

Summer 2022

EPLM NEWSLETTER

This newsletter provides updates from practice, research and policy on the topic of learning mobility in the youth field in Europe.



This newsletter gives an overview of recent and future planned events, both in face to face and online formats. It also covers new tools, publications, podcasts and webinars, research outcomes and EPLM plans for the upcoming months.

The work of EPLM is coordinated by the EU-Council of Europe youth partnership.

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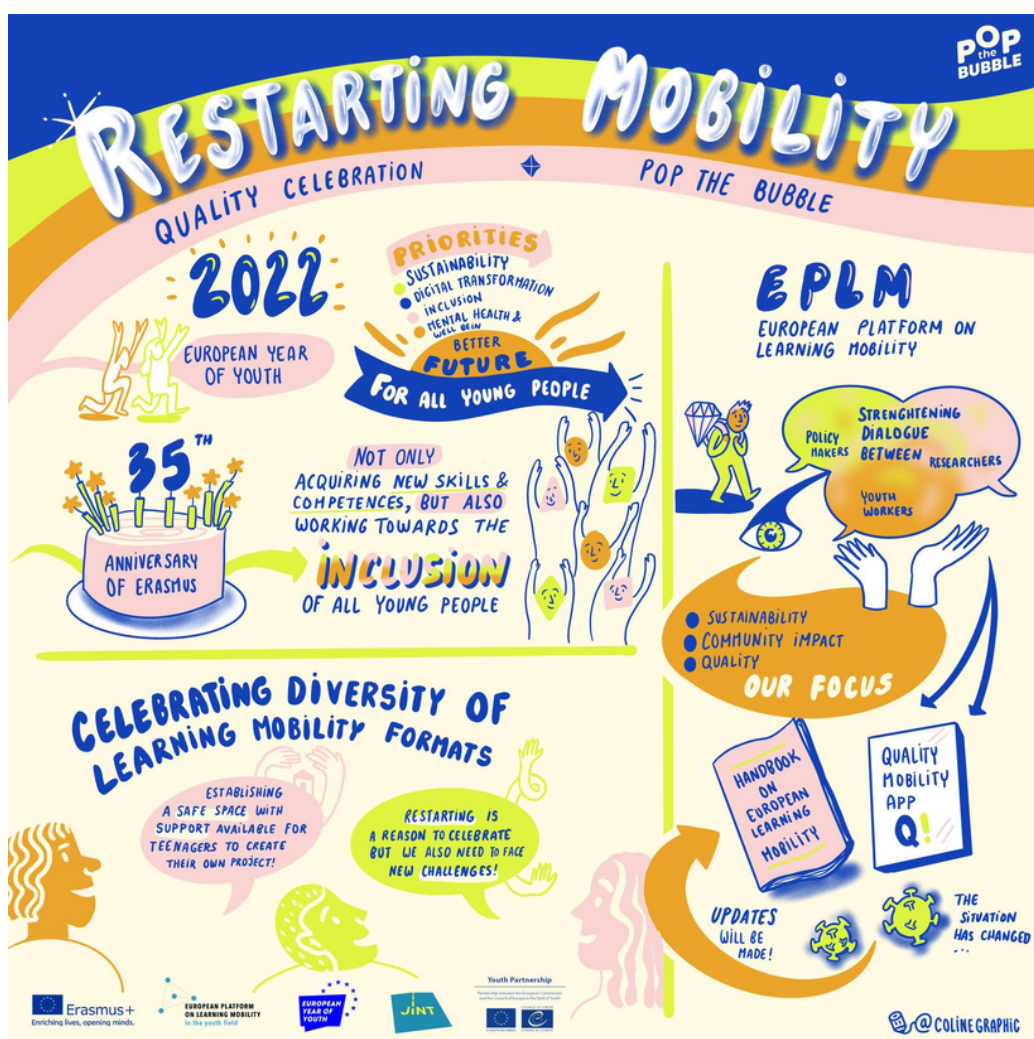
The European Platform on Learning Mobility in the Youth field (EPLM) is a space for exchange and cooperation of youth organisations, researchers, policy makers and practitioners, such as trainers and youth workers.

It strives to create conditions for the development of high-quality and sustainable learning mobility for all in the youth field in Europe. In order to achieve this vision, the EPLM is working to pursue quality, impact, knowledge, inclusivity, participation, sustainability, visibility and recognition of learning mobility (including blended or online) in non-formal and informal education and learning in Europe.

EPLM UPDATES

This year we are marking the [European Year of Youth](#), 35 Years of Erasmus and the 50th anniversary of the Council of Europe youth sector!

In-person learning mobility activities and projects are re-starting after a two-year break, and EPLM is celebrating the return of youth learning mobility with its #PopTheBubble campaign and preparations for the EPLM conference on sustainability and learning mobility.



The restart of learning mobility raises a couple of questions: How is this process happening? Are youth organisations ready for it? How are young people involved? What are the new methods, challenges and benefits of learning mobility? While recovery from COVID-19 continues, the youth sector is facing another crisis due to the conflict in Ukraine. How can the youth sector support hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing from Ukraine? How can learning mobility projects respond to it?

During its meeting on 17 May, in Brussels, European Platform on Learning Mobility (EPLM) discussed these and other emerging questions, while continuing its focus on three principal themes: **quality, sustainability and community impact**.



QUALITY



Pop the Bubble Campaign

National Agency for the Erasmus+: Youth in Action and the European Solidarity Corps programmes for the Flemish Community in Belgium JINT and Jugend für Europa together with partners in the European Platform on Learning Mobility, launched a [campaign](#) on 9 June to boost the quality of learning mobility projects. During the online event, participants had the opportunity to listen to project stories, learn more about the Q!Tools, get fresh ideas to boost sustainability, values, mental health and digital aspects in projects and celebrate Quality Learning Mobility. The campaign will last until October.



After two difficult years for youth mobility during the pandemic, we are finally emerging from this unprecedented period when we were stuck in our own “bubbles”, trapped in our virtual worlds. And now we’re ready to reconnect and start re-establishing those bonds that are created through international youth work. #Pop the Bubble aims to get young people in Europe moving again!

The [European Year of Youth](#) and 35 Years of Erasmus provide a fantastic springboard highlighting youth mobility and inspiring and supporting youth workers to set up good-quality projects using the [Quality Tools](#).

Using the Q!Tools - the Q!App and the Handbook for Quality in Learning Mobility - any youth organisation or group of young people can make a successful application and reap the rewards of mobility projects.



Learning mobility is restarting! How are youth workers, young people, trainers, facilitators and youth organisations experiencing the return to in-person activities?

Listen to the latest episode of @eucoeyouth [Under 30'](#) podcast to find out more!

Want to know how to [#BoostYourQuality](#)? The Q! Ambassadors – experts in youth mobility project and in using the Q! Tools to make great quality applications – give their [top tips](#)!

