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Documentation

Report on the European Conference on the future EU Youth Strategy

The document reports on the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture conference 'Future EU Youth Strategy: Shape It, Move It, Be It', as part of the European Youth Week, which took place on the 3rd and 4th of May 2017. Participants discussed the future of the EU Youth Strategy after 2018. The report presents the key highlights and conclusions of the conference, including the outcomes from the plenary sessions and the six workshops.

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

Recommended Annual Instruction Time in Full-time Compulsory Education in Europe – 2016/17

The Eurydice report examines the recommended minimum instruction time in full-time compulsory general education in 2016/17 in 42 European education systems. It includes national diagrams illustrating the data by country and by subject. The comparative overview examines the policy changes that have taken place over the last year regarding the recommended annual instruction time and its distribution across subjects. It pays special attention to several subjects which are currently of particular interest at European level: reading, writing and literature, maths, natural sciences, other languages and physical education and health. For maths and natural sciences, it compares the minimum recommended by education PISA authorities with the instruction time reported by teachers and students in TIMSS and PISA surveys.

<http://bit.ly/2t6pHX0>

Boosting social enterprise development – Good Practice compendium

The report, jointly published by the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), provides a collection of initiatives aimed at boosting social enterprise developments. It identifies key lessons, providing concrete pointers for policy makers, from how to raise awareness and visibility of what social enterprises are and the value they provide, to how to unlock and attract funding better suited to their specific needs.

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

How civil society organisations assist refugees and migrants in the EU

The study, published by the European Economic and Social Committee, puts the spotlight on successful experiences and promising practices from the 2016 EESC civil society prize recognising civil society organisations, social partners and volunteers who are actively working to integrate migrants into the labour market and society at large, and to defend fundamental human rights, non-discrimination and human dignity.

<http://bit.ly/2wyWK4y>

Joining hands in solidarity video

During the European Youth Week 2017 young people were invited to join hands for solidarity. The European Solidarity Corps initiative can be a life-changing opportunity to young people to volunteer or work in places where their passion, commitment and

enthusiasm are needed the most. The video shows how to get involved and become part of the initiative by lending a hand!

<https://ec.europa.eu/youth/sites/youth/files/youth-week-esc.mp4>

European Investment Project Portal (EIPP)

European Commission meeting place for project promoters and investors. Project promoters based in the EU willing to reach potential investors worldwide can register their project in the European Investment Project Portal (EIPP) and boost their visibility to a large network of international investors. Vice versa, investors looking for investment opportunities in areas such as energy efficiency, transport, healthcare, renewable energy, broadband infrastructure or in financing SMEs can find a broad choice of viable projects

<https://ec.europa.eu/eipp/desktop/en/index.html>

Young European Ambassadors (YEA)

New platform Implemented by the 'EU NEIGHBOURS east' project where young people from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and EU Member States can share their ideas, knowledge and experiences about the European Union.

<http://bit.ly/2uqlaO1>

Opportunities

#BeInclusive EU Sport Awards

Launched by the European Commission Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), the awards aim to recognise organisations using the power of sport to increase social inclusion for disadvantaged groups. Organisations established in the European Union, public or private, commercial or not-for-profit, that have successfully developed sport projects aimed at social inclusion of ethnic minorities, refugees, people with disabilities, youth groups at-risk, or any other group that faces challenging social circumstances can participate.

Organisations will have to submit their projects, including digital material, like photos and videos (5 minutes maximum), to show their project in action. They should also submit a written description of their project (3 pages maximum), including its mission and vision, showing how it meets the three evaluation criteria of the awards: impact, replicability and innovation.

Three winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony on 22nd November in Brussels, Belgium, where the projects will be presented to an audience of sport inclusion experts and receive € 10,000 each.

Deadline: **15th September 2017**, 17:00 CET.

