

Newsletter: European Platform for Learning Mobility - Autumn 2018

Updates from practice, policy and research in Europe.

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The EPLM is...

The European Platform for Learning Mobility in the youth field (EPLM) is an open participatory space for exchange and cooperation between practitioners, researchers and policy makers. By 'practitioners' the Platform means programme staff, trainers and consultants, youth workers and other multipliers in the youth field and in youth work.

The EPLM has a mission to engage in the improvement, knowledge, visibility and recognition of learning mobility in the youth field.

[[Find out more about EPLM here](#)]



Events (Seminars etc)

Save the date! EPLM conference "The Power of Learning Mobility - changing lives, changing society"

1-4 April 2019, Ostend, Belgium

This conference will look at the **impact** of quality learning mobility projects in the youth field, and the balance between personal and societal gain. It will explore what learning mobility means for communities and society at large, as well as individuals. We want to hear from youth leaders, young people, policy maker (local/regional/national level related to youth policy), researchers (social scientist/pHd studies with an interest/record in societal

impact), other people connected to society impact or social capital.

Application will be through the SALTO website, available soon.

Conference concept attached. More information by email to: powerLM@jint.be

in the youth field

The POWER of Learning Mobility
Changing lives, changing society
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Aim of the conference

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Quality in Learning Mobility - what for?

Youth has become a priority at policy level in the EU in the last months and years. Budgets have increased and the development of new EU programmes (European Solidarity Corps, Discover EU etc) have brought an additional emphasis on increasing the number of mobilities – more opportunities, for more young people.

There is concern by many in the field that this current focus on quantity will detract from the learning and impact that mobility projects can have. **Statistics are meaningless** in proving the success of a project – it is rather the **knowledge, skills & attitudes gained**, and how this contributes to the **development of societies and individuals in their communities**.

Responding to this concern, quality mobility tools have been developed by the European Platform for Learning Mobility to support project organisers across Europe. **A Handbook and a WebApp** have been built through extensive involvement of stakeholders since 2016. They are based on the **22 quality principles**, and will include resources, tips, tricks and good practice to encourage further quality development. They will be launched at this biannual EPLM conference, hosted in Ostend.

It is hoped that these tools will provide a common ground from which the youth field can increase learning and impact through better quality mobility projects.

Now the question is - **what can quality projects bring?** Where is the emphasis for the learning, and how can quality learning mobility impact more than the individual? The EPLM Power conference will open up these conversations.

The context in 2019 - where does (quality) learning mobility find its place?

Europe is changing. Over the last few years, the role of civil society and youth work is becoming more and more relevant. With the influx of refugees, far-right populism threatening the cohesion of the EU and the trends of violent radicalisation, a renewed activism is apparent, expressing solidarity with new relevant groups and stressing respect

POWER of Learning Mobility concept v4

PDF document

PADLET DRIVE

"Europe won't change itself" Activate Youth Campaign for European Elections 2019

We're the [European Youth Card Association \(EYCA\)](#) and we'd like all young people over 18 to turn up and rock the vote in

the 2019 Elections for the European Parliament. It doesn't matter who they vote for. What matters is young people find out more about the European Union, have their own opinions and cast an informed vote. This is why we're working to create a Youth Activation Campaign for these elections.

We're looking for young people to lead the way and create a movement to show politicians that young people can mobilise and shake things up.

As part of this initiative, we are looking for **2 young people aged 16 / 18 - 30 years old** from each of the countries: **Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Portugal, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, Finland, Ireland and Croatia.**

The full open call is available here: <https://goo.gl/ZbhJJk> and the deadline is 9th of December.

Europe won't change itself. Take the lead and make it happen!

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RAY Triangle Summit - research, practice, policy

A Triangular Summit was held bringing together practitioners, policymakers, and researchers, in Vienna, under the Austrian Presidency. A policy brief was held in the European Parliament (Turbocharging Erasmus+!), and a conference for young people in Strasbourg (see [HERE](#) for more info on each of those). RAY Network has also published infographics ([HERE](#)).

Summits and Conferences

The 2018 RAY Triangular Summit 'Maximising potential: key insights from research for the renewed EU Youth Strategy and Programme' has been held under the au

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Peer Learning Activity on Validation

In January 2019 the European Volunteer Centre in collaboration with the European Youth Forum, the Lifelong Learning Platform and the Commission, will organise a Peer Learning Activity under the framework of the European

Qualifications Framework Advisory Group on the topic of Validation of skills and competence acquired through voluntary activities (working title). This Peer Learning Activity builds bridges and synergies with the sectors of youth and volunteering on the validation of acquired skills and will be held in Brussels.

Europass Advisory Group

The Commission has established a new expert group (the 'Europass Advisory Group'), comprising Member States, participating countries and stakeholders, to support implementation of the new Europass Decision. The first meeting of the Advisory Group took place on 28 September 2018. During the meeting, the Commission introduced the proposed scope of the new Europass and the timeline for the first phase of development of the new Europass. The Commission is continuing with business analysis and development of specifications for the new Europass portal based on feedback from the meeting. The Commission will consult with national services (National Europass Centres, Euroguidance Centres, EQF-NCPS) at the joint networks meeting scheduled for 26 October and again with the Europass Advisory Group at a second meeting in December (date to be confirmed).

Europass - Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion - European Commission

The Europass documents support the sharing of information on skills and qualifications in a consistent way across borders. The documents seek to support the needs of learners, job-seekers and employees as well as employers and education and training institutions to understand and communicate easily on skills and qualifications.

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Validation of Prior Learning Biennale, 2019

Preparation is progressing towards the third of these events, which will take place in Berlin. The Commission, together with Cedefop, ETF and other institutions are involved in the preparatory work, as it is part of the efforts to maintain a community of practice on validation. A meeting of the European Qualification Framework Advisory Group focusing specifically on validation will be held on 6 May 2019 in Berlin.

3rd VPL Biennale Berlin - 2019

All across the globe, countries face big challenges in their working and learning systems, both qualitatively (the need for lifelong learning and the updating/upskilling of people, reducing poverty and illiteracy) as well as quantitatively (demographic challenges, drop-outs, (im)migration, retention).