#PopTheBubble #BoostYourQuality #EYY2022



SUSTAINABILITY

EPLM has started preparations for the Sustainability and Learning Mobility conference, which will take place from 26 February to 1 March 2023 [Schloss Hohenkammer](#), near Munich and will be hosted by the JUGEND für Europa, the German National Agency. The conference will gather around 150 practitioners, researchers, policymakers, young people and other stakeholders to establish a common understanding of sustainability in the area of youth learning mobility. The conference will have a holistic approach to sustainability with the economic, social and environmental dimensions. It will also focus on mapping the main actors and practices and giving visibility to their work.

Participants will explore as well the main dilemmas related to sustainability in the context of learning mobility; raise political awareness of sustainability in both formal and non-formal education settings and connect stakeholders and initiatives.

SUSTAINABILITY
FUTURE OF QUALITY IN LEARNING MOBILITY

THE CLIMATE CRISIS
is DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTING THE GLOBAL SOUTH!

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LEADING THE MOVEMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE!
ALSO BY FILING LAWSUITS & BRINGING THE ISSUE TO COURT

SUSTAINABILITY CHECKLIST

- 1 TEAMWORK
- 2 ACCOMODATION & VENUE
- 3 FOOD & CONSUMABLES (WATER)
- 4 TRANSPORT
- 5 PRINTING & PAPER
- 6 WELCOME PACKS & PROMOTIONAL GIFTS
- 7 BUYING FAIR TRADE
- 8 REDUCING OUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT
- 9 EDUCATION

INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND INSPIRE TO BE MORE SUSTAINABLE

PLANT-BASED & SEASONAL MEALS
CHALLENGE THE STATUS-QUO ON MEAT CONSUMPTION

ENVIRONMENT
SOCIETY
ECONOMY
SUSTAINABILITY IS NOT ONLY GREEN!

LEARNING MOBILITY IS ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE!

CONSIDER HYBRID EVENTS TO LIMITATE TRANSPORT

BUY LOCAL & STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITY
MAX. MOB. LTY.

USING LESS DATA & PAPER

BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE

PROCESSES
CONTENT
ACTIVISM

SUSTAINABILITY IN LEARNING MOBILITY ORGANISATIONS

CELEBRATING AN HOLISTIC APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABILITY & LEARNING MOBILITY EPLM CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 2023 - MUNICH - GERMANY

WEIGHT AND VALUE OF LEARNING MOBILITIES

POP THE BUBBLE

Erasmus+ Enriching lives, opening minds.

EUROPEAN PLATFORM ON LEARNING MOBILITY in the youth field

EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH

JINT

Youth Partnership

@COLINE GRAPHIC

You can find more details about EPLM's work on sustainability and learning mobility on the [EPLM website](#). As an introduction to the topic, check out the [Sustainability in Learning Mobility: an exploratory study](#) and [Greening the youth sector: Sustainability checklist](#). The Checklist is available now also in French.



COMMUNITY IMPACT



Community Impact has been one of priority areas for the EPLM since 2018. Youth Partnership supported several studies related to this topic:

[Community Impact Indicators for Learning Mobility Desk research;](#)

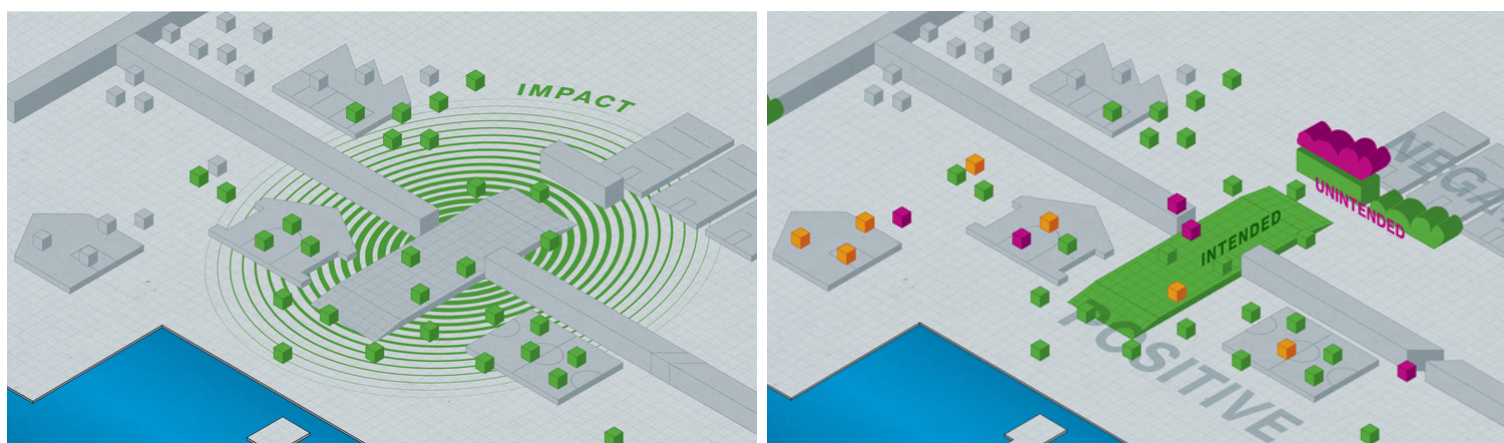
[Community impact indicators for learning mobility – research results and list of indicators;](#)

[Desk research on indicators of social impact;](#)

[Desk research on social impact tools and resources.](#)

Using the main findings from this research, SALTO European Solidarity Corps developed a [Practical guide](#), covering the following topics:

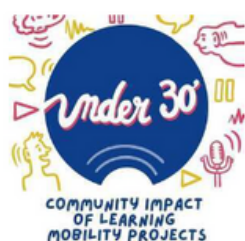
- What does community mean?
- What does impact mean?
- What is community impact?



Several National Agencies began their involvement in the community impact by organising seminars, training courses and online webinars for youth workers across Europe.

SALTO European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre continues to work on this topic, especially in volunteering programmes.

You can listen to the Under 30' podcast episode [Community impact of learning mobility projects](#).



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Community impact of learning mobility projects



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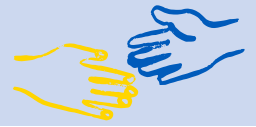


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SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



Due to the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, many organisations dealing with learning mobility have immediately shifted their activities towards supporting Ukrainians in various aspects. European Solidarity Corps volunteers across Europe engaged in preparing, collecting and delivering humanitarian aid and direct work with Ukrainian refugees. Additional projects for young Ukrainians were announced and are being implemented. Beneficiaries of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps are allowed to tailor their actions to respond to the needs of those affected by the effects of the war. SALTO Resource Centres announced a consultation process with Ukrainian youth workers and trainers on how the European youth work community and European youth programmes can and should answer the new needs resulting from the war.

The Youth Partnership launched a [website](#) dedicated to solidarity with young people and the youth sector in Ukraine. It collects relevant documents, pages, and publications. A series of [Under 30' podcast episodes](#) was launched. So far, two episodes have been released: [Young people and the war in Ukraine: stories from Lviv and Moldova](#) and [Youth work and the war in Ukraine](#).

