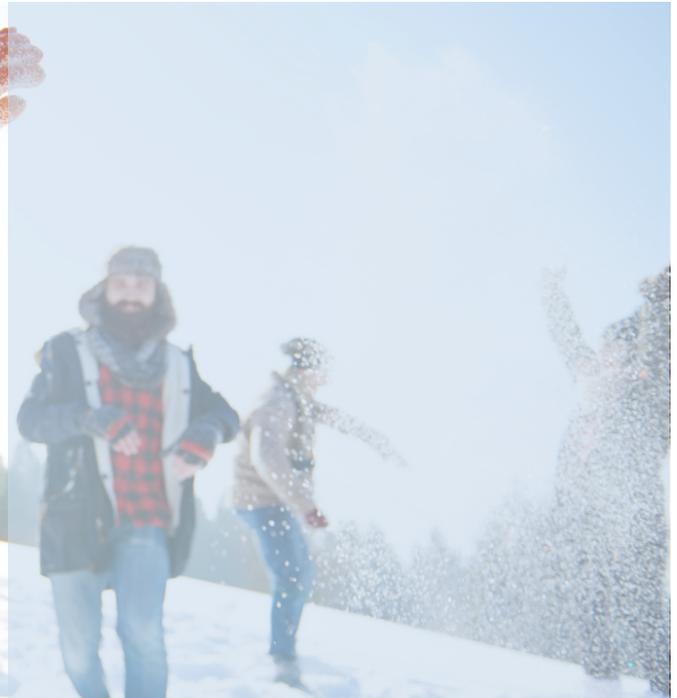


Winter 2022

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 upcoming 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.

[Find out more about EPLM here](#)



THE EPLM IS...

European Platform on Learning Mobility (EPLM) in the youth field is a space for the exchange and cooperation of youth organisations, researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and young people who aim to develop high-quality and sustainable learning mobility for all.

To achieve this mission, the EPLM is maintaining and advancing the 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.

SUSTAINABILITY

SustainMobility Conference

The plans are underway for organising the next EPLM conference! SustainMobility conference will take place from 26 February until 1 March 2023 at [Schloss Hohenkammer](#) near Munich, Germany. It will bring together 150 participants - young people, researchers, policy-makers and practitioners - to discuss burning issues related to sustainability and learning mobility.

The main goals of the conference are to:

- establish a common understanding of sustainability in the area of youth learning mobility, with a holistic focus on the economic, sociocultural and environmental dimensions of sustainability;
- map the main actors and practices and give visibility to their work;
- explore main dilemmas related to sustainability in the context of learning mobility;
- raise political awareness of sustainability in non-formal education settings and the youth policy area and connect stakeholders and initiatives.



You can find more details about the conference on the [EPLM website](#) and [Facebook page](#)!



SAVE THE DATE

EPLM CONFERENCE
26 February – 1 March 2023
Germany

SUSTAIN MOBILITY
Learning how to be more sustainable in mobility projects.

A stylized tree logo with a trunk and several colorful leaves (green, yellow, orange, blue) in various shapes. The background is dark blue with green dotted lines forming a grid or path.

QUALITY

Pop the Bubble Campaign

From June to October 2022 the EPLM ran the #PopTheBubble campaign to promote the quality in learning mobility projects and the use of [Quality!Tools](#) ([Q!Handbook](#) and [Q!App](#)). It aimed to celebrate the restart of quality youth mobility projects, boost the quality and give visibility and recognition to Q!Ambassadors. The [articles](#) on digital transformation, value-based education, sustainability, mental health and well-being in learning mobility context and a [video](#) with Q!Ambassadors testimonials were published.

Thanks to the campaign, the number of visits to the Q!App website increased. During the campaign, 285 users were developing projects on the Q!App, which is over 450% more than during the same time in 2021. The campaign had a significant reach on social media at [EPLM](#) and [Q!App](#) Facebook pages.



**RESTARTING YOUTH
LEARNING MOBILITY**

Listen to Under 30' podcast episodes recorded during the campaign: [Types of learning mobility](#) and [Restarting youth learning mobility - quality tools in practice](#).

Meet [Q!Ambassadors](#), who are happy to support applying the Q!Tools. Use Q!App to create your own quality projects.

Currently, the Handbook on Quality in Learning Mobility is being updated to include four new topics covered through the campaign. The new edition will be available in early 2023.

EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH 2022

[The European Year of Youth](#) is coming to an end. It covered 8434 activities in 54 countries and highlighted the importance of European youth in building a better future – greener, more inclusive and digital. Young people across Europe shared their ideas, hopes, and initiatives, participated in exciting activities, and created an online community. The European Year of Youth aims to have a long-lasting positive impact on young people.



