

Dear Reader,

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

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](#)

European Platform for Learning Mobility Conferences



The EPLM Conferences bring together researchers, practitioners, volunteers, policy makers, institutions and organisations in the youth field working on the topic of learning mobility. The next conference will be held on 22-24 January 2018, in France, with the title:

From Good to Better:

Enhancing quality in learning mobility in the youth field from cross-sectoral perspectives.

Quality in Learning Mobility in the Youth Field: Handbook with Charter, Indicators and Good Practice examples being prepared.

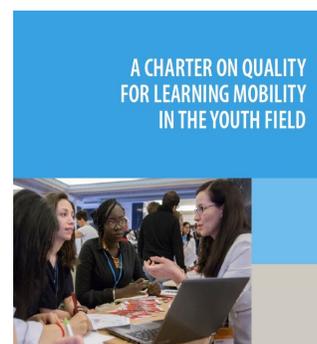
In 2016, a charter on quality in learning mobility in the youth field was finalised and approved by the EPLM Steering Group. The charter is aimed at those who implement transnational mobility projects in the youth field, and is now published and available online.

The charter will be the basis for developing a practical implementation manual, or handbook. The hand-

book will include a set of indicators that can be considered while planning, executing and evaluating learning mobility projects in the youth field.

The indicators will be developed during 2017, built upon the principles of the charter.

Furthermore, the handbook will also include good practice examples of implementation of learning mobility activities.



Youth Partnership

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



Does EVS make a difference? *New impact research published*

The European Commission have published the EVS Impact Study (May 2017) that analyses the impact of EVS on individuals, organisations and local communities. The study shows measurable impact of EVS on the volunteers' learning and competence development. It also identifies several options to further improve the impact of EVS for individuals and organisations, with a specific focus on the role of young people with fewer opportunities.

Download the impact study [here](#).



Study on the Impact of Transnational Volunteering
through the European Voluntary Service

April 2017

European Solidarity Corps – a proposed legal basis for a new European programme that includes volunteering, work placements and jobs



**EUROPEAN
SOLIDARITY
CORPS**

A new European programme based around volunteering and solidarity is being developed. The European Commission has carried out an ex-ante evaluation and published a legislative proposal for a legal basis for the European Solidarity Corps. The new Programme hopes to reach 100,000 young people by 2020, and aims to “enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in solidarity activities of high quality accessible to all young people as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion and solidarity in Europe, supporting communities and responding to unmet societal needs.”

ble to all young people as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion and solidarity in Europe, supporting communities and responding to unmet societal needs.”

Responding and feedback to European Solidarity Corps – ways for stakeholders to stay informed, and have their opinions represented.

National Agencies of Erasmus+ are working with National Authorities in responding to the proposal, and also implementing activities to raise awareness of the ESC. For example, the German National Agency is planning an information day in July 2017 at the EU-Commission's Representation in Berlin. They will discuss the proposal with political stakeholders, including a high-level Panel discussion, and inform applicants what's in it for them.

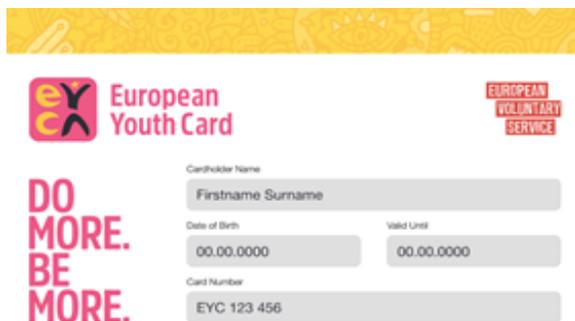
<https://www.jugend-in-aktion.de/ueber-das-programm/esc/>

Eurodesk have been involved in the ESC process from the initial stages, promoting the public consultation and participating in the European Stakeholder's Conference in Brussels on 12 April 2017. Also in answering enquiries from young people through the European Youth Portal and face-to-face. The Eurodesk position paper on the European Solidarity Corps is available in EN and DE:

<http://bit.ly/2pMZsW>

The European Youth Forum also have a position paper, and a more recently updated list of 'what we need for a better European Solidarity Corps'. <http://www.youthforum.org/pressrelease/what-we-need-for-a-better-european-solidarity-corps/>

European Youth Card for all EVS participants from 2017 onwards



All young people who join the European Voluntary Service in 2017 and 2018 will receive a free European Youth Card to help them make the most of their mobility experience. The European Youth Card is a card for young people offering a large number of discounts on culture, travel, accommodation, shopping and services in most European countries.

