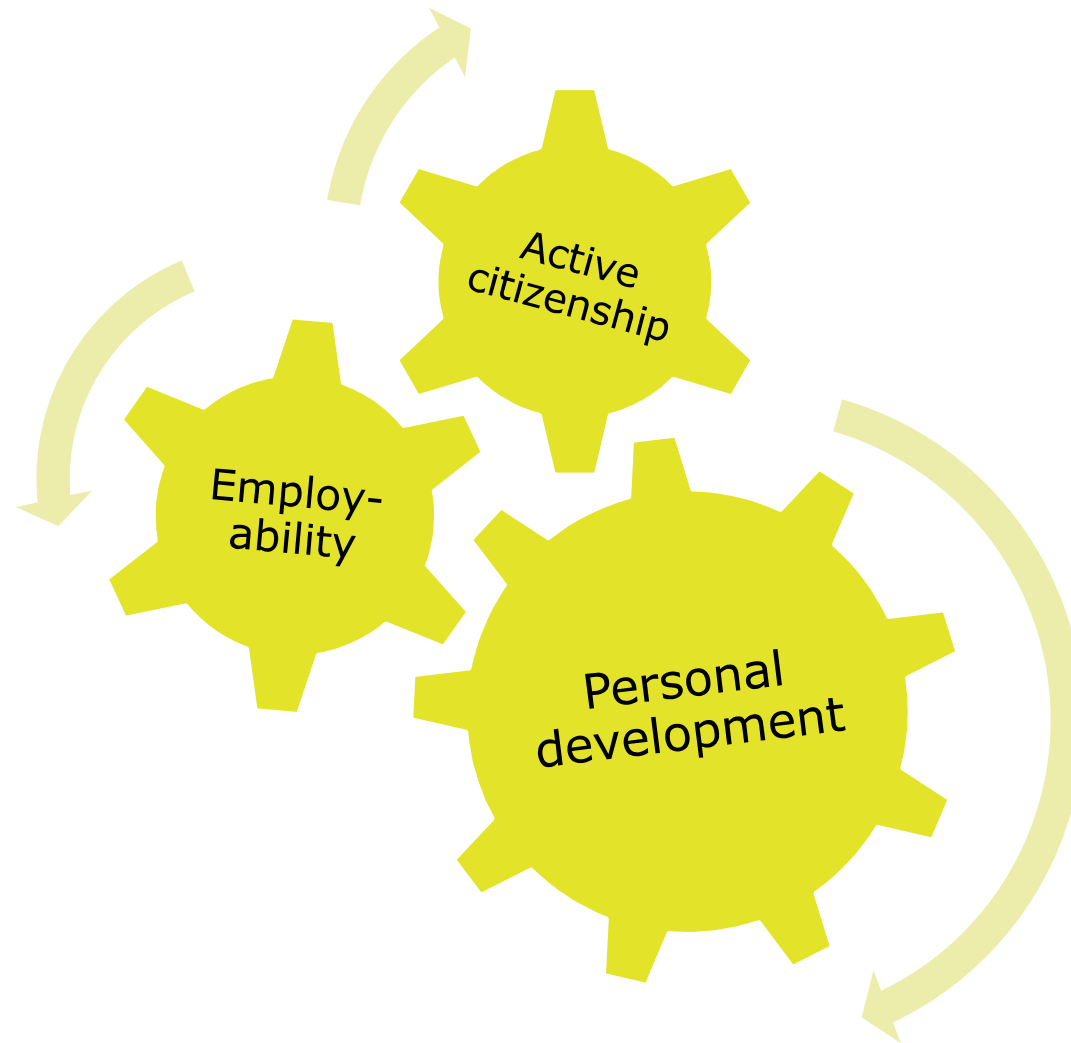
Support
agencies for
youth policy
cooperation

- Recognition is one of the priority
topics

Recognition in the field of youth



Learning in the field of youth



Youthpass

Recognition tool for participants of projects funded by the Youth in Action (YiA) Programme: young people and youth workers.

3 roles of Youthpass:

- Youthpass certificate
- Youthpass process
- Strategy for recognition of youth work and non-formal learning/education in the youth field

On June 4, 2012: 155871 certificates for participants of 14818 projects, created by 7337 organisations (since August 2007).

Multilingual tool implemented with the support network of YiA National Agencies and other experts.