LevelUp! Accelerating change



LevelUp, a youth event organised by the European Youth Forum, took place in the European Parliament in Brussels on 28 and 29 October. It gathered more than 1200 participants, providing space for young people to boost their skills and accelerate change in their communities. Young people participated in plenary sessions, workshops, and open-space activities. The 24 workshops were centred around three pillars - Advocacy, Organisation, and Communication and were run by expert trainers.

Perspectives on Youth

The EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership organised a [Perspectives on Youth seminar](#) on 7-9 November 2022, at the European Youth Centre in Budapest, Hungary. The seminar brought together 35 participants, including young people, youth work practitioners, policy-makers and researchers, to discuss and reflect on young people's autonomy and independence.



It covered the following topics: youth unemployment rates, contemporary nature of work, including contractual precarity, unpaid labour/internships, quality of jobs for young people, and the resulting social and economic issues that need to be addressed by the youth policy and practice, such as in-work poverty, housing and financial literacy, and explored the potential policy instruments and practices, such as targeted youth employment programmes, training and mentoring.



EYCA celebrated the European Year of Youth

Throughout 2022, the European Youth Card Association provided grants of up to 1000 euros per initiative to co-fund activities of EYCA members dedicated to celebrating the European Year of Youth. The EYCA members hosted youth camps in rural areas, meetings with decision-makers, festivals and youth forums.

LEARNING MOBILITY AND YOUTH WORK IN 2022

35 years of Erasmus

Erasmus+

2022 marks the [35th year of existence of Erasmus+](#), the EU's flagship programme for education, training, youth and sport. Many events were organised across Europe to celebrate it. A series of [videos](#) with participants Erasmus or Erasmus+ and founder members was published. Erasmus+ alumni shared their [stories](#), experiences and reflections. A special commemorative coin was released. Currently, Erasmus+ aims to evolve to become greener, smarter, more inclusive and closer to citizens.



The closing event of 35th Anniversary of Erasmus took place on 14 December in Brussels (hybrid format). The event featured speakers from benefiting organisations, individual participants of Erasmus+, national agencies and founders of the Erasmus+ programme. Participants explored the programme's origins, discussed priorities linking them to the future, and celebrated its success.



Themis Christophidou,
Director-General for Education, Youth,
and Culture of the European
Commission

“ Thank you all for your enduring commitment as members of the Erasmus+ family to make the programme the European success story it is today, shaping its future as a driving force for positive change in our societies. ”

Erasmus+ supports inclusion & diversity!

Until today, more than **13 million** participants have taken part in Erasmus, including participants with fewer opportunities

Since 2014, an overall budget of over **€2 billion** have been spent to fund projects promoting equal opportunities and access, inclusion and fairness.

In 2021 nearly **2 200** cooperation projects involving around **65 000** persons with fewer opportunities and a total budget of **€413 million** supported inclusion and diversity.

Erasmus+ 1987-2022 Enriching lives, opening minds.

LEARNING MOBILITY AND YOUTH WORK IN 2022



Peer Learning Activity (PLA) on Education and Training of Youth Workers Competences frameworks and competence-based approaches in education and training of youth workers

An expert meeting on higher education in youth work took place on 20-23 September in Helsinki, Finland.



The participants represented higher education institutions providing or planning higher education in youth work and national ministries responsible for youth work development policies in their countries.

The EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership presented the European policy context for implementing the European Youth Work Agenda.

Visible Value

The partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth organised a seminar Visible Value – strengthening the implementation of the European Youth Work Agenda in Eastern and Southeast Europe on 15-16 November, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.



The event brought together 60 participants to reflect on how the youth work sector and community of practice had fared since the 3rd European Youth Work Convention. Participants discussed the structures and mechanisms established to deliver on the commitments made during the Convention and in the European Youth Work Agenda framework document. The seminar also aimed to strengthen the connection within the youth sector governance triangle (youth research, youth policy and youth work) in the regions.

The event was also an important step and contribution to the preparatory process for the Symposium Meeting of the European youth work community of practice to be organised by the Youth Partnership in May/June 2023.

LEARNING MOBILITY AND YOUTH WORK IN 2022



Youth Participation Forum, 31 October- 4 November, Tallinn, Estonia

The Youth Participation Forum gathered representatives of the Youth Work Community of Practice to foster quality youth participation in democratic societies.

The forum intended to increase cooperation, strengthen youth participation in Europe, explore the full potential of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps and foster the quality of youth participation in the EU Youth Programmes. During the Forum, the [SALTO Awards 2022](#) were presented in five categories.