VPLBIENNALE

Youth Engagement with Politics Discussed in Macedonian Sобрание

SKOPJE - The second edition of the "Bridging the gap between youth policy, youth participation and parliamentarians in the Western Balkans" conference is taking place on 20 and 21 September in Skopje. The event brought together participants from parliaments from the Western Balkans 6 as well as youth organizations' activists.



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EU validation festival

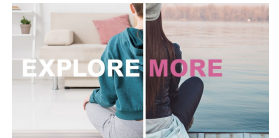
The first EU Validation Festival took place on 14-15 June 2018 in Brussels. It brought together over 300 stakeholders from employment, education and training, civil society organisations and social partners, with some 40 organisations or groupings holding stands to present experiences and projects. Twelve workshops discussed such issues as validation and the Youthpass experience, funding models for validation and validation and blockchain technology. The video highlights can be found here. The event contributed to the building and development of a European community of practice on validation of non-formal and informal learning, and highlighted the need to maintain momentum in establishing validation arrangements.

DiscoverEU stakeholder meeting

The team responsible for co-ordinating the DiscoverEU programme convened a stakeholder meeting on 17 October 2018, in Brussels. One of the workshops will focus directly on the educational approach of the new programme.

DiscoverEU

What is DiscoverEU? Are you 18 years old? Are you up for an adventure? If yes, get ready to explore Europe by joining DiscoverEU, a European Union initiative giving young people the opportunity to travel ar...



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European Validation Festival: Unlocking Talents in Europe

The European Commission is organising a stakeholder conference on 14-15 June in Brussels to share practices and exchange ideas and knowledge on validation of informal and non-formal learning.



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Erasmus+ National Agency staff training on Human Rights Education

10 December - hosted by JINT in Brussels, as part of the co-ordinated Knowledge Management and Staff Training of the National Agencies of Erasmus+ Youth in Action.

West Balkans: BRIDGING THE GAP - Engagement of young people in policy

Skopje, 20-21 Sept, Youth Lab. This event was part of the 'youth policy lab' initiative announced during the Sofia summit, within the Berlin process. More information on the weblink.



 Brussels, 31.01.2018

TO THE HEADS OF THE ERASMUS+ YOUTH IN ACTION / EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS NATIONAL AGENCIES

Subject: Invitation to the Youth for Human Rights: Call for Participants – Training of NA Staff. 9 – 13 December 2018, Brussels - Destelheide

Dear Colleagues,

The project „Youth for Human Rights!“ is about mainstreaming human rights education in the field of youth. It is a networking project of seven National Agencies of the European programme Erasmus+: Youth in Action: Archimedes Foundation Estonia (coordination), JUGEND für Europa Germany, Interkulturelles Zentrum Austria, JINT - International Youth Work Coordination Agency Belgium / Flanders, Agency for International Programmes for Youth Latvia, Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes Croatia and IJVENTA - Slovak Youth Institute Slovakia.

The aim of the project is to foster social inclusion through making use of the full potential of youth work and of human rights education (HRE) in the context of youth work and young people's non-formal learning.

The aims of this training are:

- To provide NA staff with an overall understanding of human rights education and
- To develop competences in order to support the beneficiaries of Erasmus+ to use Human Rights Education with young people as an approach to promote the values and aims of the EU youth mobility programmes.





Invitation-for-Youth-for-Human-Rights-Staff-Training-3.pdf
 PDF document
 NOORED.EE

Youth for Human Rights (KA3)

National training courses for youth workers, set up by trained trainers on Human Rights Education. During 2019 there will also be nationally organised activities around the same topic.

"Youth for Human Rights" - Erasmus+ National Agencies and their partners join forces

This article sheds some light on the background and reasons for taking up a new initiative "Youth for Human Rights" by altogether 8 Erasmus+ National Agencies partners which focuses on human rights education in the context of field of youth.




COYOTE MAGAZINE

Integrating refugees/ migrants/asylum seekers using youth work

The 'Becoming a part of Europe' project connects youth work to the integration of young migrants/refugees and asylum seekers. A peer learning event was held as part of this project (26-27 Sept, in Ljubljana).

BPE - Becoming a part of Europe

Bpe is a European project that works in the field of youth, promoting fairness and inclusion for participants from disadvantaged backgrounds and with fewer opportunities.



BPE-PROJECT

National Events to launch the European Solidarity Corps

This new programme has finally been adopted, and is officially in place as of 4 October 2018. A series of events took place in different EU countries to launch and provide information on the Corps.

European Solidarity Corps

What is the European Solidarity Corps? The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects in their own co...



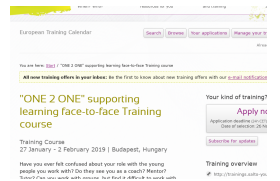
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One-to-One (Youthpass) Training Course, January 2019

Focusing on the relation between participant and coach in learning processes, this training course will be hosted in Hungary in January (deadline to apply, 13 November 2018).

"ONE 2 ONE" supporting learning face-to-face Training course

Everything at a glance: training within the YOUTH IN ACTION Programme and beyond! Are you curious about what Europe has to offer in training activities in the field of youth and non-formal education? Would you like to contribute to the varied range to make it even more attractive?



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YoCoMo (Youth Competence Model)

This is a training course looking at behaviours and attitudes of youth workers when implementing international mobilities. The first residential pilot course - YOCOMO 1 - took place on 4-10 June 2018 in Rome, Italy. The report is available [here](#).

The next two residential pilot courses will take place in Germany on 7-11 May 2019 (working days) and in Latvia in November 2019 (exact dates to be confirmed). YOCOMO 2

will focus on the attitudes and behaviours dimension in the Model, while YOCOMO 3 will explore the Model from a systemic perspective.

SALTO-YOUTH - ETS Competence Model for Youth Workers to Work Internationally

To successfully network and cooperate on an international level and to support young people in learning mobility projects, certain competences are required from youth workers. One objective of the European Training Strategy in the Field of Youth is therefore to develop a competence model for youth workers to support these tasks.