Strategic aims of Youthpass

- **Support reflection upon the personal (non-formal) learning process**
 - Support social recognition of youth work
 - Support employability of young people and youth workers
 - Support active participation of young people in society (active citizenship)
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Youthpass can be issued for:

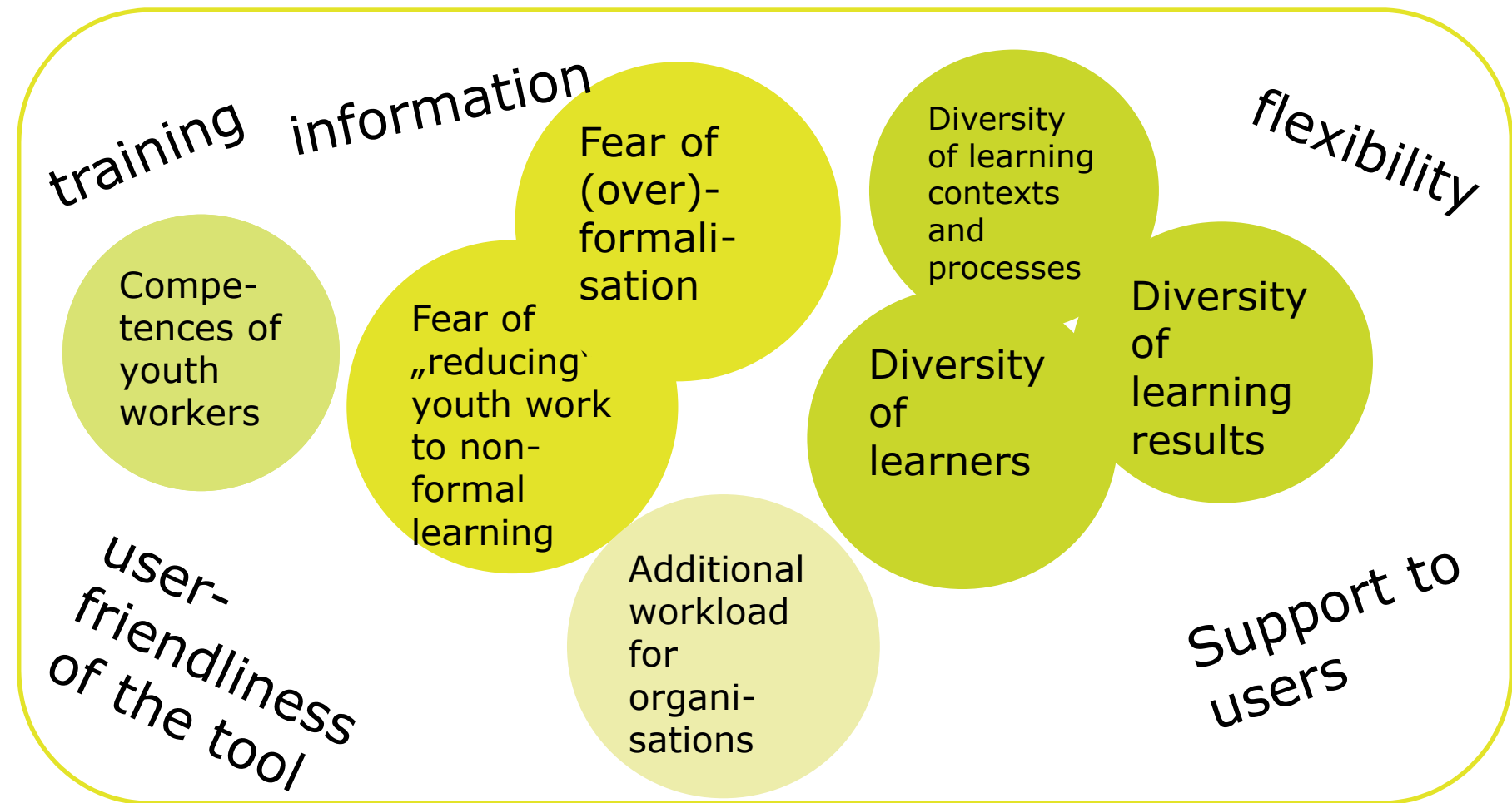
- Youth Exchanges
- Youth Initiatives (national and transnational)
- European Voluntary Service, and
- training/networking activities for people involved in youth work