Solidarity
&
Volunteering

[Getting Healthy Through Fun](#)



Youth
Participation

[Our Space – For Our Better Future](#)



Digital
Transformation

[Digital Bridges](#)

**SALTO Awards 2022
WINNERS**



Media &
Information
Literacy

[MIL-Lacework by Journalism](#)



Inclusion
&
Diversity

[ESC – Volunteering as a Tool](#)

Media and Information Literacy Study Visit *May the Source be with You*, 24-27 November, Barcelona, Spain

This study visit, organised by SALTO PI, promoted and developed MIL skills among youth workers, trainers and NGOs working with young people and provided a platform for cooperation and exchange of practices. It supported initiating Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects that tackle the topics of Media and Information Literacy as an accelerator and fundamental skill for democratic participation and civic initiative. This event celebrated the European Year of Youth and UNESCO's Global Media and Information Literacy Week.

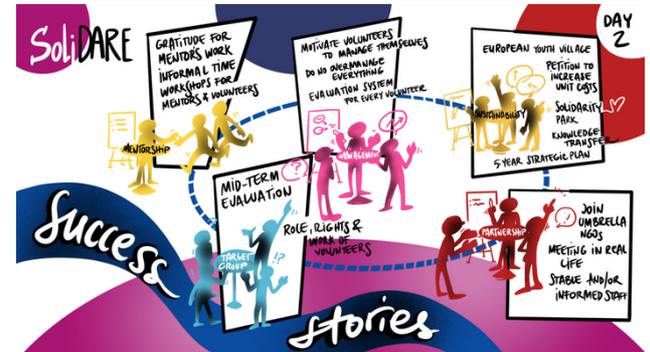
To find out more about media and information literacy, listen to the Under 30' [podcast](#) of the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership.

LEARNING MOBILITY AND YOUTH WORK IN 2022



SoliDare 2022, 21-24 September, Timisoara, Romania

In 2022, the Romanian National Agency hosted the SoliDARE event. SoliDARE is a European meeting platform for organisations implementing projects within the framework of the Solidarity Corps Programme. It brings together coordinators, educators, mentors, coaches and project team members involved in volunteering and solidarity projects.



EU4Youth Days, 11-12 October, Brussels, Belgium

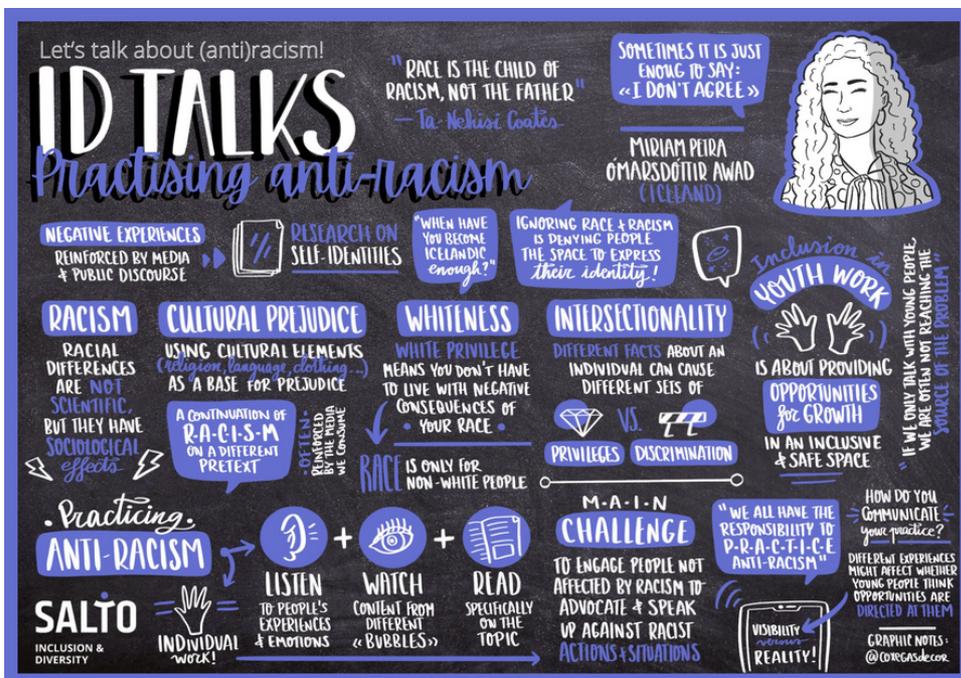
The [EU4Youth Days](#) brought together youth workers and practitioners, policymakers and researchers from the Eastern Partnership region, the Western Balkans and Türkiye, and the Southern Neighbourhood. The event offered a space for discussions about youth participation and dialogue, youth employment and entrepreneurship, green transition and digitalisation.

ID TALKS!

SALTO Inclusion & Diversity organised a series of five online workshops on five major topics promoting *Let's talk about (anti)racism*, how to form a general understanding of (anti)racism and its link to quality youth work. The [report](#) discussed issues related to tackling everyday racism, combating racism, invisible racism, intersectionality and racism and practising anti-racism.