Find out more: <https://ec.europa.eu/sport/be-inclusive>

DG Interpretation Bursaries

Each year, the Directorate General for Interpretation of the European Commission offers a number of bursaries. Interpretation study bursaries are available to students of all disciplines who have been accepted for a full-time postgraduate training course in conference interpreting offered by a recognised university or university-level institution. The amount of the bursary to be granted is EUR 2,400 for those studying in a Member State, and EUR 1,600 for those studying in a non-Member State or in a candidate country.

Deadline: **15th September 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/TUNFOI>

Roaming in the EU Facebook Photo Contest

Launched by the European Commission, to mark the end of roaming charges for travellers in the EU, the contest is inviting any permanent EU resident to submit up to three pictures showing how they use their mobile phone or tablet without roaming fees while travelling in the EU. Pictures should have a short description and should be sent via [Messenger](#) to the [Digital Single Market Facebook Page](#). Pictures will be then uploaded on the contest [photo gallery](#). Entrants will have to invite their friends to Like the pictures. The three pictures with the highest number of Likes Will win. The three winners will each receive two Interrail passes for travel across the EU in any train.

Deadline: **16th September 2017**, 00:01 Central European Summer Time.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2sE5VgH>

Call for tenders (EACEA/2017/05) – ERASMUS+ Virtual Exchanges

The general objective of the contract is to set up and implement the 'Erasmus+ virtual exchanges' initiative, called EVE, linking countries' young people (aged 18 to 30 years), youth

workers, youth organisations, students and academics from European and southern Mediterranean using online learning activities and technology-enabled solutions in order to strengthen people-to-people contacts and intercultural dialogue.

Deadline: **22nd September 2017**, 17:00 (CET/CEST, Brussels time).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2vErMLi>

#BeActive Challenge Photo-Video Competition

In the framework of the European Week of Sport from 23rd to 30th September 2017 across Europe, the European Commission has launched the #BeActive Photo-Video Competition. In order to participate entrants will have to:

- sign up for the Challenge,
- engage in sport or physical activity,
- take a picture or video of themselves engaged in each of their activities,
- post at least one picture or a video, using the hashtag #BeActive, on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube or Twitter (there is no limit to the number of posts), and
- challenge their friends to take part (participants will get an additional entry for every friend who signs up).

Participants will get the chance to win sport and fitness prizes.

Deadline: **23rd September 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2u7yfwc>

Mediterranean Journalist Award 2017

Journalists of written press, television, radio and new media, citizens of the 42 countries of the Union for the Mediterranean, in addition to Syria and Libya, are invited to submit their works tackling intercultural issues between and within Euro-Mediterranean societies ranging from minorities, migration, integration and identity to religion and cultural traditions. Special attention will be given to works focusing on the theme "Intercultural Cities and Migration". Priority will be given to young journalists at an early stage of the professional career development.

Works could have been published in printed/online media, or broadcast on radio or television between the 1st January and the 27th of September 2017. In addition, on the occasion of the landmark 10th edition, a Special Alumni Award will be bestowed by the Anna Lindh Foundation Secretariat for outstanding contribution by a Journalist Award alumni in the promotion of intercultural dialogue. Up to four winners will receive a cash prize during a prestigious awarding ceremony set to take place in Brussels.

Deadline to submit entries: **27th September 2017**.

Find out more:

<http://www.annalindhfoundation.org/mediterranean-journalist-award>

EU prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards 2018

The Prize celebrates and promotes best practices related to heritage conservation, management, research, education and communication. In this way, it contributes to a stronger public recognition of cultural heritage as a strategic resource for Europe's society and economy. The Prize honours every year up to 30 outstanding heritage achievements from all parts of Europe. Up to seven are selected as Grand Prix laureates and one receives

the Public Choice Award, chosen in an online poll. All the winners will receive a certificate as well as a plaque or trophy. The Grand Prix laureates will also receive €10,000 each.