.... supported within the framework of the EU Youth in Action programme

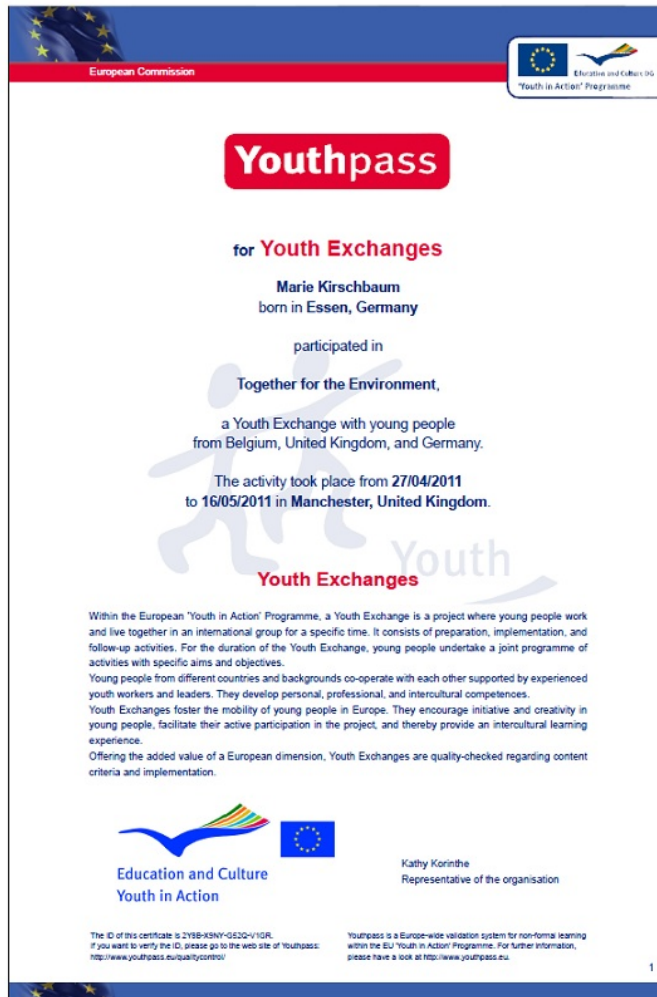
... also outside EU member states

Some challenges...

... for recognition tools in youth work



Youthpass certificate



Page 1:

- Information about the project and type of activity within YiA
- Logo of the organisation, signature of a legal representative
- Possibility to verify authenticity

Page 2:

- Project description
- Signature of the representative of the project

Page 3 and ff:

- Information about the individual contribution to the project
- Description of learning outcomes

Description of learning outcomes

The image shows a Youthpass certificate template. At the top, there is a header with the European Commission logo and the 'Youth in Action' Programme logo. Below this, the 'Youthpass' logo is prominently displayed. The main body of the certificate contains a self-assessment paragraph about Hannah Watson's participation in a training course. This is followed by two sections: 'Communication in foreign languages' and 'Learning to learn', each with a first-person narrative of learning experiences. Below these, the learner's name 'Hannah Watson' and the date 'Liverpool, 12/02/2009' are listed. A 'References' section follows, mentioning Anton Steiner as a trainer. At the bottom, there are two lines of text providing URLs for further information on the EU 'Youth in Action' Programme and Youthpass.

European Commission

Education and Culture DG
"Youth in Action" Programme

Youthpass

Hannah Watson participated in the Training Course **Intercultural learning in rural areas**. This part of the certificate is a self-assessment of learning and competence acquisition completed by the participant during the Course. It is based on the Key competences for Lifelong Learning defined by the European Union and the specific competences highlighted in the Training Course.

This self-assessment was enhanced through feedback and dialogue with members of the training team and other participants.

Communication in foreign languages

I've communicated regularly in English with my colleagues and trainers in various situations, including very complex scientific discussions. That helped me increase my English knowledge and put it on another level (experience-wise).

Learning to learn

I've become acquainted with some new ideas and methods on how to memorize things. The ways we've been getting knowledge about Youthpass during this course was very enlightening for me as we were learning 'the other way around' and not through direct lectures.