Democracy done right, 17-18 November, Santa Severa, Italy

A seminar, "Democracy done right: young people as key actors in pluralistic democracies & the role of the European Youth Card", was hosted by the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and the European Youth Card Association (EYCA). Forty participants with expertise in youth work, youth mobility and youth participation gathered to discuss the role of youth organisations in the revitalisation of pluralistic democracies and prepare recommendations on strengthening youth participation.



LEARNING MOBILITY IN 2022: SUSTAINABILITY



Green & Inclusion Seminar, 15-18 November, Amersfoort, The Netherlands

This seminar, organised by the SALTO ID, brought together youth work organisations and experts from the fields of inclusion and environmental sustainability active in EU Youth Programmes. It aimed to strengthen the capacity of youth workers to develop EU Youth Programmes projects that are, on the one hand, more sustainable and, on the other hand, offer a place for young people with fewer opportunities to engage with green transitions.



ToolFair XVI, 21-25 November, Marseille, France



The [ToolFair XVI TOOL UP](#) - your vision on sustainability with a focus on sustainable practices was hosted by the Agence du Service Civique, French National Agency.

Over 120 people discussed and learnt from each other about innovative methods and best practices in youth work. Participants also had a chance to compensate for their carbon footprint by participating in various local activities aimed at environmental protection and social sustainability. ToolFair and the European Year of Youth in France were closed by Sarah El Hairy, the French State Secretary for Youth at the Ministry of Education. The 2023 Tool Fair will be held in Ireland.

Guidelines for sustainable events

The JINT vzw (the National Agency for the Erasmus+: Youth in Action and the European Solidarity Corps programmes for the Flemish Community in Belgium) created [guidelines](#) for sustainable events, which aim to serve as an inspiration for youth organisations and National Agencies. In November, the guidelines were launched at the Tool Fair XVI "Tool Up 4 Sustainability," in Marseille, France.



Factsheet on Green Mobility

The [factsheet Green Mobility](#) - Youth participation workshops for the development of environmentally conscious exchange formats was published by the network "Research and Practice in Dialogue - International Youth Work (RPD)". This project involved participants from France and Germany, who developed the ideas for greener mobility projects in a future-lab format.



LEARNING MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES



Erasmus+

Erasmus+ 2023 launched a €4.2 billion call to support mobility and cooperation in education, training, youth and sport. The [Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2023](#) is now available.

Upcoming deadlines for submitting applications in the youth sector are:

23 February 2023 - for KA1 projects - Learning mobilities of individuals: Mobility of young people - Youth exchanges, Mobility projects for youth workers, Youth participation activities.

22 March 2023 - for KA2 projects - Cooperation among organisations and institutions- Cooperation Partnerships, Small-scale partnerships.



Erasmus+

European Solidarity Corps

The 2023 [call](#) for project proposals in European Solidarity Corps 2023 has been published, and [The Programme Guide](#) is available.

The call covers the following actions:

Volunteering Projects (**23 February 2023** deadline),

Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas (**8 February 2023** deadline),

Solidarity Projects (**23 February 2023** deadline),

Quality Label for solidarity volunteering activities (ongoing submission),

Quality Label for humanitarian aid volunteering (ongoing submission),

Volunteering under the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps (**3 May 2023**)

The total budget earmarked for this call for proposals is estimated at EUR 142 200 000.



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THE POWER OF TOGETHER.

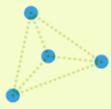
United Kingdom (UK) funding for youth mobility

With the UK no longer a part of Erasmus+ or the European Solidarity Corps programme, the UK Government has introduced the more limited Turing Scheme, which covers education, training and work placements outside the UK.

Wales has funded its own scheme called Taith, an international learning exchange programme, alongside the Turing Scheme, which also includes youth work. Scotland's scheme is still in its early stages and has no funding commitment. Students in Northern Ireland expect to benefit from an Irish Government arrangement, allowing them to register with an Irish university and continue participation in Erasmus+.



SUPPORTING YOUTH



SALTO's network is expanding

The SALTO Resource Centers are changing their structure and from 2023 there will be eleven Resource Centres to support European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+ programmes. Those focusing on the priorities of the Erasmus+ Programme will support not only Youth but also the Education and Training sectors (Participation and Information, Green, Inclusion and Digital).



 SALTO Inclusion & Diversity - Youth (Belgium-Flanders)

 SALTO European Solidarity Corps (Austria)

 SALTO Digital (Finland)

 SALTO Green (France - Bordeaux)

 SALTO EuroMed (France - Paris)

 SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus (Poland)



 SALTO Participation & Information (Estonia)

 SALTO Training & Cooperation (Germany)

 SALTO Education & Training TCA (Hungary)

 SALTO Inclusion & Diversity - Education & Training (Croatia)

 SALTO South East Europe (Slovenia)

Lviv takes “European Youth Capital 2025”

Western Ukrainian city Lviv was awarded the title of European Youth Capital 2025 based on a detailed plan submitted by the municipality and TVORY!, the local network of youth spaces. Lviv had joined the competition before the war and had to adjust its application to the needs of young people after the Russian attack.