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COMETS training - Co-operating successfully in teams

Experienced trainers in international mobility. The 5th COMETS edition will take place from 13-19 March 2019 in Greece and will focus on the competence area "Cooperating successfully in teams". The call for applicants is available at <http://trainings.salto-youth.net/7458>, application deadline is 5 November 2018

SALTO-YOUTH - COMETS

COMETS (COMpetence development European Training Strategy in the field of youth) is a one week course offered once a year to support advanced trainers exploring a certain competence area defined by the ETS Competence Model for Trainers.

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Training Course on Inclusive Volunteering in Social Enterprises – 10-14 December 2018, Glasgow

SALTO Inclusion & Diversity and the UK and Italian National Agencies would like to see more young people with fewer opportunities taking part in volunteering projects. But many hosting projects are not adapted or do not provide the needed extra support for young people (18-30 years) with special needs (e.g. disability, social issues, special needs, mental challenges). The general aim of this TC is to introduce European volunteering projects to social enterprise organisations; to encourage youth organisations to partner with social enterprises and support quality, sustainable volunteering projects for young people with fewer opportunities. A follow-up event, a partnership building activity, is foreseen for 30 April-4 May 2019 in Turkey.

<http://trainings.salto-youth.net/7440>



Long-Term Training Course on Youth Work and Young Refugees – 1-18 October 2018

Organised by the Hellenic NA E+ YiA, in cooperation with the Italian NA and SALTO I&D. This training is a two-phase activity (second activity 2-7 February 2019) that will bring together youth/social workers actively engaged in inclusion and integration of young refugees. It will address the role of youth work and the current practices in working with young refugees. It will offer the participants a holistic view on the realities and possible responses and contribute to the capacity-building of their organisations.

<http://trainings.salto-youth.net/7482>



Shrinking spaces for civil society

Following the statement from the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, a consultative meeting was held on 7 and 8 November 2018 to look at contemporary challenges and solutions on this theme. The aim of this meeting was to support civil society organisations to find a space (which are diminishing politically, economically and visibly in many

places in Europe).

<https://go.coe.int/kp9fl>



Eurodesk "Time to Move" Campaign - October 2018

In October, our network across 35 European Countries will organise mobility promoting activities. It's an annual communication campaign of Eurodesk that take place throughout the month of October and we invite organisations and institutions to join the events and or collaborate with your Eurodesk offices. On the website you can find a map with the activities that will be taking place:

<https://timetomove.eurodesk.eu/>

October 2018

Time to Move is a collection of events for young people organised during October. These activities will introduce you to the hundreds of possibilities through which you can go abroad and take part in an international project, explore Europe or gain experience you need for your future.

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Youth Research Theory and Practice Training Course, Kayseri, Turkey

8 - 10 October 2018. Trainers Mark Taylor, Ondras Barta.
Organiser: AGU Youth Factory.

More youth research (RAY, partnership etc) has helped increased recognition of youth field as an important partner to deal with societies challenges.

This raining course will introduce the theory and practice of youth research using interactive

learning methodology, and increase youth research in Turkey (analyse needs, create projects, research group etc).

Mobility Tasters for Inclusion organisations

A short 3 day course to give inclusion organisations a **taste of international mobility** and how to use it as a method in the work with young people with fewer opportunities. This successful course is repeated regularly so that NAs can send new inclusion organisations in the E+ programme at short notice and lead them to an E+ youth project.

The next Mobility Tasters are Ireland (Sep '18), EECA region (Spring '19) and Latvia (Oct '19)

www.salto-youth.net/mobilitytaster/

VISION:INCLUSION –SHAPING INCLUSIVE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK

International kick-off conference 29-30.11.2018

International match-making seminar 30.11.-1.12.2018

Registration for the **international kick-off conference** of VISION:INCLUSION from **29 - 30 November 2018** in Berlin, Germany is now possible. An inclusion strategy for international youthwork has been developed between 2015 and 2017. Between now and 2020, the strategy will be given an international outlook and a wider scope.

At the subsequent **match-making seminar** from **30 November - 1 December 2018**, interested organisations and experts have the opportunity to intensify the exchange and find partner organizations for inclusive international exchanges for experts or young people.

<https://www.visioninklusion.de/en/>

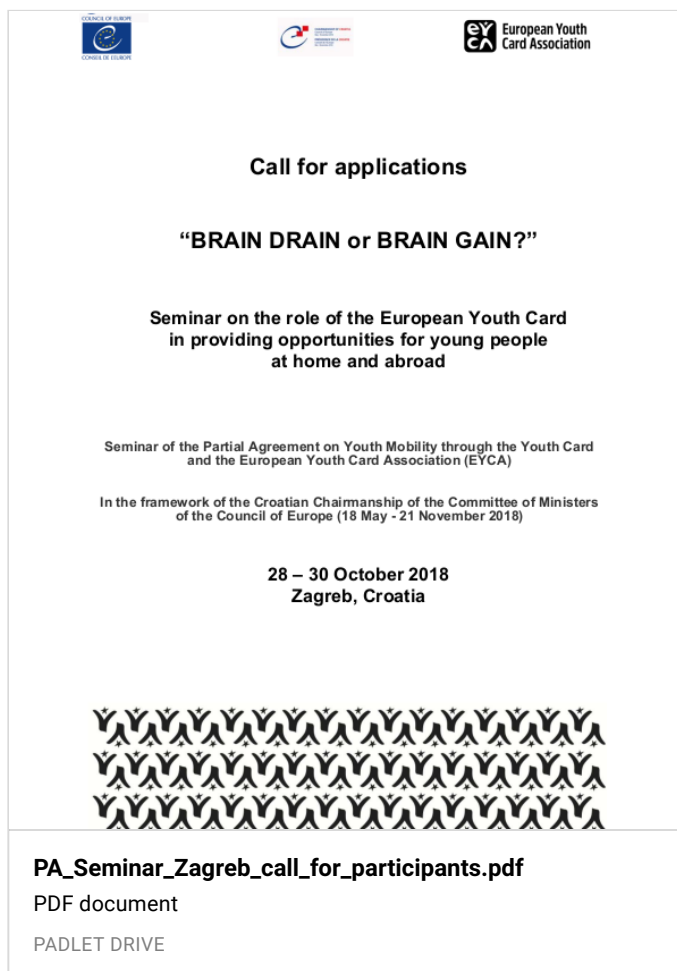


Pre-announcement: Conference on the future and vision of Europe. "Is Europe really lost?"