[Find out more about EYCA for EVS.](#)

RAY data – what did Erasmus+ YiA participants and project leaders learn, improve, strengthen or develop?

The 'Research-based Analysis of Erasmus+: Youth in Action' (RAY) is conducted by the RAY Network, which includes the National Agencies of Erasmus+: Youth in Action and their research partners in currently 29 countries.

Recently published is the transnational analysis of surveys with project participants and project leaders/team members involved



in Erasmus+: Youth in Action projects that were conducted between October 2015 and April 2016.

The data report, executive summary and main findings are now available online (published April 2017). The team are currently working on info-graphs, charts and publications!

Find the reports and data [here](#).

MOVE – research to improve conditions of mobility of young people in Europe. *An Horizon 2020 project bringing activities and results*



The overall ambition of MOVE is to provide a research-informed contribution towards improving the conditions of the mobility of young people in Europe. The research studies questions such as how different forms of mobility are linked, how living abroad affects lives and careers, and the impact of migration on labour.

Two open dialogue days were held: one in February 2017, focusing on mobility from the point of view of employment, and another on extremism.

The final event of the project will take part on 7-9 March 2018. The first day will be devoted to how the findings affect youth policy, youth work and youth information. The second part of the event will be research based and aims to discuss country specific and international policies and politics, comparative studies and historical analyses, looking in particular at the rationale underlying policy.

[Info on Conference and call for papers.](#)

Unpaid internships – European Youth Forum lodges a legal complaint in Belgium



The complaint (lodged on 12th May 2017) aims to challenge and ultimately change Belgian legislation, seeking a legal decision that will set a precedent across Europe and beyond to make this unfair and discriminatory practice illegal.

Currently Belgium has the highest percentage of unpaid interns in the EU, with only 1 in 5 (18%) being paid for work. One focus of the complaint is on the “stage bénévolat” or voluntary internship offered to young people after their studies, which are often used to replace entry-level jobs. The complaint argues that unpaid internships are in violation of the right to fair remuneration as well as the right of children and young persons to protection as defined in the European Social Charter.

Formal qualification in youth mobility

University Qualification in “Youth Work, Education and mobility” being prepared in Koblenz

The University of Applied Science in Koblenz (Germany) is conceptualising a dual study programme called “Youth Work, Education and Mobility“. Up to 35 students can enter the programme and also gain work experience in institutions/organisations in the field of international youth work. The concept of the programme is being designed together with partners of Research-Practice-Dialogue. The first class should start in 2018.

[More information \(in German\) here.](#)

What will be the role of youth information in the EU Youth Strategy for 2019?

Eurodesk and European Youth Forum co-organised an event in May 2017

Eurodesk and the European Youth Forum organised a joint seminar on the role of youth information in the upcoming EU Youth Strategy for 2019, on 2nd May. It brought together around 50 participants (and the same number online) to discuss the role of youth information to foster participation, inclusion and mobility.

See the recorded live-streaming videos on [Facebook](#).

Non-organised young people having a say in new EU youth Strategy

EYCA is currently implementing the project 'Youth mobility & the EYC - the way forward to a new EU Youth Strategy' which aims at bringing together non-organised young people, policy makers and youth workers to debate and make recommendations on the topic of youth mobility which would influence the next EU Youth Strategy and new programme for young people. The recommendations will be presented during a lobby event and will be part of the EYCA agenda to influence youth policies.

<https://goo.gl/CsPDQ9>



Understand European funding, 2014-2020

Increase your knowledge in the wide-range of European (Mobility) programmes

This funding guide is a basic introduction to funding opportunities for regional and local authorities, NGOs, businesses, professionals and citizens. It lists the most important EU funds in a simple way, and provides appropriate information to potential beneficiaries on the opportunities they offer.

Download the Guide [here](#).

Social Value of Youth Organisations – a Study by the European Youth Forum

A better understanding of the potential contribution of youth organisations, their actual contribution, and of the types of value they offer, hopes to inform efforts to enhance the sector's positive impact. The main objectives of this study are to:

- * Gather evidence from existing research on the role youth organisations play in both developing the potential of young people as members of society and in terms of the impact they make on society;
- * Collect evidence that may support the work of the European Youth Forum in raising societal interest around the role of youth organisations;
- * Collect evidence on the costs and benefits of investing in youth organisations; and
- * Collect evidence on the social impact of the educational role of youth organisations.