Hannah Watson

Liverpool, 12/02/2009

For further references, please contact:

Anton Steiner (Trainer)

Further information and original documents on the Key competences can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/objectives_en.html

Further information about the EU "Youth in Action" Programme can be found at:
http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.html and about Youthpass at: <http://www.youthpass.eu>

Self-assessment and the dialogue process

Description of learning results, based on the EU key competences

Signature of the learner, also dialogue partner if applicable

References

Further information on YiA and the key competences

The EU key competences for lifelong learning

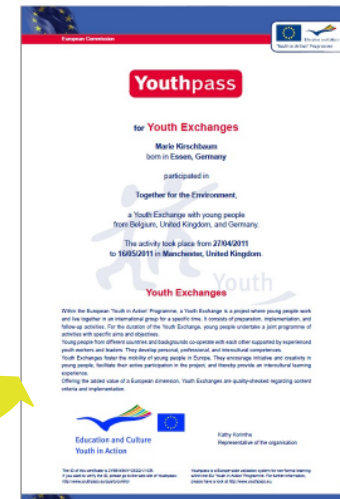
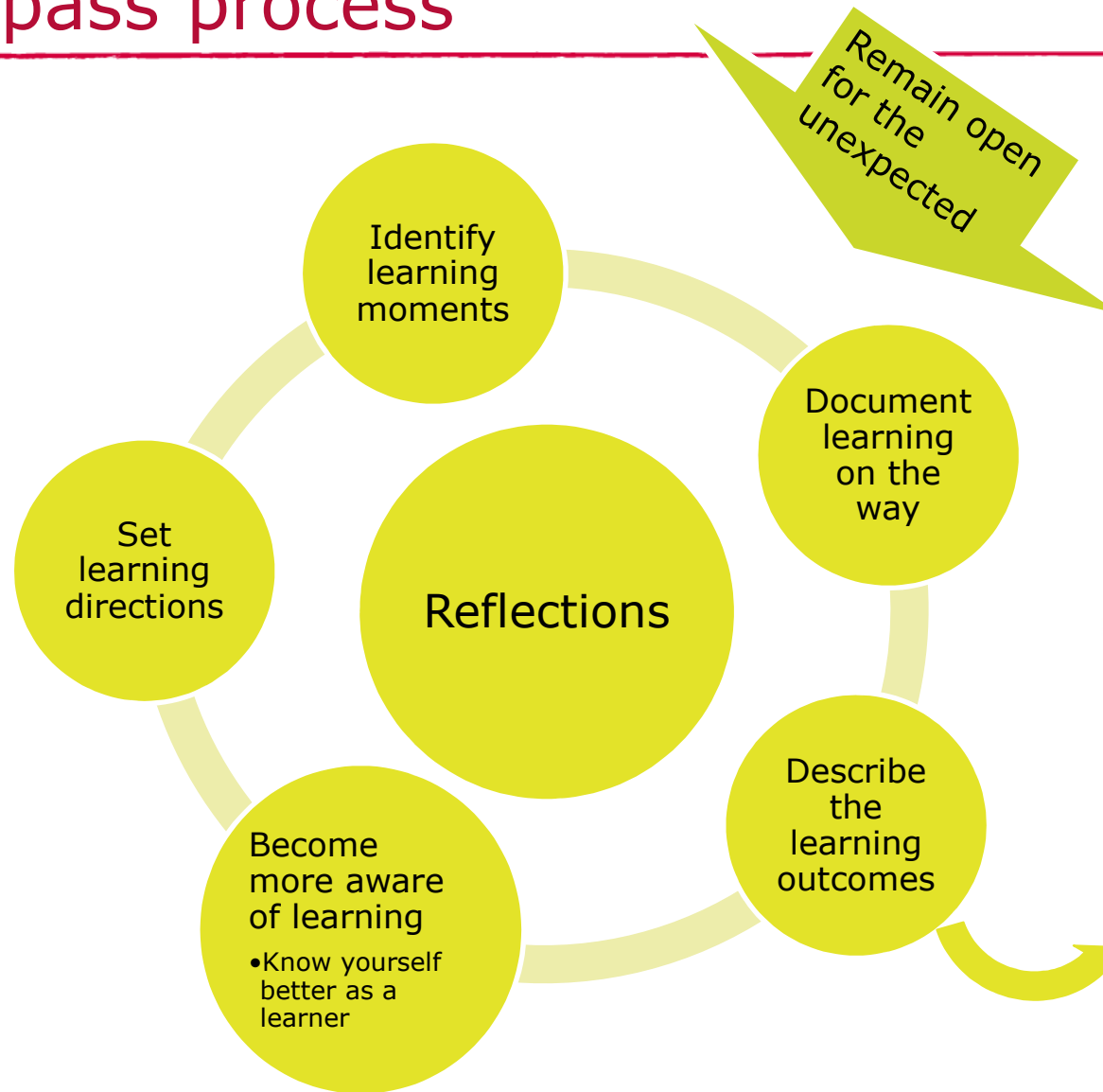
Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on key competences for lifelong learning (December 2006)