Organised by German, Italian and Slovenian Youth National Agencies of Erasmus+ YiA, youth partnership of the Council of Europe and European Commission, and others. Date to come.

"Brain Gain or Brain Drain?" seminar, 28-30 October, Zagreb Croatia

This seminar brought together 80 policy makers, researchers, youth workers, NGOs and business sector representatives. They discussed the phenomena of brain drain and the role that Youth Card could play in preventing it by offering work opportunities to young people. The full report will be available at www.eyca.org by the end of the month.



The poster features logos for the Council of Europe, Erasmus+, and the European Youth Card Association (EYCA). The text reads: "Call for applications 'BRAIN DRAIN or BRAIN GAIN?' Seminar on the role of the European Youth Card in providing opportunities for young people at home and abroad. Seminar of the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and the European Youth Card Association (EYCA). In the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (18 May - 21 November 2018). 28 - 30 October 2018 Zagreb, Croatia." At the bottom, there is a decorative border of small bird icons and a box containing the file name "PA_Seminar_Zagreb_call_for_participants.pdf", the text "PDF document", and "PADLET DRIVE".

Publications

Validation of non-formal and informal learning: European Inventory

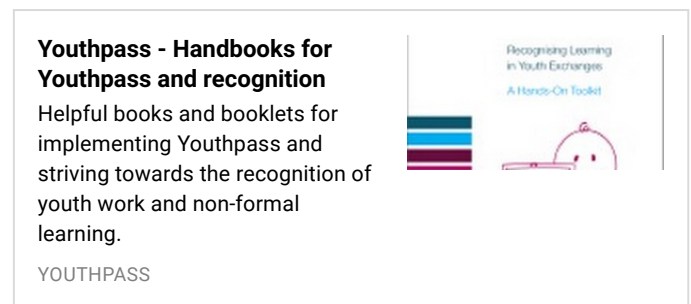
The first country reports of the [European inventory 2018 update](#) have been drafted. They have gone through a first quality assurance by external experts (selected by the contractors). The reports were ready for distribution to EQF AG Members from mid-October, with the request to review

the document within three weeks. As in previous inventory updates, the country reports are the responsibility of the authors and the EQF AG member is requested only to do a fact check and make sure that the information provided is accurate.



One-to-one relationships publication Youthpass

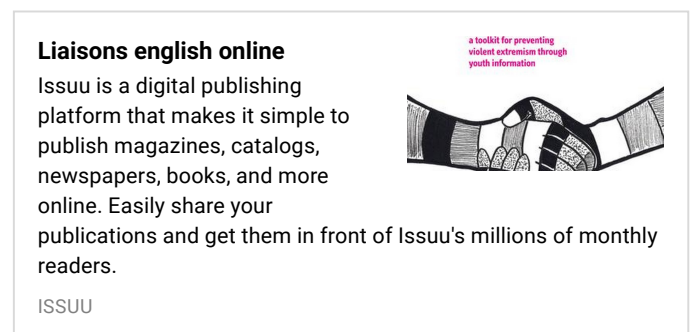
Focusing on active listening and asking questions. Handbook available at the link below.



The image shows the cover of a handbook titled "Youthpass - Handbooks for Youthpass and recognition". It features a colorful graphic of horizontal bars in blue, green, and red. To the right, there is a smaller image of a handbook titled "Recognising Learning in Youth Exchanges A Hands-On Toolkit" with a red and white cover. The text below the main title reads: "Helpful books and booklets for implementing Youthpass and striving towards the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning. YOUTHPASS".

Liaisons - a toolkit for preventing extremism (ERYICA)

In French and English, printed versions and pdf available.



The image shows the cover of a digital publishing platform called "Liaisons english online". It features a graphic of two hands shaking. The text below the title reads: "Issuu is a digital publishing platform that makes it simple to publish magazines, catalogs, newspapers, books, and more online. Easily share your publications and get them in front of Issuu's millions of monthly readers. ISSUU".

Social media guidebook from Eurodesk

Help organisations to reach out to young people. Pdf version available to download from link below.

Eurodesk Social Media Guidebook: Tips and tricks for online youth work

Navigating social media and following the fast-changing habits of young people can be difficult and time consuming. Eurodesk created its social media guidebook as a reminder of the essentials for the different social media channels, what to look out for and what to do to improve your online presence and services.



EURODESK

Number 23. History of Youth work in Europe (volume6).
Printed and pdf.



T-kits reviewed

These editions of the t-kits, published by the EU-CoE youth partnership, have been recently reviewed and updated:

- 4 - Intercultural Learning
- 7 - European Citizenship in Youth Work
- 8 - Social Inclusion
- 13 - Sustainability and Youth Work

T-kits

The training kits are thematic publications written by experienced youth trainers. They are easy-to-use in training and study sessions



YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Global: toolkit for youth workers working with young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

This is a publication in English, made in framework of KA3 project: 'Becoming a part of Europe'. More information on the project here: <http://bpe-project.eu/home/>

"Thinking seriously about youth work"

Answering the question on how to prepare people to do youth work, and representing an analysis of youth work in Europe, this is the latest edition of the Youth Knowledge book series coordinated and published by the EU-CoE youth partnership.

Printed and pdf versions available.

Thinking seriously about youth work. And how to prepare people to do it

By analysing theories and concepts of youth work and by providing insight from various perspectives and geographical and professional backgrounds, the authors hope to further contribute to finding common ground for - and thus assure the quality of - youth work in general. Presenting its purified and essential concept is not the objective here.



YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

GloBall - A tool kit for youth workers working with young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

The tool kit you are holding is the translation of a tool (in Dutch language) that was originally developed within and for Flemish youth work. It exists as a website in Dutch (www.wereldspelers.be) and targets youth workers who have little experience in working with newcomers.