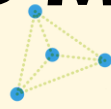
The following issue of the [Coyote Magazine](#) will be devoted to Youth and conflicts.



The participants of *Navigating Transitions: adapting policy to young people's changing realities* symposium participated in a flashmob organised by [Kongresi Rinor Kombëtar](#) and [Tirana European Youth Capital 2022](#) in solidarity with young people affected by conflicts on 22 June, and sent messages to young Ukrainians through Solidarity Wall.



WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH



How to talk about war? Facilitating learning in the face of crisis

International trainers prepared a [booklet](#) to share their experience from European Solidarity Corps on-arrival training, which they conducted in the first days of the war and following activities with interculturally mixed groups. At the same time, they gathered and presented various approaches to facilitating work with youth groups in the face of armed conflict.

The authors of the publication were guests of an [episode of Mentoring under construction podcast](#), where they discussed how to address this topic with empathy and respect.

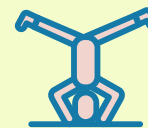


Emotions might be overwhelming, however it is important to take this space and try to understand one's own feelings and accept them as they convey an important message about our needs and limits. Think of some ways that help participants identify and name their feelings and needs, for example with these sets of cards. You may want to suggest trying out self-care techniques to strengthen resilience in the group

Explored questions

- How to address the subject of war?
- Do I have to talk about it?
- How can I prepare to talk about war?
- How can I inspire small actions?
- How can I support self-care and build resilience?
- How can I support those who are especially in need?
- How can I strengthen the group/community?
- How can I take care of myself?

CONNECTING THE TRIANGLE: PRACTICE



Eurodesk Awards 2022 Project Catalogue

The Eurodesk Awards collect the most relevant, innovative, empowering and impactful projects within youth work from Eurodesk multipliers. The [Project Catalogue 2022](#) presents 31 projects from 12 countries as a source of inspiration for peers and decision-makers. Among them are winners in four categories.



**ŚWIĘTOKRZYSKIE.
FULFILS THE
DREAMS OF
YOUTH**
Regional Volunteer
Centre in Kielce
Poland



**RE-CYCLE
YOUTH ART**
Youth
Information
Centre of Agros
Cyprus



**N.E.O.N. - NOT
EXCLUDED FROM OUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD**
Associazione
Volontariato Torino -
Vol.To
Italy



**GREENFLUENCERS
EURODESK
NETWORK**
Associazione Link APS
Italy

SALTO Awards 2022 - Celebration of Youth Projects in Europe!

From 15 June to 3 October, the [SALTO Awards](#) organisers collect nominations for best practices of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects. They look for projects that inspire and support young people, applicants, and decision-makers to create projects of high quality and strong impact.

The SALTO Awards are a celebration of youth projects done by exceptional teams. The award ceremony will take place on 3 November 2022 during the Youth Participation Forum. The winning and shortlisted projects will be added to the [Flagship Projects Collection](#), which is a compendium of good practices. Currently, it gathers 18 youth participation projects chosen to inspire and motivate anyone who plans, implements or supports youth activities.

Media & Information Literacy

Environment & Climate Action

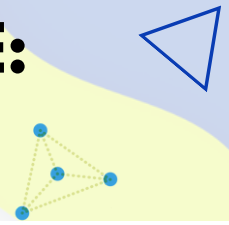
SALTO Awards 2022 Categories!

Digital Transformation

Solidarity & Volunteering

Youth Participation

CONNECTING THE TRIANGLE: POLICY



Council Recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers across EU

On 11 April 2022, a Council Recommendation of 5 April 2022 on the mobility of young volunteers across the European Union was published in the Official Journal of the EU, replacing and building on the [one](#) adopted by the Council in November 2008. It aims to recognise the key contribution of volunteering for the development of young people's skills and competences and its role in positively overcoming societal challenges, and to boost the inclusiveness, quality, recognition and sustainability dimensions of transnational youth volunteering. It also addresses outstanding obstacles to volunteering mobility, taking into account lessons learned during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and in the implementation of the [European Solidarity Corps](#).

RECOMMENDED



Youth participation: 9th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue

The current 9th cycle of EU Youth Dialogue is held under the Trio Presidency France – Czech Republic - Sweden, which started on 1 January 2022 and will last for 18 months.

Thematic framework Engaging together for a sustainable and inclusive Europe links directly to Youth Goal #10 Sustainable Green Europe and Youth Goal #3 Inclusive Societies.

The main priority of the upcoming Czech Presidency is intergenerational solidarity and justice in youth policymaking. The EU Youth Conference in Prague takes place from 11 to 13 July 2022 and its outcomes will feed into the Council Conclusions on promoting intergenerational dimension in the youth field to foster intergenerational dialogue and social cohesion.



EU Policy: The Sub-Group on Youth Work

The Sub-Group on Youth Work (SGYW) was established with the mandate to accompany and advise on the process of creating and implementing a dedicated digital platform on youth work with the aim to share information, knowledge and good practices, engage in cooperation and peer-learning. The group addressed the following topics:

Quality of Youth Work,
Professional development in Youth Work;
Contexts of Youth Work Practice;
Recognition of Youth Work.

The report with Recommendations of the Sub-Group on Youth Work is forthcoming.

CONNECTING THE TRIANGLE: RESEARCH



Research-based analysis of European youth programmes

Youth Work Recovery Conference took place in Helsinki, Finland from 13 to 16 June. It brought together 130 representatives of policy, practice and research to discuss the effects of the coronavirus pandemic and crisis on the field of youth work across Europe. The conference focused on the support needed and provided to youth work and prepared recommendations for the recovery of youth work. The role of the European Youth Programmes in strengthening post-pandemic support of youth work was discussed.

As a follow-up to the conference, RAY Network organised a Youth Research Dialogue Beyond Recovery on 27 June, sharing the updates and outcomes of the conference.

In the meantime, RAY network is collecting data on accessibility and relevance of recovery programmes for youth work across Europe through [Youth Recovery Survey](#). The survey is available in 17 languages.

Research on volunteer-based youth work: Final report



The European Youth Forum published the [report](#) from a study on volunteer-based youth work. The research objective was to improve understanding of the volunteer-based youth work concept and motivate further evidence-based policy work on this topic by involving all relevant stakeholders. This exercise should inspire and boost further research and advocacy to better understand and recognise the value of volunteer-based youth work in the context of the Bonn process.

The research findings reveal that the understanding of the concept of volunteer-based youth work is lacking amongst various members of the youth work community and that its relationship with the concept of volunteering is unclear. At the same time, the value of volunteering in youth work is beyond doubt and is linked to both individual and social aspects.

The EU- Council of Europe Youth Partnership

The Youth Partnership has been working on several research projects, including:

- the briefing on the impact of COVID-19 on the youth sector and the recovery plans,
- the impact of the pandemic on young people's mental health and wellbeing,
- the impact of COVID-19 on young people's participation and space,
- studies on youth learning mobility,
- young people's participation and social inclusion,
- digitalisation, artificial intelligence (AI) young people, and youth work.