The Lviv team built its programme with three goals: to encourage young people to stay in Ukraine, to encourage those who had left the country to return to it and to build connections between young people in Ukraine and the rest of Europe.



Even under attack, Lviv was able to adapt its plans and present a coherent programme. We are inspired by Lviv's resilience and we are confident that the city will make their year as the 2025 European Youth Capital a great success.

Tom Matthew, European Youth Forum Board Member



Applications for the European Youth Capital 2026 are now

[open.](#)

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK PRACTICES



Inclusion and Diversity Temperature Check tool

The [tool](#) is developed by SALTO ID and will help you assess the inclusion and diversity efforts of National Agencies in 5 key areas:

ID Strategy

Communication

Trainings & events

Programmes and supportive approach

Organisational development tool

Europe Talks Solidarity

[Europe talks solidarity](#) is a series of events, podcasts and publications by SALTO European Solidarity Corp to enhance and explore the solidarity concept in local, international and global contexts.

In December 2022, the second series of [podcasts](#) will be launched to mark the European Year of Youth. The new articles tackling solidarity in different contexts will be out by February 2023.

SALTO ESC is running a series of webinars to celebrate solidarity.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SOLIDARITY!
Discover the [webinars](#) we planned for you to discover and proclaim solidarity together.

Wednesday 7 15:00 CET	Volunteering and solidary Guests: Oliver Wittershage, Gabriella Civico Facilitator: Elisabeth Einwanger
Tuesday 13 15:00 CET	Solidarity and service learning Guests: Prof. Maria Nieves Tapia, Pierre Séailles Facilitator: Maria Butyka
Tuesday 20 15:00 CET	Celebration of solidarity, tackling worldwide problems together Guests: Pierre Seailles, Amina Abdel Rahman Mohamed Said Facilitators: Elisabeth Einwanger, Maria Butyka

SALTO EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

Mentoring under Construction

Mentoring under Construction is a [community](#) for mentoring practitioners within the European Solidarity Corps programme. It aims to identify, share and implement good practices on mentoring volunteers in ESC. The community organises regular online events and meetups. On 24 November it hosted Spotlight ON!, a One Day Intensive Workshop on mentoring practices. The next event *Magic moments of 2022*, is planned for 20 December.

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MENTORING UNDER CONSTRUCTION
Magic Moments of 2022
MuC MeetUP 20.12.2022, 17:00 CET

Let's meet up!

Youth Advisory Board on programme implementation

JUGEND für Europa - German NA will establish a Youth Advisory Board to implement the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes at the beginning of 2023. The concept of it has been developed mainly by young people themselves. A youth participation development project at the University of Lüneburg supported the process.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK PRACTICES



YIMinds - Youth information minding young people's mental health project



ERYICA launched a project focusing on young people's mental health. It gathers views from youth information workers, mental health professionals and young people. Young people must be involved in identifying needs and building bridges between various stakeholders. This initiative aims at establishing the following:

- A structured dialogue between youth information workers, mental health professionals and young people;
- A common European framework for action so that different countries/regions can learn from each other;
- Effective actions to address the stigma traditionally associated with mental health and well-being, which often prevent young people from asking for help.

The project includes surveys, podcasts, a mental health resilience guide for young people, a guide for youth information workers and an awareness campaign.



The Holistic Trainer (Trainer life and how to hack it)

[International Youth Work Trainers Guild](#) kicked off the *Holistic Trainer* project. The Holistic Trainer (Trainer life and how to hack it) is a project designed to support the training community in all aspects of their lives, furthering the well-being of trainers both personally and professionally. This project intends to support the wider trainer community, with the current focus on the five key areas: physical well-being; mental and emotional well-being; life on the road; legal matters; and self-management.



Co-Steering Group of the Youth Participation Strategy



The Co-Steering group is part of the [Youth Participation Strategy](#), keeping within the spirit of participation and the aim of promoting the principles of youth participation across all actions and activities of the European youth programmes. The Co-steering group aims to monitor, review and support the Strategy throughout its lifetime.