ISSUU

Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) published desk research on existing data on youth mobility, youth exchange, participation and ethnic distance among Western Balkans 6

This desk research was conducted in order to assess the current situation when it comes to the data that is being collected about young people in the region. The goal was to provide a comprehensive overview of which data is being collected regarding topics of interest to RYCO, who collects it, in which manner, how regularly and how many RYCO Contracting Parties it covers. The second goal was to distinguish between which data needs to be collected in the future and which information can be derived from

Youth Knowledge Book series

Two other [recent publications available here.](#)

Number 22. Learning mobility, social inclusion and non-formal learning. Produced in Spring 2018, available in printed and pdf format.

previously collected data. Finally, the desk research yields some recommendations that could guide RYCO's activities in the future.

The document is available at [this link](#)

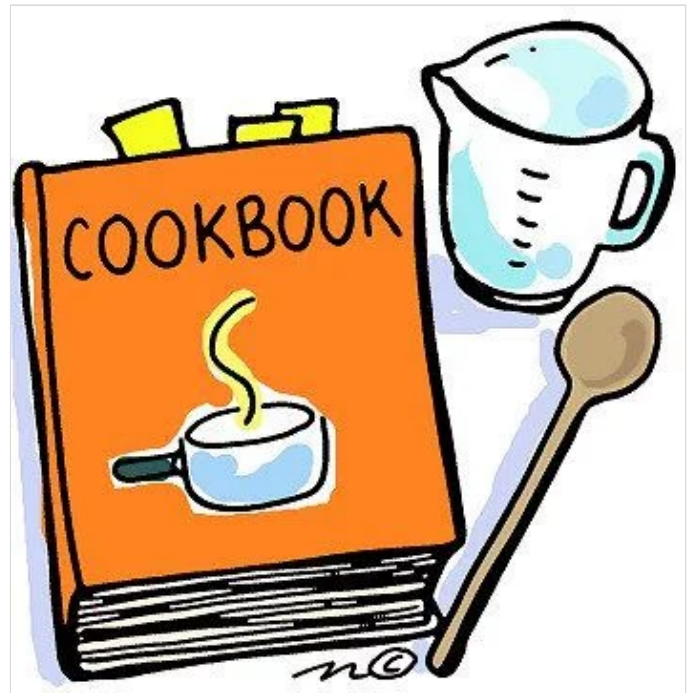
RYCO has published its Strategic Plan for 2019-2021

At the core of the strategy are three strategic priorities:

→ **Deliver high quality, high impact programmes** with and for young people, focusing on their access to mobility, exchange and regional cooperation

→ **Build demand and a viable environment for youth** focussed programming with a wide range of stakeholders who influence and determine public policy, attitudes and behaviour

→ **Invest in RYCO's competences** to ensure it delivers on its mandate and to the highest international standards of governance, leadership, representation, management and delivery.

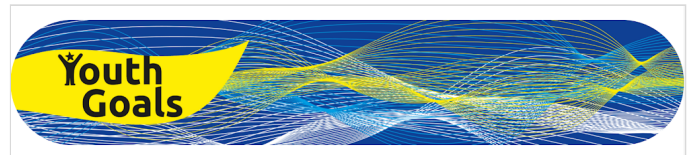


Policies

EU Youth Goals

Results of Europe-wide consultations undergone at national and European level, the goals were developed during the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU in April 2018, and reinforced by the EU Youth Conference under the Austrian Presidency (September 2018). The role of the EU Youth Goals is to inspire youth policy development at all levels in Europe, including the next EU Youth Strategy.

www.youthgoals.eu

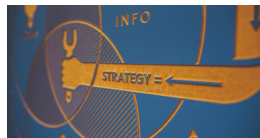


RYCO Publishes Its Strategic Plan for 2019-2021

TIRANA - We are honored to present you the first RYCO Strategic Plan for the upcoming three years (2019-2021). We

express our immense gratitude towards a number of stakeholders who participated in the strategic planning process - representatives of international and regional partner organizations, civil society organizations, governments of the Western Balkans, secondary schools from the region and individuals working with and for youth.

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Cookbook for Inclusion (for National Agencies)

Looking for recipes (as programme officer) to get **young people with fewer opportunities** on board in your mobility projects? In the cookbook you find how 15 Erasmus+ NAs **reached out** to new inclusion groups, how they **overcome obstacles** and find the resources to give them **extra support**. Download it from www.salto-youth.net/SPIinclusion/.

A new member is welcomed to the European Union Programmes for young people - the Solidarity Corps!

The European Solidarity Corps allows young people to contribute to actions that help people and communities in need, while enhancing their own skills and competences. The Regulation providing the European Solidarity Corps with a dedicated legal base and own budget have been published in the Official Journal of the EU. This means that as from the 5 October, the Regulation enters into force, which makes it possible for a wide array of new projects to take off. In May 2017, the European Commission put forward a proposal to dedicate more than €340 million to the European Solidarity Corps until 2020, and to give it its own legal structure. A first call for projects under this new

structure is already underway. Furthermore, for the period 2021–2027, the Commission has proposed to allocate €1.26 billion to the Corps. A fact-sheet showcasing examples of activities is available online.

Publications and promotional materials

European Solidarity Corps - State of play September 2018 For an overview of the situation with registrations and placements, and for some examples of activities happening in diffe...




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Currently only EU countries can apply - once bilateral agreements are made (from 2019), partner countries can also apply. Youthpass is now inside to recognise learning outcomes (European Youth Forum) – EPLM ADMIN

Key competences for lifelong learning

The Council Recommendation on this topic was adopted in May 2018.

Key competences - Education and training - European Commission



The European Commission works with EU countries to strengthen 'key competences' - knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed by all for personal fulfilment and development, employability, social inclusion and active citizenship.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

TO UPDATE Presidencies of the Council of the EU: priorities in 2019

The next trio priorities

Romania have the Presidency in the first half of 2019, and will be focusing on inclusion and sustainability in an event in June 2019.

For the Finnish presidency, they will be focusing on youth work, and the education of youth workers.

Romania's Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will offer an internship program dedicated to the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, right after the entry into force of the law on internship.