Two Youth Knowledge books - on youth transitions and youth political participation - are forthcoming. Stay tuned for upcoming studies, which are being published on an ongoing basis on the Youth Partnership [website](#).

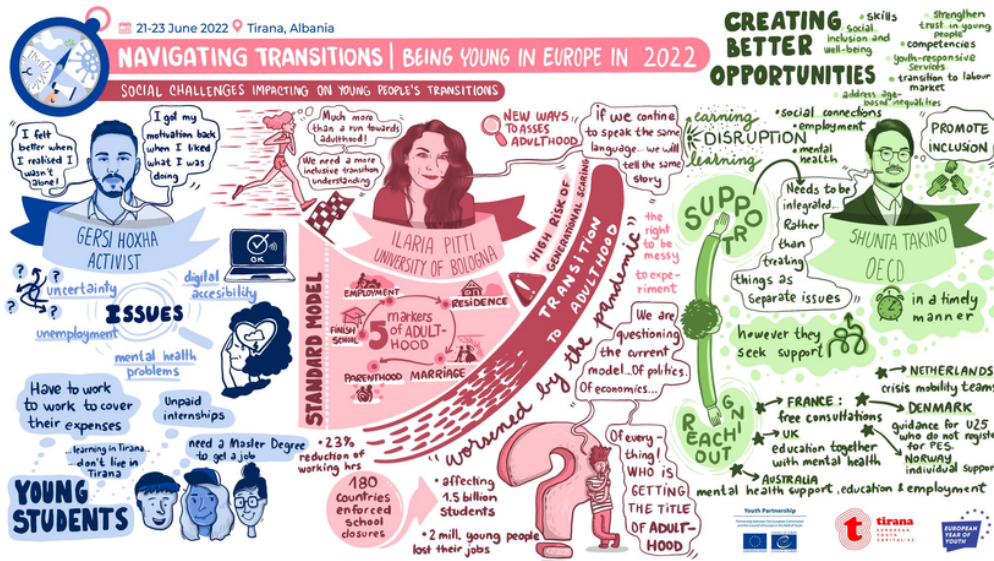


NEWS FROM PARTNERS PAST EVENTS

Symposium Navigating Transitions: adapting policy to young people's changing realities

A symposium [Navigating Transitions: adapting policy to young people's changing realities](#) took place in Tirana, European Youth Capital 2022 on 21-23 June. It was a flagship event of the EU-CoE Youth Partnership, and a key event in the framework of the European Year of Youth, which brought together over 100 practitioners, researchers, young people and policymakers to reflect on what paradigm shift is needed in youth research, youth policy and youth work to support young people's aspirations in the realities changed by the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. One of the conclusions of the symposium was voicing a need to re-think youth transitions, elaborate knowledge and policies to help young people to reclaim their right to be young and give visibility to alternative ways of navigating transitions.

An [episode](#) of the Under 30' podcast and a [video](#) *Defining youth transitions* were released. They explore how definitions of youth transitions evolved over time, how they have been used to understand young people's lives and societal changes and how policies were developed to support them.



During the symposium the EU-Council of Europe Partnership released a [video](#) summarising the Knowledge HUB's work on exploring the effects of the pandemic on young people and the youth sector across Europe. The [HUB](#) gathers research and knowledge of COVID-19 impact on the youth sector.

The symposium was followed by the in-person meeting of members of the Pool of European Youth Researchers ([PEYR](#)) and correspondents of The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy ([EKYCP](#)). The participants discussed the ongoing research topics, the impact of COVID-19, war and other crises on European and national youth policies, research gaps, and inspirations for the future.





PAST EVENTS



Beyond borders - Neighbours together

Over 100 stakeholders and practitioners gathered in Paris from 21 to 23 June to launch a long-term partnership the Beyond borders - Neighbours together. This project is a collaborative effort of nine National Agencies of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps and three regional SALTO Resource Centres and aims to enhance the visibility and value of cooperation between Programme and Partner countries within Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps.



Steering Group on the European Youth Work Agenda

Brussels, 5-6 July

Youth Partnership

Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth



Steering Group on the European Youth Work Agenda

The 2nd Meeting of the Steering Group on the European Youth Work Agenda took place in Brussels. After sharing updates about the ongoing activities related to the #EYWA by the partners and the Youth Partnership, members discussed recent research findings and next steps for the implementation of the Agenda, such as:

- Mapping study on European youth work ecosystems
- Research on mutual recognition of youth workers' skills and competences in Europe
- Setting up the new European Pool of Youth Work Development experts

EYCA Conference



EYCA held its Annual Conference Reconnecting Europe from 23 to 26 June, in Brussels, in person, for the first time in two years. Participants looked into re-strategising internal programmes, welcomed new members, and learnt and co-designed new initiatives with the EYCA Youth Panel.



PAST EVENTS



2nd ETS Conference - The Quality Bonus

2nd ETS Conference - The Quality Bonus focused on education and training of youth workers took place on 1-3 March in Berlin in a hybrid format. It discussed how to strengthen spaces for synergies, cooperation, and joint reflection on youth work at the European level using the EU Youth programmes and covered the following main topics:

- Education and training for 'future-fit' youth workers
- Competence-based development approach in education and training
- How can Erasmus+ be used to develop education and training of youth workers processes nationally?

During the event, a revised [European Training Strategy for youth work](#) was launched.

European Academy on Youth Work

The 2nd [European Academy on Youth Work](#) (31 May-3 June) brought together around 150 stakeholders from the European youth work community of practice, in Kranjska Gora in the Slovenian Alps, to reflect, exchange and discuss what is needed to initiate, support and sustain innovation in youth work as a response to current needs and developments.



NA YouthLAB 2022 - Reconnecting

[National Agencies YouthLAB 2022](#) took place from 21 to 25 March in Istanbul, providing NA's officers a space to discuss issues related to Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps programmes.

Thematic sessions at YouthLAB 2022:
Humanitarian Aid and Volunteering,
Programme Strategies,
Green and sustainability,
Reaching out and inclusion,
Changing profiles of participants,
Wellbeing, mental health,
Monitoring,
Erasmus accreditation,
Digital transformation

One of the topics widely covered during YouthLab was climate justice. The discussion looked, among others, at the social element of sustainability: human rights, justice, equity, as well as the importance of participation of young people.

It concluded that global citizenship education should be the most critical focus due to increasing inequalities related to climate change.

Learning mobility should be upscaled to include climate justice. Mechanisms and funding need to be in place to make this happen.





PAST EVENTS

The Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card

The 50/50 training seminar *Synergies to implement the Youth Work Recommendation CM/Rec (2017)4: Can the European Youth Card be used as the policy tool?* took place on 25 and 26 April in Malta. It was co-organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department and the Youth Agency of Malta (Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ).