[Read the Study.](#)

i-EVAL – a new online tool for self-evaluation for international youth exchanges

What do young people think about their youth exchange programmes? A convenient online tool for the self-evaluation of group encounters is now available. Every organisation across Europe can use the scientific questionnaires and expand them by adding extra questions. The staff members and participants can fill in the questionnaires on their smartphones. Overall results are displayed instantly in a statistical and graphical output. i-EVAL is provided in English, German, French and Polish and can be used by everyone free of charge.

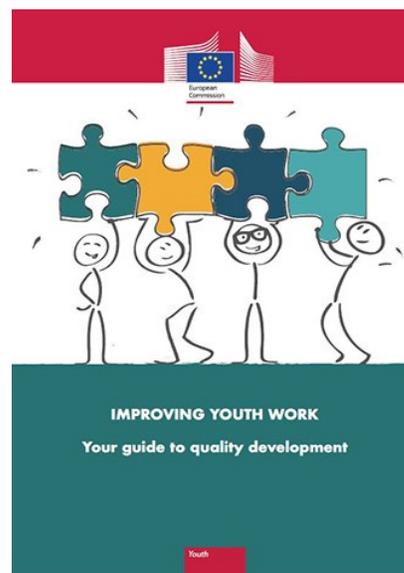
Learn more and check out the questionnaires [here](#).



Council of Europe: Seminar on the Recommendation for Young People's Access to Rights, 5-7 July 2017

Adopted on 28 September 2016, Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 aims to "improve young people's access to rights rather than addressing the specific rights themselves. It focuses on improving access by taking steps to promote awareness of the rights that young people should be able to enjoy and what they can do if their rights are violated, and by removing legal, political and social barriers [...]". In order to ensure that the Recommendation on young people's access to rights will be implemented, a roadmap was adopted by the Joint Council on Youth on 28-29 March 2017, which includes the Seminar to be held in July.

[Full text of the Recommendation here.](#)

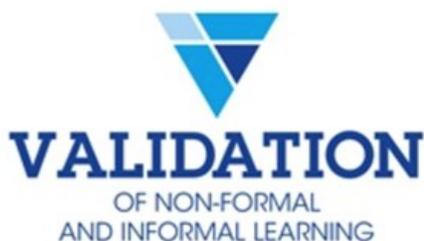


Improving Youth Work – Your guide to quality development

This is a handbook from the European Commission that targets all stakeholders involved in youth work, from young people to people working in public administration and politicians. It provides the reader with a step-by-step guide on how to engage in quality development in youth work and gives guidance on how to develop indicators, as well as the tools needed in order to see to what degree these indicators are met.

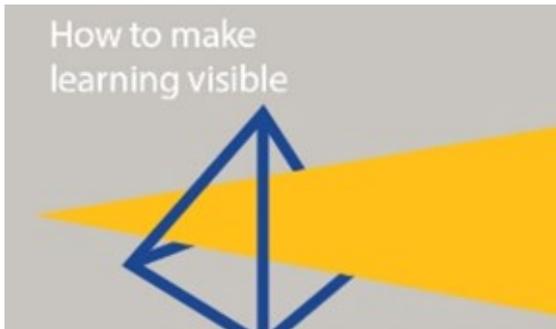
Download the Handbook [here](#).

Inventory Reports on the validation of non-formal and informal learning



The inventory reports are available by country, as well as 4 specific themes and an executive summary. They are a source of information to encourage more dialogue between the different stakeholders in developing and implementing validation in Europe. The key objective is to support Member States so that more learners and workers acquire and make visible new skills to support their career and further learning and to enhance their quality of life.

Find the reports [here](#).



“How to make learning visible” – outcomes of conference, Thessaloniki, 28-29 November 2016

With over 200 experts from all over Europe, we discussed how to make validation of non-formal and informal learning a reality. The main outcome confirmed by these stakeholders was that validation needs to move from policy to implementation. The #validationeurope hashtag has some interesting updates on the topic, and the report and recommendations can be downloaded [here](#).

How to promote information on European policies and opportunities for young people? *Some winning examples*



The Eurodesk Awards celebrate the day-to-day work of Eurodesk’s local multipliers (youth information centres, municipalities, youth associations etc) from all over Europe. This year initiatives were awarded around three themes: Mobility Awareness, Active Citizenship and Solidarity action. A handy Eurodesk Awards 2017 Project Catalogue was published which has good practice that can provide inspiration to others, and raise awareness of possibilities.