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PREPARING THE ROMANIAN PRESIDENCY TO THE EU COUNCIL

European Student Card Initiative

Scope: Make mobility for all a reality: European Student Card can help further simplify and promote student mobility in Europe. The main objectives are to digitally connect higher education institutions' information systems, enable students to identify themselves in a trusted manner, allow secure exchange and verification of student data and academic records, reduce administrative procedures, and enable access to services that students are entitled to when arriving in the host country. Progressive roll-out of the European Student Card to Erasmus+ students is planned for 2021. Scope for links between the Card and the new Europass is being explored.

State of play: The European Student Card is being developed through existing Erasmus+ and Connecting Europe Facility - CEF (managed by DG CNECT) projects.

European Student Card Initiative - Education and training - European Commission



The European Student Card Initiative will enable every student to easily and safely identify and register themselves electronically at higher education institutions within the EU when moving abroad for studies, eliminating the need to complete on-site registration procedures and paper work.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Validation (of non-formal and informal learning) - Recommendation

By June 2019 a new recommendation should be adopted by the Council, for the recognition and validation of youth work.



VALIDATION
OF NON-FORMAL
AND INFORMAL LEARNING


Evaluation of the Council Recommendation on the Validation of in/non-formal learning

The Commission will shortly launch the tender for the external evaluation of the 2012 Recommendation, which will feed into its report to the Council in 2019. The evaluation will largely rely upon the update of the Inventory to gather

information on the action taken by Member States and the Commission and on the results achieved, in terms of increased and better opportunities for validation provided to people. Evaluation work will include an internet based public consultation and two specific expert meetings.

Eurodesk position on the future EU Youth Strategy

This document has a focus on the importance of youth information to reach out and engage young people.



EURODESK REACTION TO THE PROPOSED EU YOUTH STRATEGY

September 2018

Youth policies and youth work have increasingly been recognised as important policy areas for the European Union. The proposed EU Youth Strategy puts a strong emphasis on youth participation, cross-border solidarity, and on strengthening youth work in Europe. It reminds key challenges young people face today such as higher risks of poverty, unemployment, social exclusion and radicalisation, fake news and populism. **The proposed eight-year strategy carries the important mandate to coordinate policy actions for young people across sectors and countries.**

Eurodesk welcomes the proposal and believes its cross-sectorial approach is shedding light on broad priorities that once fulfilled will positively benefit young people. **It stresses the importance of inclusion, solidarity and reaching out to those with fewer opportunities** by fostering a "vision of a continent where young people can seize opportunities and relate to European values". Eurodesk regrets that this ambition is not sufficiently reflected by concrete measures. Indeed, **young people need to understand what is considered to be European values and need to know about European opportunities in order to seize them.** Having access to free and reliable sources of information, at European, national and local level, empowers them to make informed decisions and to fully participate in society. Unfortunately today access to such information remains very unequal.

Despite different youth information systems, there is a common understanding that without **information there is no participation**. Youth information is a youth right; it spans to all areas of young people's life from quality internships and employment rights, social and political rights to mobility opportunities; it should not be limited to the European elections. Ensuring proper information around the EU and the opportunities it offers is even more important when we consider the current political context and the potential increased budget for Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps post-2020. In order to address these challenges, **Eurodesk calls for a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to youth information. An approach that aims at ensuring an inclusive, participative, transparent, qualitative and efficient outreach.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **A priority is added to the strategy on "ensuring equal access to quality, impartial and youth-friendly information about how the EU works, how to engage in it and what opportunities it offers"**. Having specialised Youth Information Networks such as Eurodesk was recognised as a success factor in ensuring outreach in the evaluation of the current strategy¹. Despite the policy priority given to youth, Eurodesk (that focuses on informing young people about ways to participate and be mobile in Europe) still suffers from lack of human and financial resources. On average a Eurodesk Centre receives EUR 56K per year with huge differences across countries (from EUR 6K to 150K).² Therefore, only the countries receiving grants on the top of this ladder can implement the full range of Eurodesk services.
 - o Measure: more investment is needed to ensure a network such as Eurodesk can deliver to its full potential (working with local multipliers, having strong digital and outreach strategies and well trained staff to ensure a wide outreach). All Eurodesk Centres should operate with a least a full time equivalent national coordinator.

¹ Youth Goal #1 "Connecting EU with Youth", adopted in the VP Cycle of the Structured Dialogue.
² Eurodesk performed "substantially above target" according to the Commission Staff Working Document "Mid-term evaluation of the Erasmus+ programme (2014-2020)" accompanying the "Mid-term evaluation of the Erasmus+ programme".

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Council of Europe Youth Strategy - Youth Agenda 2030

The Council of Europe is currently developing 'Youth Agenda 2030', its strategy in the field of youth. A first expert meeting has already been held and in during the Joint Council on Youth, that took place in October, representatives of the Statutory bodies examined the first draft paper of the findings and conclusions of the first consultative meeting and decided on the main aims of the "Youth Strategy 2030".

Youth sector strategy 2030

During the meeting, the participants took stock of the current strategy (Agenda 2020), drew lessons from its achievements and shortcomings, and defined the added value of the Council of Europe youth sector in addressing the key challenges facing young people.



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Council of Europe Recommendation on Youth Work

Following the 2017 Recommendation for Youth Work, a youth-friendly version is being drafted by a task-force.

Adopted Texts

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New European Programme 2021 - 2027

Suggestions have been given from the National Agency network of E+ YIA as responses in the feedback process to create the new programme:

- o The doubling of the budget only serves our current needs.
- o Inclusion needs to be strengthened in the proposal and in the regulations (not just in the programme guide).
- o Keep the UK in the programme - Brexit should not be carried out on the back of young people.

New European Youth Forum position on DiscoverEU Programme

The European Youth Forum has adopted a new position on Discover the EU, making a proposal how to make the initiative a meaningful and accessible learning experience for young people in Europe.



DiscoverEU for all: travelling, learning & volunteering

Position of the European Youth Forum on the DiscoverEU action under the next Erasmus programme.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, 2 SEPTEMBER 2018

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Commission are keen to increase educational approach and accessibility needs - they are still open for ways to do it (European Youth Forum) – EPLM ADMIN

MOVE policy briefs

The MOVE project has published 6 policy briefs on the topic of youth mobility in Europe.

