Symposium on Youth Policy Cooperation in SouthEast Europe: focus on recognition of youth work & non formal-normal learning

1 - 3 September 2012 Tirana, Albania



Main aim

- ➤ The Symposium aims at continuing the reflection and exchange on youth policy cooperation in the region and more specifically to place the topic of recognition of non-formal learning/education and of youth work on the political agenda of the countries of the South East Europe region.
- Focus: how to make youth work in the region more useful, valuable and recognised, particularly with regard to the role of youth work in strengthening civil society.

Themes:

- ♦ The value (and validation) of non-formal learning;
- **♦** Employability
- ♦ Active citizenship

Questioning:

- What do we understand by recognition of non-formal learning/education and youth work?
- ♦ Why do we want to further develop non-formal learning and youth work?
- ♦ What measures are needed/can help to promote the recognition at different levels?



Objectives

- ♦ To strengthen the youth policy sector as an independent sector next to education;
- ♦ To raise awareness and understanding of what nonformal learning in youth work means, what it can achieve, and what recognition can mean;
- ♦ To increase recognition of non-formal learning in youth work in the countries of SEE and give a boost to measures in the field taken by public policies and NGOs at different levels;

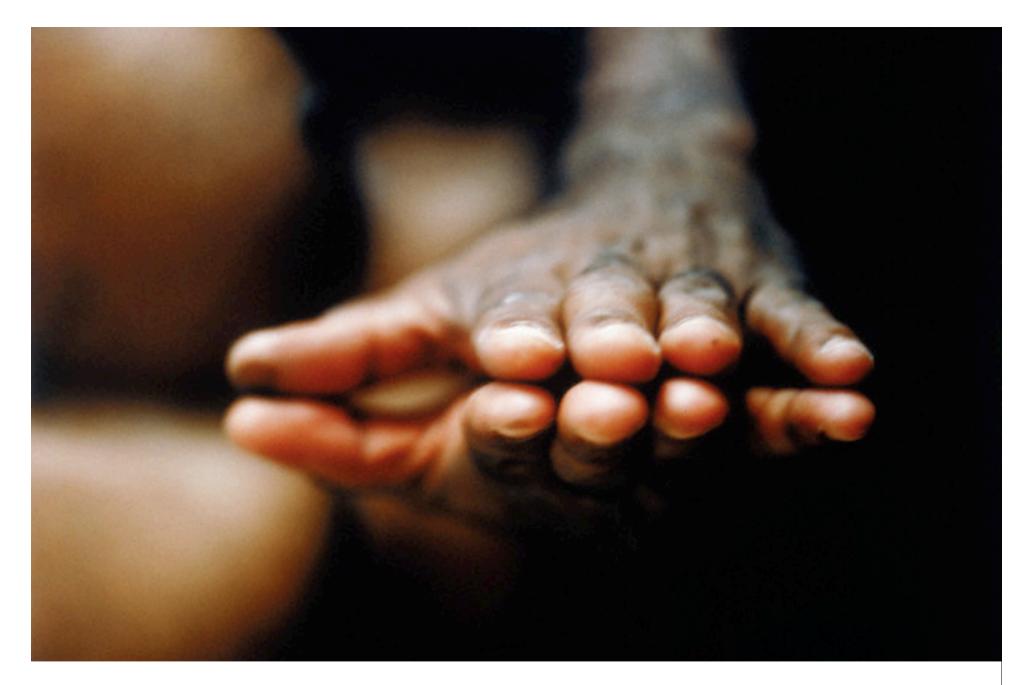
♦ To inform about developments in the field taking place at European level;

♦ To encourage peer—learning and inspire participants to take initiatives after the conference.



What are we going to do?

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Morning 1	9:00 - Opening and welcoming words by the organisers and partners 9:50 - Introduction of the Symposium	9:00 - Panel: challenges in working on recognition of youth work and non formal learning Questions and Answers	9:00 - National teams meeting: next steps towards recognition
	(background, objectives, programme, expected outcomes)		
	10.30 Break	10.30 Break	10:00 Break
Morning 2	11.00 - Youth Policy in SEE and Recognition of Youth Work and Non Formal Learning in the region – main outcomes of the comparative review of youth policies 11:45 - Fair of recognition	 11:00 – Working groups on Quality of youth work and non-formal learning (policy makers, researchers, practitioners) 12:00 - Report of the working groups 	10:30 – Presentation of actions and commitments by national teams 11:15 – Reactions and conclusions from partners institutions, hosts and organisers
13.00	Lunch	Lunch	11:45 - Evaluation and Closing Lunch
Afternoon 1	14.30 - Highlights of recent European developments in the field of recognition 15:30 - Introduction of the discussion groups	14:00 - Best practice workshops	
	15:45 – 16:15 Break	16:00 – 16:30 Break	
Afternoon 2	16.15 - Discussion groups (introduction and working groups): - Social inclusion - Employability - Lifelong and lifewide learning - Active participation and civil society - Personal and social development - Youth policy 17.15 - Report from the groups 18:00 - National teams meeting: introduction and meeting	16:30 - Best practice workshops 17:30 - National teams meeting	Departures
19.00	Dinner	Dinner out	
Evening	21:00 City walk		



Expected outcomes

- Inspiration!
- Ideas!
- Best practices and exchange of experiences!

For participants to discuss follow-ups and take action in their own environments following the conference...

To get it started!