The Co-steering group is designed to be composed of stakeholders, European institutions and young people, representing 50% of the membership, who are connected to the strategy and the programmes, such as youth leaders and alumni.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK PRACTICES

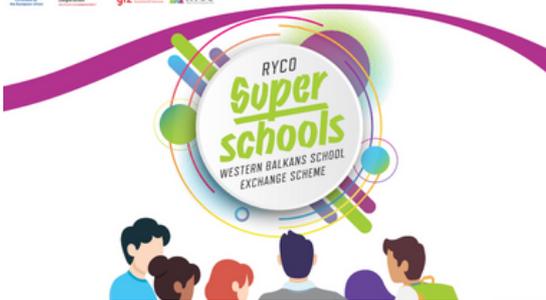


The Pool of European Young Journalists

Eurodesk and the European Commission have set up a [pool of young journalists](#) to give young people a voice as storytellers. They were invited to join the pool to put their journalistic skills into practice and report on issues that matter to them. The young journalists will be responsible for writing articles and creating videos and podcasts on themes of interest to young people. The content produced by the Pool will be featured on the [European Youth Portal](#) (EYP) and its social media channels.

Superschools project

[Superschools](#) is an ongoing project supporting school exchanges. Since 2021 this initiative has been part of a multi-donor project for schools in the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) co-financed by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and has been implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH together with RYCO.



The RYCO Superschools call aims at providing the ground for creating solid and sustainable bonds between secondary schools within the region and building long-term partnerships. By participating in this initiative, secondary schools can apply and, if selected, implement school-to-school exchanges and participate in the programme's activities dedicated to their capacity building, networking and cooperation.

RISE project on social entrepreneurship in the Western Balkans

RYCO is running the [RISE](#) (Regional Incubator for Social Entrepreneurs) project to support young social entrepreneurs from the WB6 region (Montenegro, Albania, Serbia and North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo*).

This initiative enhances youth talents and innovative ideas and supports social business ideas that will improve the region.

RISE focuses on cooperation, ideas exchange, and peer learning and uses social entrepreneurship to empower change-makers and bring them to action. RISE creates a regional network of Risers and young social entrepreneurs.



BeEurope Podcast

Eurodesk BeEurope [podcast](#) initiative, hosted by two young people, Mirea and Harry, puts the spotlight on young people living in Europe to understand what it means to be European in 2022. They interview young people from all over Europe about their mobility experience and important issues of their generation.



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YOUTH IN WESTERN BALKANS



Publications on intercultural learning, peacebuilding and conflict transformation in the Western Balkans

Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) continues its work on promoting the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation between youth in the Western Balkans region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) through research and youth exchange programmes supporting and funding projects which bring the youth of the region together. Check its main publications:

Recently RYCO has introduced a [Hajde.media](#) that provides young people with information on events, opportunities and news within the Western Balkans. It was designed to promote daily regional youth cooperation, youth experiences, opportunities and storytelling.

- [A Manual for trainers in the Western Balkans: Youth Peer Education for Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation](#)
- [A Toolkit for Educators in the Western Balkans](#)
- [Shared Futures: Youth Perceptions on Peace in the Western Balkans](#)



Western Balkans Youth Forum, 31 October - 3 November, Berlin, Germany

The Western Balkans Youth Forum was held by [Regional Youth Cooperation Office \(RYCO\)](#) and gathered over 70 young people and stakeholders highly engaged in youth-related issues from the six countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia) and the EU.



The main topics of this year's Youth Forum were democratisation and civic education, youth, peace and security, green agenda and energy security, social economy and solidarity. The Western Balkans Youth Forum of the Berlin Process served as a platform for youth from the region and the EU to discuss these topics with prominent academics, members of parliament, government representatives, and policy experts. In addition, the Forum aimed to provide a space for young people to share their thoughts on current developments in the region, the EU and Europe. Conclusions developed by the participants will be presented to representatives of the governments and the EU during Western Balkans Summit and to other stakeholders in the future. A follow-up event to develop firm action plans is planned to take place in Belgrade at the end of 2022.

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PUBLICATIONS: RESEARCH



Research project on the impact of the Corona Pandemic on Youth Work in Europe (RAY-COR)

Research-based analysis of the European Youth Programme (RAY) published the key findings from the project devoted to the impact of COVID-19 on youth work. The [first report](#) presents the results from a multilingual survey on the effects of COVID-19 on youth work and responses to it from the field. The [second](#) one shows the result from the recovery survey and tackles the public support available for the organisations and describes further needs in this regard.

The evidence-based approach in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps

The Foundation for the Development of the Education System Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Polish National Agency published a collection of research articles, [Evidence-based approach in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps. Research in time of pandemic](#), presented online on 27 October 2021 as part of the annual Warsaw Research Seminars. The articles analyse the impact of the pandemic on education and youth, as well as society.

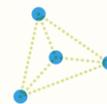
EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership

The EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership published several papers looking at the impact of COVID-19 on [young people's mental health and psychological well-being](#), [youth participation and youth spaces](#), regional impact on [the youth sector in South-East Europe](#) and [the review of the EU recovery and resilience plans](#).