The seminar supported policymakers closely cooperating with European Youth Card organisations and gathered together 35 participants. The aim was to implement youth work policies and services through the European Youth Card, meeting the standards of the Council of Europe in this field, and using as a starting point the [Council of Europe Recommendation CM/REC \(2017\)4 on Youth Work](#) addressed to its member states. The [report](#) from the seminar is now available.

The seminar was followed by the European University on Youth Policies (CDEJ Spring University) from 27 to 29 April for members of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ) to improve motivation and capacity to actively participate in the work of the Council of Europe youth sector.

The following reports were released:

- the [report](#) of the seminar on *Mental health in digital environments. The role of European Youth Card in supporting a resilient generation*
- the [report](#) from *Reimagine our future: youth policies meeting new realities. The role of the European Youth Card in connecting emerging topics with youth policy development*

ERYICA General Assembly

The ERYICA General Assembly took place in Barcelona (Spain) from 11 to 13 May 2022, hosted by the Catalan Youth Agency. More than 90 people gathered to be the protagonists of the ERYICA decision-making process. They shared good practices, discussed youth participation in youth information, and learnt about ERYICA's projects.

In 2022 ERYICA will offer several [training opportunities](#) to maintain quality youth information services.

YinfoPEERs training



ERYICA organised a training course for Youth Ambassadors on young people's right to information in Barcelona, Spain, from 22 to 25 March 2022. Twenty-six young people from all over Europe were trained to become peer youth information providers. The skills will be put into practice during multiplier events. Some participants were selected to become part of the ERYICA Youth Ambassadors Commission, which works closely with the ERYICA Secretariat and Governing Board. Youth Ambassadors gained skills that will help them influence decision-making processes and are now ready to carry out local-level training courses for peers.

Welcome to new members
of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility
North Macedonia
Greece



NEWS FROM PARTNERS INITIATIVES



Youth Here. Democracy Now. The Council of Europe Youth Action Week

The campaign Democracy Here | Democracy Now was launched on the 50th anniversary of the Council of Europe youth sector. It aims to revitalise democracy, support the meaningful participation of young people in democratic processes and institutions and strengthen mutual trust.

The campaign's flagship event took place in Strasbourg from 27 June to 2 July. The week resulted in a pledge for action containing proposals and recommendations for action at local, national and international levels.

You can listen to Under 30' podcast about [Youth Action Week](#) and [Young people revitalising democracy](#).



Co-Steering Group of the Youth Participation Strategy

SALTO Participation & Information launched the Co-Steering Group of the [Youth Participation Strategy](#). The Co-Steering Group involves, in equal representation, youth representatives and stakeholders of the Erasmus + and European Solidarity Corps programmes together to foster youth participation in democratic societies by supporting the implementation of the Youth Participation Strategy. This Co-Steering group is a good practice of co-creation bringing together beneficiaries, applicants and supporters of the EU Youth Programmes to influence policies and practices in Youth Participation.

#STANDFORSOMETHING campaign

EYCA continues its #STANDFORSOMETHING campaign to mark the Conference on the Future of Europe. Youth engagement events took place across 16 EU Member States. The campaign reached over 10 million young people across Europe.

The [#STANDFORSOMETHING](#) is a youth engagement campaign coordinated by the European Youth Card Association and funded by the European Parliament, led by 21 youth activists from 16 countries. They are eager to engage young Europeans in conversations and activities about the Future of Europe.

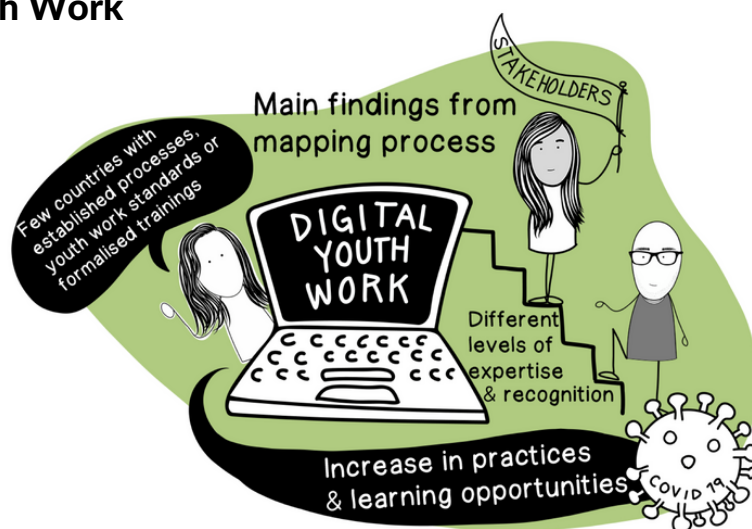


NEWS FROM PARTNERS INITIATIVES



Digital Competences and Capacities in Youth Work

The [report](#) *Digital Competences and Capacities in Youth Work* is a result of a mapping process of digital youth practices, which covers ten countries: Belgium (Flandres), Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Romania and Turkey. Different levels of digital youth work development, recognition and stakeholders' involvement are evident across countries. There are a few frameworks dedicated to digital



competences for youth workers and trainers, however, there is none dedicated to the digital transformation of youth work organisations. A strategic approach on how to deal with digital competences in the youth work sector is missing. The report proposes a series of recommendations on working towards a harmonised European approach for digital competences and capacities in youth work. It is a result of the Digital Youth Work project, a long-term activity of the National Agencies of Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps (DYW SNAC).

Youth Participation Toolkit

The [Youth Participation Toolkit](#) is a resource to accompany and complement the Youth Participation Strategy. It is addressed to everyone in the Youth Work community of practice who wishes to enable and foster youth participation through the EU youth programmes.

Twelve modules cover topics related to youth participation in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes, including a description of the non-formal learning approach, participatory project design, ways of participating in various initiatives and mobility opportunities for young people. They contain self-assessment activities and advice on reflection and support for the quality of projects.

Welcome youth
participation
enthusiasts!



ARE YOU INTERESTED
IN ENHANCING
THE PARTICIPATION
OF YOUNG PEOPLE?

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THE
PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES
THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION'S
YOUTH PROGRAMMES OFFER?

ARE YOU
WONDERING
WHERE AND
HOW TO BEGIN?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you are reading the right publication!

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



Europe Talks Solidarity



[Europe Talks Solidarity](#) is a series of events and publications that aims to gather expertise on solidarity, create a space for discussion and highlight different angles and perspectives.

SALTO European Solidarity Corps publishes articles, records podcasts, prepares videos and other materials exploring solidarity and presents examples and practices across Europe.

A residential conference Europe Talks Solidarity in Finland, took place on 18-20 May 2022 to facilitate dialogues around the understanding of solidarity in Europe.

The latest four articles explore the topic of solidarity in relation to the new humanitarian aid volunteering opportunities available in the European Solidarity Corps programme from 2022 onward. SALTO ESC plans to publish five more articles, Solidarity in the year of youth in 2022.