[Read the Awards publication.](#)

Taskforce to be set up to develop European youth work... says the newly adopted Recommendation by the committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

It’s been adopted! The Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 on youth work has now been officially adopted by the Committee of Ministers. The text was approved without further debate by the Ministers’ Deputies on 31 May 2017. Amongst other aspects, it recommends that governments of Member States ensure that “ the establishment or further development of quality youth work is safeguarded and pro-actively supported within local, regional or national youth policies, as appropriate... special attention should be paid to the need for strategies, frameworks, legislation, sustainable structures and resources, effective co-ordination with other sectors, as well as to related policies that promote equal access to youth work for all young people. Youth workers and young people should be actively engaged in any planned measures for implementation;”. With regard to European level, the Recommendation includes establishing a taskforce of relevant stakeholders to develop a mid-term strategy for the knowledge-based development of European youth work.

Read the official Recommendation [here](#).

Are young people getting the right information about Europe?

Eurodesk has published an Online Survey on youth information and mobility, to better understand the needs of young people with regards to information. The Survey is open until 30 June 2017. We strongly encourage youth organisations, national agencies, and other stakeholders to share this survey among young people. It is available in 10 languages (DE, EN, ES, FR, HU, IT, NL, PL, RO, TR).



[Access the survey.](#)

More support for youth information workers

Training and information to be made available online for wider reach

ERYICA is currently implementing a project aiming to develop online youth information training courses (DOYIT). Four existing ERYICA training courses will be turned into e-learning courses, among them the Yomim module (Youth On the Move infoMobility), which aims to train youth information workers on addressing the information needs of young people already in a mobility situation. The first online training course of Yomim will take place in early 2018.

More information on DOYIT [here](#).



Working together for inclusion – cross-sectoral stakeholders seminar in October 2017

SALTO-YOUTH
INCLUSION
RESOURCE CENTRE



Erasmus+

SALTO Inclusion is organising a seminar called 'Under the same roof' about how to work cross-sectorally on inclusion. Any stakeholder working on the inclusion of Roma, but also other young people with fewer opportunities, is invited to come and

learn how we can do more across sectors, rather than in your separate fields of specialisation.

It will be hosted by the Romanian National Agency for Erasmus+ in Bucharest from 25-28 October 2017. Sending costs for successful applicants to be covered by sending E+ National Agencies (Youth). The deadline to apply is 20th August 2017, email for queries: inclusion@salto-youth.net

[More information about the course.](#)



Warum nicht?
Studie zum internationalen
Jugendaustausch:
Zugänge und Barrieren
» Zugangstudie

How to reach young people who don't take part in mobility projects?

How to reach young people who don't take part in mobility projects? The "Zugangstudie" is a German project taking place between 2016-2018 analysing ways of accessing international youth work and the obstacles young people face when it comes to participation. A desk research of earlier studies, a representative study of young people and a survey of non-participants is already done. A meeting will take place in September in Berlin with journalists, to look into the potential results and the relevance of the research. By the end of 2018 strategies on how to effectively reach non-participants will be published. More materials in English will be published soon.

Go to "Zugangstudie" (in German) [here](#).

Good practice and recommendations on countering violent extremism and youth radicalisation'

EYCA, in partnership with the Council of Europe and Cyprus Chairmanship of the Committee of the Ministers of the Council of Europe, implemented a seminar 'Countering violent extremism and Youth Radicalisation: using the European Youth Card to promote peaceful communities', 29-31 January 2017. The event brought together policy-makers at the Council of Europe level, practitioners, young leaders and humanitarian / development workers with the aim of exchanging good practices and developing specific recommendations on how the youth card services can support social inclusion of young migrants and refugees.

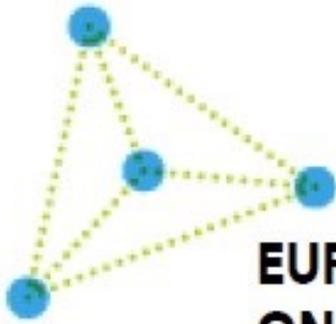
Report can be found [here](#).

Estonian Presidency of the EU July – Dec 2017 – focus on 'smart' youth work, using IT solutions to meet the youths' needs.

Estonia's priorities during its presidency include smart youth work, future of youth and youth sector, and youth volunteering. The Estonian government believes that youth work needs to smarten up. The aim of smart youth work is to provide IT solutions for youth work that meet the youth's needs.

"We need to develop digital solutions for youth and people working with them to help reach young people who are current-

ly out of reach. Further, we need to take advantage of digital solutions to support youth's active participation in decision-making and community initiatives, and enhance their readiness to enter the labour market," said Reelika Ojakivi, the Head of Youth Department of the Ministry of Education and Research.



**EUROPEAN PLATFORM
ON LEARNING MOBILITY**
in the youth field

[Follow us on Facebook](#)

[EPLM WEBSITE](#)

Looking forward to meet you again!