Competences: combination of skills, knowledge and attitudes

1. Communication in the mother tongue
2. Communication in foreign languages
3. Mathematical competence, basic competences science / technology
4. Digital competence
5. Learning to learn
6. Social and civic competences
7. Sense of initiative and entrepreneurship
8. Cultural awareness and expression

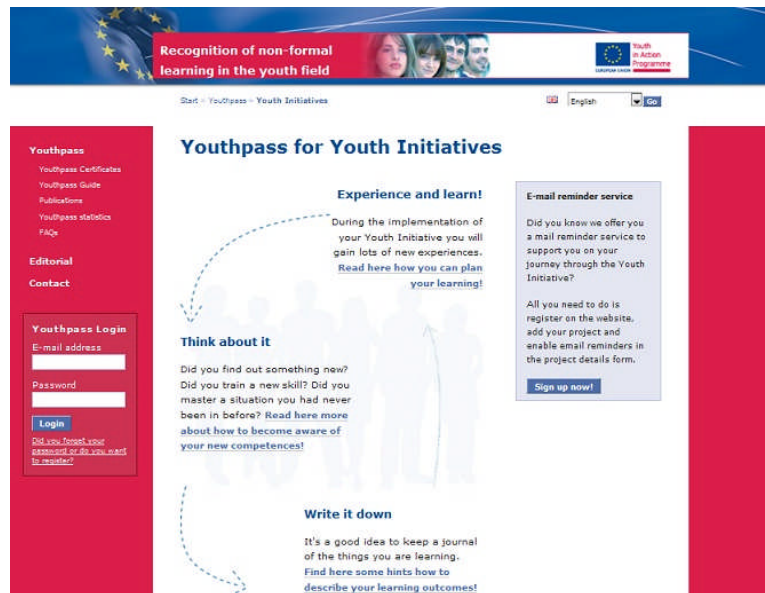
In the certificate also: „Other specific competences“

Youthpass process

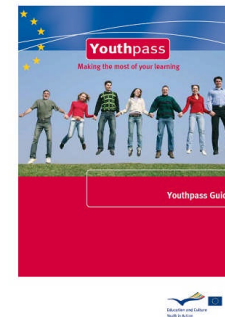


Support to the educational process

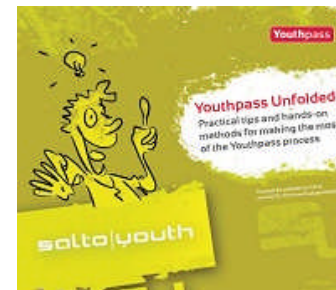
Youthpass website



Support publications



Youthpass Guide



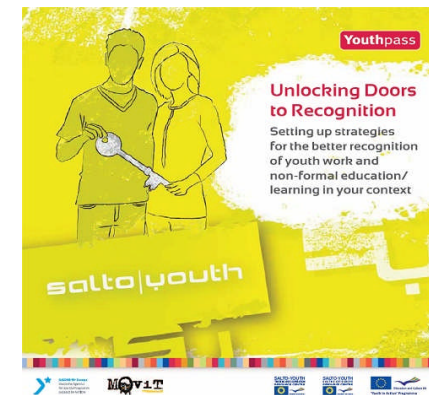
Youthpass Unfolded. Practical tips and hands-on methods for making the most of the Youthpass process

... and others.

Youthpass as a European Strategy

- European Expert Group on recognition of non-formal and informal learning and youth work
 - Based on *Pathways 2.0 towards recognition of non-formal learning/education and of youth work in Europe* (COM-CoE partnership, 2011)
 - Symposium on recognition, Strasbourg Nov 2011
 - Strasbourg process?
- Awareness raising of recognition related developments
- Support to development of local/national recognition strategies
 - Training
 - Support materials, e.g. handbook

Unlocking Doors to Recognition



Thank you for your attention!



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