The series of [podcasts](#) is an invitation for an audio journey through Europe and beyond in search of a shared narrative on solidarity inspired by civil society activists and researchers. So far, ten episodes have been released, each tackling the topic of solidarity from different angles.

Mentoring under Construction

Mentoring under Construction is a process of exploration and community building in the landscape of mentoring within the European Solidarity Corps. A seminar connecting ESC mentors and practitioners took place in Bucharest, Romania from 27 to 31 March.

It was organised by the Romanian National Agency and SALTO ESC. Mentors can exchange their experiences in an informal way on a [Facebook group](#), where meetups on different topics are regularly organised. In the meantime, exploratory research *Mentoring and Coaching under Research* was kicked off. The methodology combines desk research, quantitative online surveys and qualitative focus groups/in depth interviews with mentors, coaches, ESC organisations, NAs and SALTOs representatives and trainers.

It will identify the existing resources and lead to practical recommendations for developing quality mentoring and coaching in the European Solidarity Corps.



PUBLICATIONS: LEARNING MOBILITY



T-KIT 14: Value-Based Learning in Mobility Projects

The EU-Council of Europe [Youth Partnership](#), in cooperation with the SALTO European Solidarity Corps published a [T-kit](#) on value based learning in mobility projects. With its non-formal learning approach, the T-Kit combines theory, background information, examples and some practical ideas that should help initiate reflection from the relatively new angle of value-based education in learning mobility in the youth field. The publication aims to promote value-based education, explain it and show practical examples related to specific values.



T-Kit 6 Training Essentials

A second edition of the [T-Kit 6 Training Essentials](#) was published by the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership. The revised T-Kit aims to equip youth workers and youth trainers with the essentials of non-formal education training. It is a practical tool for them to develop training competences and learn more about educational theory, concepts, tools, practices, resources, as well as hands-on tips, as this handbook is written by trainers for trainers and youth workers in the European youth field.



Types of learning mobility – Blended, hybrid and online

EU- Council of Europe Youth Partnership published a reflection and guidelines on [Types of learning mobility](#), exploring the benefits and challenges of blended, hybrid and online learning mobility formats and presenting recommendations for youth organisations on how to use them.

The latest publications of the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership

- [Youth services during the COVID-19 pandemic – a patchy net in need of investment](#);
- [Can citizenship education inspire youth participation in democratic life?](#)
- [The role of youth work in supporting young refugees and their political participation: education, social capital and agency](#);
- [Technology and the new power dynamics: limitations of digital youth work](#);
- [Meta-analysis of research on the impact of COVID-19 on the youth sector](#);
- [Surviving \(and even thriving\) during a crisis: the experiences of youth organisations during the COVID-19 pandemic](#);
- [Radical Education A pathway for new utopias and reimagining European democracies](#).

PUBLICATIONS: SUSTAINABILITY



Listening to young people: Mobility for future

Key outcomes of the study “Learning Mobility in Times of Climate Change” (LEMOCC)

IJAB published the outcomes of the research conducted within the LEMOCC project, which aims to develop recommendations for climate-sensitive international youth work. For this purpose, young people in 7 different countries were interviewed in cooperation with researchers from the University of Hildesheim.

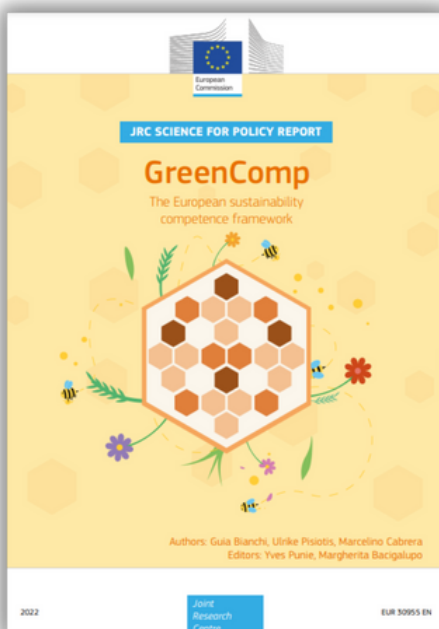
[Listening to young people: Mobility for future](#) study sheds light for the first time on the connection between youth, mobility and climate change from the perspective of young people and reflects the opinions, ideas, and problems of young people in Europe about the climate crisis and mobility.

In the international online workshop "Future me" on May 7, 2022, young people discussed strategies to make learning mobilities more climate-sensitive in the future. The workshop took place in the IJAB project Learning Mobility in Times of Climate Change (LEMOCC).

“ Practically all young people feel that climate change is serious. Internationally mobile young people are aware that travel has a noticeable impact on the climate. Young people do not believe that virtual activities can replace face-to-face events that require travel (Page 33). ”



GreenComp The European sustainability competence framework



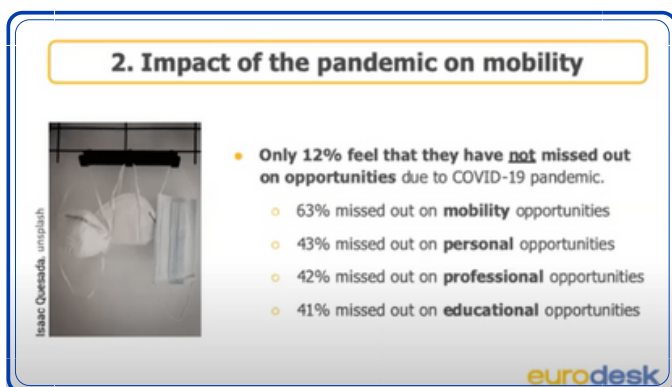
A [European sustainability competence framework](#) is one of the policy actions to promote learning on environmental sustainability in the European Union and was prepared by the Joint Research Centre (European Commission). GreenComp identifies a set of sustainability competences to feed into education programmes to help learners develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that promote thinking, planning and acting with empathy, responsibility, and care for plans in public health. The publication is embedded in formal and life-long learning education, however, it can be customised in the context of non-formal education and learning mobility.

PUBLICATIONS: YOUTH INFORMATION



Eurodesk Report - Youth Mobility & The Role of Youth Information

The 3rd edition of the Eurodesk survey conducted in 2021 provides insightful results for all those working with/for young people. The Eurodesk Survey Publication was launched during a [webinar](#) on 11 May.



The survey covered the following issues:

- How to design inclusive youth services, in capacity to reach all young people?
- What social media channels to use with which age cohort?
- What key messages to use when targeting young people?

The survey looks at four main areas: youth perception of mobility, the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on learning mobility, youth information needs, and youth experience of learning #mobility during the #pandemic period (2020-2021).