It also published a study on the [Competence frameworks and competence-based approaches in youth worker education and training in five European countries](#).



PUBLICATIONS: YOUTH INFORMATION



Eurodesk Mobility Advisor Competence Framework



Eurodesk has launched the second edition of the [Eurodesk Mobility Advisor Competence Framework](#). In a rapidly evolving environment in which one crisis follows another, developing the Eurodesk network's resilience through developing competences is more crucial than ever. The new edition aims at bringing even more clarity to the role of a Eurodesk mobility advisor. It incorporates essential dimensions such as supporting youth well-being. Several training assessment tools and activities will supplement it. The competence framework is also better aligned with the Eurodesk six-year strategy for 2022-2027.

Youth Info Survey 2022

The third edition of the [Eurodesk Mobility and the Role of Youth Information Survey](#) researched young peoples' understanding of their information patterns and perception of learning mobility after COVID-19.

The survey collected 4061 responses from 74 countries, which shows that young people consider positively learning mobility experiences. However, some groups of youth might struggle with access to information. Different age groups have different preferences regarding media channels and content, which should be considered when constructing a communication strategy in the field of mobility.

The Eurodesk 2022 survey respondents see the mobility experience as beneficial:



~96%

of the respondents appreciating mobility as beneficial to their education



~96%

of the respondents seeing it as beneficial to their professional life

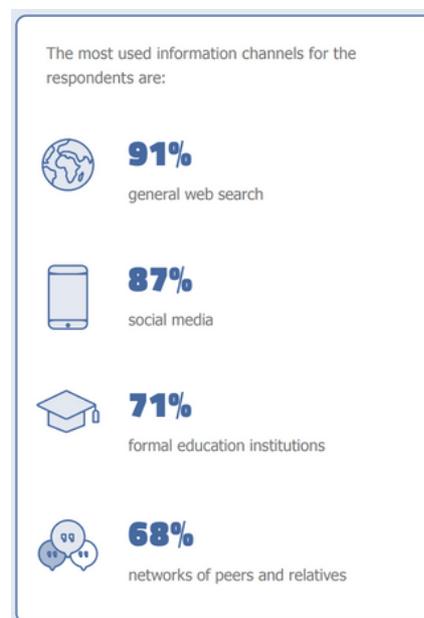
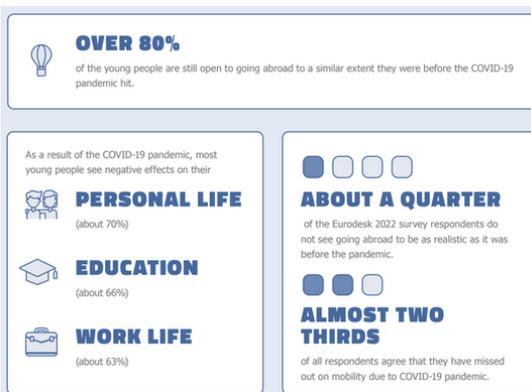


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of the respondents seeing it as beneficial to their personal life



YouTube is preferred by teenagers, while Facebook is more used by young people in their twenties and thirties, and **Instagram** is **UNIVERSALLY USED**



PUBLICATIONS: YOUTH INFORMATION



Greening youth information services

The [Guide](#) on greening youth information services, developed by the Eurodesk and ERYICA, is now available in Spanish and Slovak. The publication explores the role of youth information work in the context of the climate crisis and provides advice on greening youth information services.

POR UNA INFORMACIÓN
JUVENIL VERDE
UNA GUÍA ELABORADA POR ERYICA Y EURODESK



Guide on youth participation in youth information

ERYICA and Eurodesk are finalising a “Guide on youth participation in youth information”. It was launched online on 14 December.

EuroVolunteering Brochure

Eurodesk has released its third [Euro-Brochure on volunteering](#), which can help young people to learn about volunteering, explore their reasons to get involved and, most importantly, discover many opportunities to start their own experience and make the most out of it!



Ukrainian displaced youth: Identifying information needs and aspirations

A survey report, [Ukrainian displaced youth: Identifying information needs and aspirations](#), was published under the Partnership Agreement between the Council of Europe and the European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA). It is based on surveys and interviews with 358 Ukrainian young people between 13-35 years old across Europe. The survey identifies six areas in which it is crucial for youth information and counselling services to be active and aware and gives a series of recommendations for the youth sector:

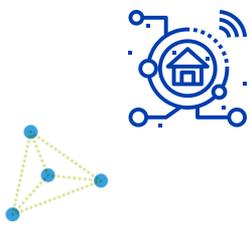


- General considerations when working with young refugees
- Needs and interests considering the intended period of stay
- Needs and interests according to the demographic group
- Tips for effective youth information outreach, support, and guidance
- Mental health support
- Challenges in obtaining information and how to overcome them.