There are 2 main policy briefs which are available in the languages of the consortium (English, French, German, Hungarian, Nynorsk, Luxembourgish, Romanian and Spanish). These cover all of the 6 mobility types included in the research project (higher education, pupil's exchange, voluntary mobility, VET mobility, entrepreneurial mobility, employment mobility) and provide general recommendations.

There are 4 further policy briefs, which go into detail about specific mobility types:

- Mobility on the EU level
- VET mobility
- Volunteering mobility
- Entrepreneurial mobility

Policy Briefs

Mapping mobility - pathways, institutions and structural effects of youth mobility in Europe

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European Union Youth Strategy

Youth is being pushed as a horizontal priority across the European Commission. The European Youth Forum gives an update that cross-border volunteering is prominent inside the developments of the strategy. The focus now is on having a youth voice. There is a proposal from the European Youth Forum to mainstream organisations to different DGs so they can have a say on developments of the strategy.

Discussion is being held on how to include the youth goals inside the strategy, as an annex, or even as part of the core text. The European Youth Forum is encouraging them as cooperation areas, but that depends on the member states.

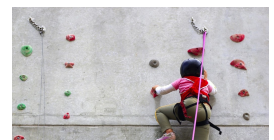
Part of the proposal for the new EU Youth Strategy is to have a series of soft policy, mutual learning/expert groups looking at youth work development in Europe. The Austrian presidency of the Council of the EU are drafting the conclusions on that. Next steps for it are:

- Policy debate November 2018
- Presentation within the education May package and adoption by Council 26 November 2018

A renewed EU Youth Strategy proposed by the European Commission for 2019-2027 - Youth - European Commission

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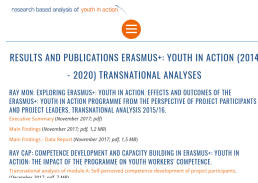
Capacity building in Erasmus+ Youth projects

RAY research focusing on capacity building within the E+YiA funded projects for youth workers. The first two modules have been finished (focus on individual capacity development), the research report is available [HERE](#), more information on methodology and rationale [HERE](#); the last module will be finalised during 2019 and is targeting to share the experiences within an organisation (an NGO or any other youth organisation).

Results and Publications Erasmus+: Youth in Action (2014 - 2020) Transnational Analyses

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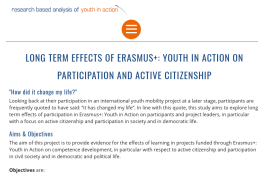
Long term effects of Erasmus+ Youth in Action projects

RAY research focusing on long term effects of E+/YiA funded projects in the area of active **citizenship** and **participation**; interim research report available [HERE](#), more information on methodology and rationale [HERE](#); last data collection and final report are foreseen for 2019

Long Term Effects of Erasmus+: Youth in Action

Looking back at their participation in an international youth mobility project at a later stage, participants are frequently quoted to have said: "it has changed my life". In line with this quote, this study aims to explore long-term effects of participation in Erasmus+: Youth in Action on participants and project leaders, in particular with a focus on active citizenship and participation in society and in democratic life.

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Monitoring of competence development

RAY research focusing on monitoring of **competence development and overall impacts** of the E+:YiA funded projects on both participants and project leaders; interim research report available [HERE](#), more information on methodology and rationale [HERE](#).

RAY Monitoring

This research project aims to explore a broad scope of aspects of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme in order to contribute to practice development, to imp

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Pool of European Youth Researchers

The EU-CoE youth partnership is coordinating the Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR). As of 2018, PEYR is working on clusters of interest, one of which being on learning mobility in the youth field. This group met in May

2018, on a parallel meeting of the EPLM expert seminar in Lille. A shared interest was to look deeper into the effects of learning mobility in the youth field, in such areas as the impact on society, values involved etc.

Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR)

The Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) is an unique initiative on the European level to evidence based policy-making in the field of youth.

YOUTH PARTNERSHIP



Study on long term mobility for apprentices in Europe

CEDEFOP launched a call over the summer for this topic, and the related study will start in 2019.

This study will link to VET mobility for students/apprentices in VET outside of Erasmus+ , seeing which other schemes exist (Eurodysee programme etc).

Long-term cross-country mobility in apprenticeships

The purpose of this open invitation to tender is to conclude a contract for 'Long-term cross-country mobility in apprenticeships'. This service contract falls under Cedefop's activity on work-based learning: apprenticeships. This call has been published in the Supplement to the Official Journal of the European Union 2018/S 143-325953 of 27/07/2018.

CEDEFOP



Future youth information & counselling: Building on information needs and trends

In the framework of the **Erasmus+ KA2 Project Future Youth Information Toolbox**, **ERYICA** conducted a survey across Europe, with a view to study the information behaviour and needs of young people, as well as their experiences with youth information and counselling services. Both users and non-users of the services were included in the survey. The survey studied the **perceived youth information service quality, information reliability and information evaluation** of the young respondents. Information about mobility is also evaluated as part of the survey. The report can be accessed here:

The cover features logos for Abo Akademi University, eryica, and creativitas. The title is in white text on a purple-to-orange gradient background. It includes the authors' names, the Erasmus+ logo, and a 'YOUTH info' graphic.

future youth information and counselling: building on information needs and trends

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Thesis research: The training of youth workers in the Euromediterranean context: practices, visions and results on intercultural dialogue.

Object of the study: the SALTO-Youth Euromed Resource Centre training programme for youth workers and trainers (2007-2013). Defended at the University of Sevilla (Spain) on April 2017.

La formación de animadores juveniles en el contexto euromediterráneo: prácticas, visiones y resultados en el diálogo intercultural

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Lafraya Puente, S.M. (2017). La formación de animadores juveniles en el contexto euromediterráneo: prácticas, visiones y resultados en el diálogo intercultural. (Tesis Doctoral Inédita). Universidad de Sevilla, Sevilla.

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Eurodesk Survey 2018 - Youth Information: Supporting you in going abroad

In the end of September 2018, Eurodesk released the Eurodesk Survey for the second year in a row. The focus remains the same, surveying how young people interact with information about mobility opportunities and what support they wish to have in the process. The survey will be open for two months and will be promoted across Europe. It is aimed towards people between the ages of 13 and 35, who are either mobile or non-mobile, and who lives in Erasmus+ programme countries + Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. The survey is translated from English to 16 languages.