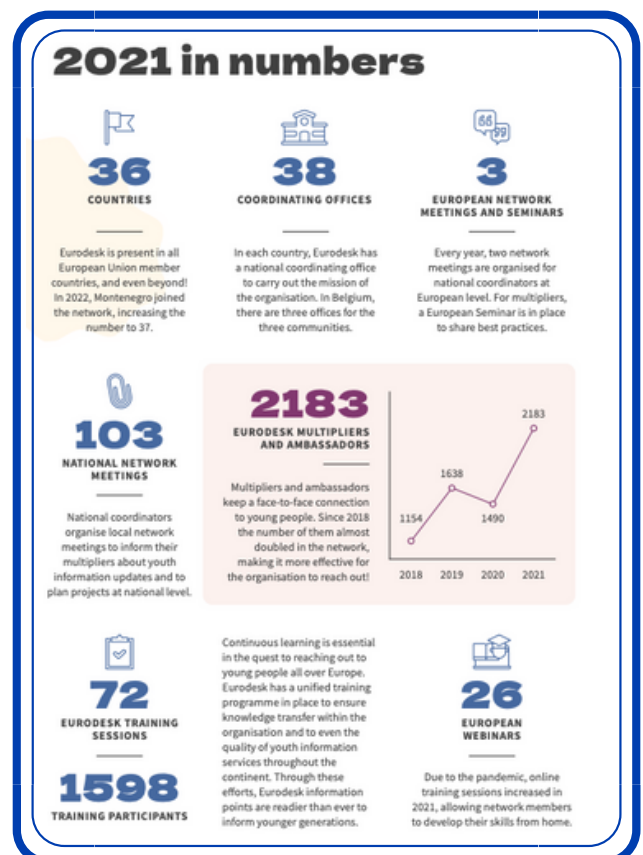


Virtual facilitation guide

Eurodesk published a [Virtual facilitation guide: A guide to improve your online meetings and training sessions](#). The publication covers preparation for a meeting and running an online session. It offers activities that can be used during the meeting and a toolbox with examples of virtual platforms, meeting spaces, virtual boards, polls and quizzes.

Eurodesk Annual Overview

[Annual Overview 2021](#) summarises the main achievements of the network as a whole and Eurodesk structures at national levels. It contains the key work areas such as information and outreach to young people, communication and promotion activities. The publication presents Eurodesk activities including youth projects awards, training courses, seminars, publications, national activities, contributions to EU youth initiatives, support to EU youth programmes and other issues related to youth information.

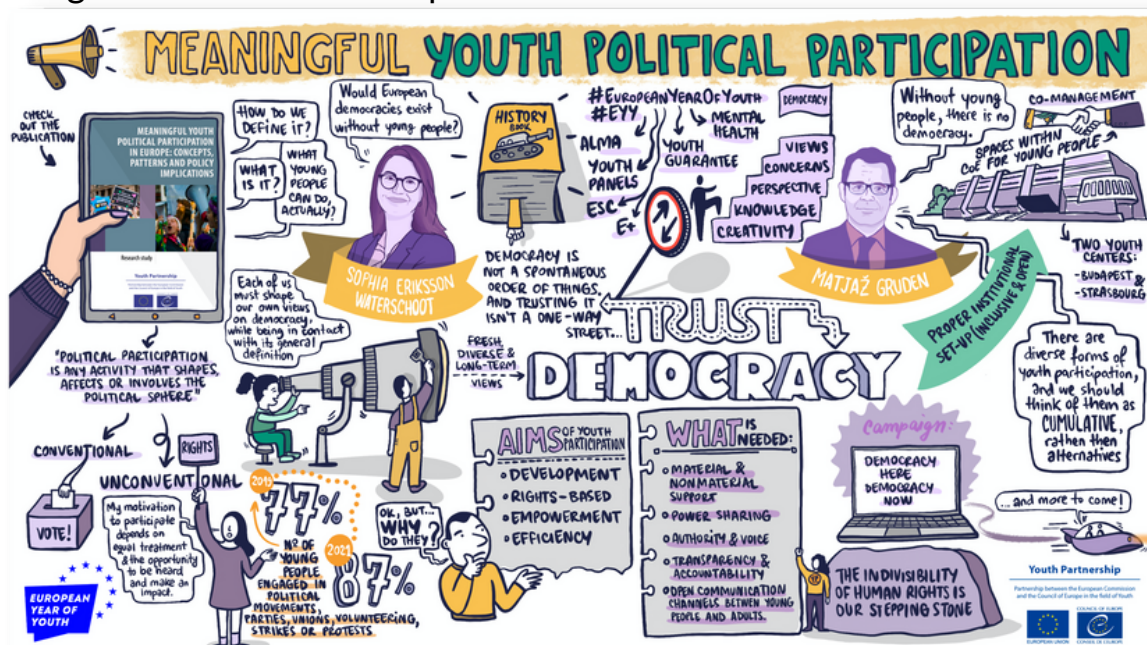


PUBLICATIONS: YOUTH PARTICIPATION



Meaningful youth political participation in Europe

Youth Partnership's [study *Meaningful youth political participation in Europe: concepts, patterns and policy implications*](#) was launched on 9 March. The [recording](#) of the launch, [video](#) with the authors and youth-friendly version [Insights into meaningful youth political participation](#) are also available. The study explores young people's contemporary engagement in politics, including both conventional and non-conventional channels of participation, namely voting, membership in political parties, national youth councils and youth organisations, volunteering and participation in global movements and protests.



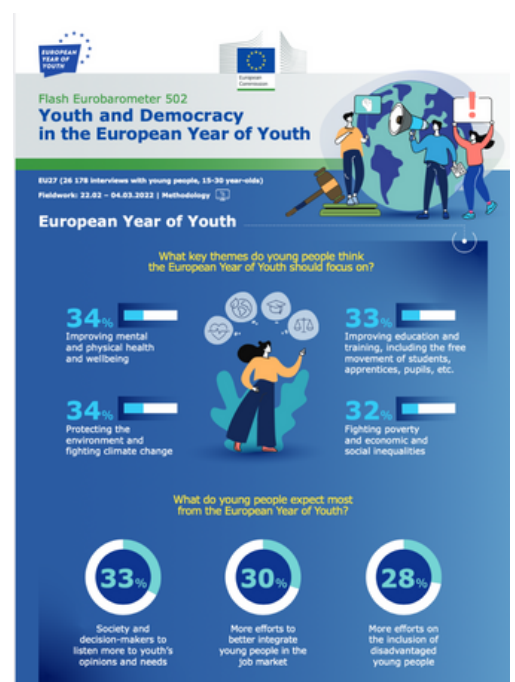
Youth and Democracy in the European Year of Youth

A Flash Eurobarometer was launched to mark the European Year of Youth targeting young people, aged 15-30.

The research covered the following key topics:

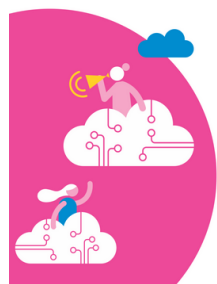
- Youth's expectations of the European Year of Youth
- Youth's participation in civic life,
- Degree of participation in activities such as working, studying, etc. in another Member State of the European Union (EU) and the reasons for not taking part in these activities;
- Awareness about the EU youth offer, including EU-funded opportunities to stay in another EU country and initiatives to get young people more involved in EU politics;
- Youth's expectations from the EU for their generation.