YINFOPIONEERS: Pioneering youth information services in the Western Balkans

ERYICA kicked off a project aimed at promoting youth information in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and North Macedonia in which the young people’s information needs will be explored and youth information and counselling services models designed.



ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

MOOC on Essentials of Youth Work

The EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership opened the [MOOC on Essentials of Youth Work](#) self-directed online course on 6 December. After the successful first two editions of the course, the course has opened with updated content. Subscribe [here](#).



YOCOMO Online Course on Professional Development in International Youth Work

SALTO Training & Cooperation is running a self-directed learning course for youth workers willing to explore ways to develop their professional competencies in international youth work. The learning journey is designed around the competence-based models of the European Training Strategy, exploring self-assessment tools, integrating professional attitudes and behaviours and discovering new dimensions for professional development.

MOOC on the European Solidarity Corps

In the [MOOC on the European Solidarity Corps](#), participants will find a self-paced online training course and lots of excellent materials and videos. They can download PDF versions of the sessions and see stories of former volunteers and solidarity project organisers.



Youthpass Heart Corps

At the SALTO HOP Platform a new online course devoted to Youthpass is available. Enrol and explore how to guide a learning journey with Youthpass in the European Solidarity Corps Programme.

The course aims to:

- reflect on the learning value of the European Solidarity Corps projects;
- introduce the Youthpass process and how it fits in with the various actions of the European Solidarity Corps programme;
- discuss how to support reflection on learning in European Solidarity Corps projects;
- reflect on the competences needed for supporting learning through self-assessment and reflection;
- offer support for expressing one's learning outcomes from such projects in words.

Youthpass <3 Corps

Guiding the Learning Journey



ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES & DIGITALISATION

Digital Transformation on the EU Youth Programmes

SALTO Participation & Information and SALTO Inclusion & Diversity have been exploring digital transformation in the EU Youth Programmes since 2021. Several events took place this autumn and some are planned for the beginning of 2023.



- Staff Training on Digital Transformation for National Agencies in Antwerp, Belgium (18-21 October 2022)
- [Digital Transformers](#) long-term training programme for youth workers kick-off event in Vilnius, Lithuania (10-14 October 2022)
- [Panel Sessions on Inclusive and Participatory Digital Transformation](#) with experts discussing different characteristics of digital transformation.

News from SNAC Digital Youth Work

Peer learning for youth workers on online youth work services

In the SNAC Digital Youth work framework, 40 youth workers will be invited to share experiences and reflect on challenges in developing online services for youth (especially young people with fewer opportunities). The German National Agency will host the event on 1-3 February 2023 in Berlin.

Youth & the Sustainable Development Goals

Online Course

The Unitar has opened an online course, [Youth & The Sustainable Development Goals](#). It lasts for four to six weeks and is free of charge. It consists of eight modules that explore *The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and topics related to SDGs. It encourages participants to create a project to raise awareness about and address at least one of these SDGs in their local community. Each module includes interactive content, including a voiced overview at the beginning of the module, animation, quizzes and pop-up questions.

Closing event SNAC Digital Youthwork

The last activity of the Digital Youth Work, a Strategic National Agency Cooperation, will be hosted by the Irish National Agency on 22-23 March 2023 in Dublin. It will bring policymakers and practitioners to look at the results of this project and think about the next steps.

Talking about War and Peace - Facilitating learning in times of crisis

This self-paced [online course](#) guides participants through a process of reflection and practical activities on how to approach this topic in your work, locally or in transnational events.

THE GLOBAL GOALS



International Solidarity Project Meet-Up, 2-3 March 2023, Vilnius, Lithuania

The purpose of this meeting is to build a European community of Solidarity Projects team members, exchange knowledge and experience and share good practices. You can [apply](#) until 11 January.

ETS COMETS Solidarity - The glow of value-based-learning, 15-21 May, France

Trainers can [apply](#) for ETS COMETS until 19 February. Participants of this training course will explore solidarity as a value in training work and reflect on the impact of current global challenges on value-based education.

Europe Goes Local

Fifth Europe Goes Local event will take place from 23 until 25 May 2023 in Stockholm, Sweden and will bring together 170 participants to discuss the role of national partners and the added value of creating national working groups, share practices about national cooperation, explore how to put the European policy achievements into practice at the local level and discuss the role of municipalities in providing youth work.

[Europe Goes Local](#) is a European cooperation project to develop and strengthen local youth work.

YOCOMO - be (come) civically engaged, 23-28 April, Dresden, Germany

By 9 February, youth workers can [apply](#) to join the new YOCOMO course, to reflect upon and explore the 'Being Civically Engaged' competence in European youth work practices, contexts and (personal and organisational) cultures.