Please promote it further in your channels.

The survey is available [at this link](#).

Results of Access-Study

In June the first presentation of the findings of the so called "Zugangsstudie" took place in Bensberg, Germany. The research focussed on young people, who are not participating in formats of International Youth work and Learning mobility and asked for reasons and barriers of participation. The research was financed by the Federal Ministry of Family, Senior, Women and Youth as well as Robert-Bosch Stiftung.

The findings are complex and give reasons for structural changes in the system of youth work. A german summary is available and will be soon translated into English. One of the proposed next steps is to discuss the results in different European countries and in connection to other national youth policies.

Interested experts can contact fpd@transfer-ev.de for

regular updates.

Study "Mapping skills audits in and across EU MS"

[UPDATE]

(European Commission)

The study is being finalised at the moment and will be published end of spring 2018.

In May 2017, the European Commission (DG EMPL) commissioned a study on 'Mapping Skills Audits in and across the EU', to carry out research in 16 EU Member States on their current practice in relation to Skills Audits. Objective of the study was to create a better knowledge base about the availability of skills audits to different target groups, the variations in how skills audits are carried out, what they entail, who is involved and which identification and assessment methods are being used. It also aims to collect evidence on the demand and supply of skills audits across the EU and the effectiveness of different types of practices.

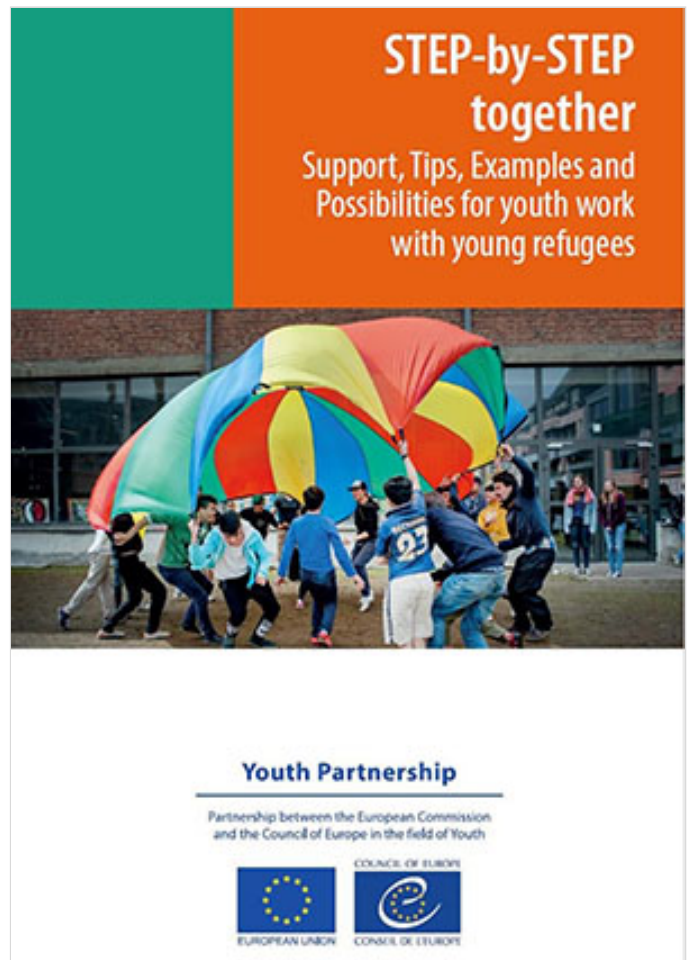
Good Practices

Step-by-step together. Support, Tips, Examples and Possibilities for youth work with young refugees

The situation of young refugees in European societies is an important topic for human rights, democracy, living together in diversity and social cohesion. Among different sectors working for and with young refugees, youth work offers a diversity of spaces and initiatives for young refugees to become a full part of their communities and to have a voice in all matters that concern them.

This publication of the EU-CoE youth partnership offers practical tools for youth work on the inclusion and participation of young refugees at local level. It focuses on youth participation and inclusion as key dimensions to build inclusive societies and, at the same time, to create an enabling environment for young refugees to be fully fledged actors of their personal and community development. It tackles the following themes: intercultural learning; access to social rights; young women refugees; youth participation and mental health and trauma.



[Download the Step-by-step together publication \(1.6 Mb\)](#)



New ERYICA Good practice Booklet just published

It contains good practices on four thematic areas from a wide variety of countries.

**Good Practice
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ERYICA Youth on the Move (YoMIM) training - online

ERYICA has adapted the training 'Youth on the Move - InfoMobility (YoMIM)' to an online setting in 5 different languages (French, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Croatian). The aim of the training is to prepare youth (information) workers with the skills, knowledge and practical information required to support them in their role of providing (quality) information to young people on the move.

YOUTH ON THE MOVE - INFOMOBILITY (YoMIM)

ERYICA - European Youth Information and Counselling Agency is an independent

European organisation, composed of national youth information co-ordination bodies and networks. Fosters youth information work and services; to develop, support and promote quality general youth information policy and practice at all levels; and to ensure that the information needs of young people and the principles of the European Youth Information Charter are respected.

ERYICA - THE EUROPEAN YOUTH INFORMATION AND COUNSELLING AGENCY



Compendium of good practice of youth work with young migrants

From the Erasmus+ KA3 Becoming a part of Europe (<http://bpe-project.eu/home/>)

BPE - Becoming a part of Europe

Bpe is a european project that works in the field of youth, promoting fairness and inclusion for participants from disadvantages backgrounds and with fewer opportunities.

BPE-PROJECT



Draft tool - opportunity matchmaker - WANDERLUST?

In the framework of an Erasmus+ project entitled 'Future Youth Information Toolbox', 3 tools were made for youth (information) workers, based on the needs of young people. One of these tools is the 'Opportunity matchmaker'. Young people can answer some basic questions about the experience abroad they want, and they are directed to the opportunities open to them. It is still being piloted, but will be ready to use in the coming months.