Read here the latest [report](#).





DIGITALISATION



Digital Transformation in the youth sector: mapping and gapping of existing resources

This [report](#) aims to make the discussion around digital transformation in the youth field more accessible by providing trainers, youth workers and other multipliers with an accessible and easy-to-read summary of existing tools, methodologies, training resources, good practice examples, studies and many more. The analysis also helped identify the gaps in resources which might translate into training and information needs in the youth sector.

Insights on digital transformation in EU Youth Programmes

This [publication](#) explores the horizontal priority digital transformation in EU Youth Programmes. It is an outcome of a collaborative effort between SALTO Participation & Information Resource Centre, SALTO Inclusion & Diversity Resource Centre, the [Digital Transformation Advisory Board](#) and National Agencies. It aims to clarify what digital transformation means in EU Youth Programmes, showcase how digital transformation has been implemented, offer strategic insights for improving projects focusing on digital transformation and provide insights for Programme Guides.

Massive Open Online Courses

MOOC on European Solidarity Corps

took place on the [HOP Platform](#) from 30 May to 27 June and covered:

- essentials of the European Solidarity Corps;
- how to organise a Volunteering project and how to become a Corps volunteer;
- how a youth group can prepare and implement a local Solidarity project;
- how Solidarity Corps programme can respond to a rapid crisis;
- how this programme can help in reaching bigger impact in your community.



MOOC on Digital Youth Work

From 23 May to 10 July youth workers, trainers, youth leaders, project managers of youth projects, mentors and coaches in youth work explored the essentials of digital youth work in Europe on MOOC. Participants took part in webinars devoted to Virtual Reality for digital youth work or Digital storytelling and in eight modules learnt about:

- Digitalisation of society and impact on youth work;
- Planning and designing digital youth work;
- Information and data literacy in youth work;
- Online communication;
- Digital creativity;
- Safety online.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON



EU Youth Conference

This year EU Youth Conference will take place in Prague, Czechia, from 11 to 13 July.

The aim of the #EUYCPrague is to involve young people in sharing good practices in the areas of inclusion and sustainability and consult them with policymakers.

Delegates will help to create conditions for spreading the good practice examples across the EU Member States and identify success factors.

#youthconf #EU2022CZ



Solidare

The European meeting for organisations and solidarity projects leaders Solidare will take place on 20-24 September in Timisoara, Romania. The event will bring together 150 representatives from organisations and informal groups active in European Solidarity Corps. During three days participants will discuss inspirational practices in the implementation of Solidarity Corps.

Towards research: The evidence-based approach in EU programmes seminar

A seminar on Evidence-based approach in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps. How to research and explore Erasmus+ priorities? will take place in Kraków, Poland on 22 and 23 September 2022 and will be hosted by the Polish National Agency. This year, participants will contribute to mapping key research areas within the four Erasmus+ priorities across all sectors of the EU programmes. These research areas will then be included in the Toolkit – a tool facilitating defining research areas, samples and tools, which will be made available to all interested National Agencies.



Upcoming seminars of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card:

- *Democracy done right: young people as key actors in pluralistic democracy and the role of the European Youth Card as a civic engagement tool*
Ireland, September 2022
- *Mobility of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds: the European youth card as a tool to promote interculturality and access to rights*
Italy, November 2022



WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON



Panel discussion series on Digital Transformation

SALTO Participation & Information is organising six panel discussions on digital transformation from September 2022 to April 2023. They will explore it in the context of participation, inclusion, digital competencies, emerging technologies and their use in the youth field. The panel sessions are open to everyone and involve experts from the private sector, youth work, policy-making, research and active young people. In the meantime, delve into the [SALTO PI Resource Pool](#) devoted to digital transformation to get insights into what is happening in this matter in the European youth field.

ETS Trainers' Skills Workshop (TSW): Sustainability in European Training activities

The training course for youth trainers Sustainability in European Training Activities will take place on 17-21 October 2022 in Cloughjordan, Ireland. Participants will explore sustainability in a broader sense than an environmental one, share experiences and co-create sustainable practices in training courses. They will reflect on how trainers can act more sustainably and what can be done during training course activities?



#ErasmusDays

The 6th edition of [#ErasmusDays](#) will take place on 13-15 October. Last year, 5,670 events were registered in 67 countries to mark the 5th edition of this initiative. What will happen this year? Be part of it, organise the event and register it [here](#).

Media and Information Literacy Study Visit in Barcelona, Spain

To celebrate the Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) week, SALTO Participation & Information is organising a study visit May the source be with you to Barcelona, Spain, 24-28 October 2022. This event will simultaneously take place online and offline and will bring together organisations and active people who want to exchange best practices, learn about new successful activities and discover how MIL can be implemented for better Youth Participation! It is an occasion to visit interesting projects and start new partnerships. The open call for registration will be launched in the [SALTO training Calendar](#) by July 2022.

Youth Participation Forum - Fostering Youth Participation in Democratic Life

The Youth Participation Forum (from 31 October to 4 November 2022) will gather around sixty youth workers, youth leaders, municipality workers, trainers, researchers, National Agencies representatives and other stakeholders in Tallinn, Estonia. It aims to increase cooperation, strengthen youth participation in Europe, and explore the full potential of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps by supporting a common understanding of the concept of "meaningful youth participation" and increasing the competencies among the key stakeholders.

WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON



European Solidarity Corps Quality Label Experts meeting

International Quality Label Experts meeting is for internal and external Quality Label experts of National Agencies and SALTO's. It will be hosted by the 2022 European Volunteering Capital - Gdańsk, Poland from 11 to 14 October 2022.

The overall aim of the meeting is to improve the quality of the existing Quality Label (QL) process and the work of QL experts.

Perspectives on Youth Seminar

EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership will host a [Perspectives on Youth](#) seminar from 7-9 November 2022 for up to 40 practitioners, policy-makers and researchers at the European Youth Centre Budapest, on young people's autonomy, precarity and economic independence.

Green and Inclusion

The SALTO Inclusion and Diversity will organise a seminar Green & Inclusion from 15 to 17 November in the Netherlands. The activity aims to strengthen youth workers' capacity to develop projects in the EU Youth Programmes where young people with fewer opportunities are offered a place to learn, discuss, think about, and shape green transitions.

International Tool Fair

The next edition of the International Tool Fair XVI TOOL UP your vision on sustainability will take place in Marseille, France from 21 to 25 November. Tool Fair aims to be a community of practice open to youth workers, youth leaders, educators, trainers and teachers interested in sharing, transferring and adapting educational tools in non-formal learning.



Bridges for Trainers

Bridges for Trainers conferences bring experienced trainers, "train the trainers" training providers and Erasmus+ NA and SALTO staff working with trainers and trainer pools. Save the date for the following editions: 17-18 November 2022 online 14-15 March 2023 online and 14-16 November 2023 in Germany.