Deadline: **1st October 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/24CLbBQ>

Travel Video Contest 2017

Young people from 18 years old, from around the world, already enrolled or planning to enrol in college or university outside their home country are invited to join this contest. All they have to do is make a short video of maximum four minutes, explaining their reasons to travel or study abroad. If entrants are already studying abroad, they could make a video about a trip they would like to take. The author of the best video will be awarded with \$ 4,000. The winner will have to maintain a blog documenting the trip. Contributions are expected at least once a week during the preparation for the trip and daily during the trip.

Deadline: **13th October 2017**, 11:59 PM, EST.

Find out more: <https://www.internationalstudent.com/contest>

Juvenes Translatores: translation contest for schools

The competition is designed to give 17-year-olds (born in 2000) from schools throughout Europe first-hand experience of what it is like to be a translator. Young students will be given the opportunity to take part in a translation test that will take place on the same day in all EU countries: 23rd November 2017.

Pupils will be able to decide which of the European Union's official languages they want to translate to and from. This year's theme will be the "European Year for Development". Schools across Europe are invited to register on the contest website by **20th October 2017**. The awards ceremony will take place in Brussels, Belgium, in Spring 2018.

Find out more: http://ec.europa.eu/translatores/index_en.htm

Please also look at the Opportunities folder within the Eurodesk intranet for news on European and international (funding) opportunities.

Highlights

Apprenticeships abroad: Commission gives boost to long-term placements across the EU

The European Commission is pre-financing seven pilot projects that offer long-term apprenticeships abroad. The aim of these projects is to test experiment placements of at least 6 months, in an effort to promote apprenticeships abroad of a longer duration.

Already today, around 650,000 vocational education and training (VET) learners and graduates can benefit from Erasmus+ funding to support their mobility experiences of 2 weeks to 12 months abroad. Despite the benefits of long-term placements, however, less than 1% of them stays abroad for more than 6 months. The pilot-projects launched this year will therefore offer 238 apprentices a position in another EU country for a period from 6 to 12 months, to identify good practices and bottlenecks with longer-term apprenticeships abroad. These 238 placements come in addition to the 100 apprentices currently involved in similar projects financed by the Commission in 2016. As part of the Commission's overall effort to improve the long-term mobility of vocational education and training (VET) learners, in December 2016 the Commission also proposed the ErasmusPro initiative which will become operational in 2018 and which will allow an additional 50,000 young people to spend between 3 and 12 months in another Member State. Both the pilot projects and ErasmusPro are the first steps towards a European framework for the long-term mobility of apprentices. This will provide concrete guidance for Member States to give young people the chance to develop their skills and enhance their employability, while strengthening their sense of European citizenship through experience in another EU country. The seven pilot projects for 2017 aim to evaluate the demand and capacity for long-term transnational apprentice mobility schemes; identify bottlenecks for long-duration mobility; identify and disseminate good practices and success factors for long-term work placements for apprentices. The 2017 projects will run until end 2018 - early 2019.

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

Eurostat release: July 2017 Euro area unemployment rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in July 2017, 3.792 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.670 million were in the Euro area. Compared with July 2016, youth unemployment decreased by 450 000 in the EU28 and by 272 000 in the Euro area. In July 2017, the youth unemployment rate was 16.9% in the EU28 and 19.1% in the Euro area, compared with 18.7% and 20.8% respectively in July 2016. In July 2017, the lowest rate was observed in Germany (6.5%), while the highest were recorded in Greece (44.4% in May 2017), Spain (38.6%) and Italy (35.5%).

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

2018 ERASMUS+ annual work programme published

Published by the European Commission, the work programme outlines the structure and funding of the programme for 2018 and highlights the link between the policies as well as changes from 2017.

The text is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [German](#).

European Parliament approves extra €500 million to fight youth unemployment

On 30th August, the EP's Budgets Committee has approved an extra €500 million for the Youth Employment Initiative, part of a €1.2 billion top-up agreed for 2017-2020.

The Budgets Committee voted by 29 in favour to 3 against, with 0 abstentions, to add [€500 million to the EU Budget for 2017](#). Committee MEPs call on the Commission and Member States to ensure that the whole additional €500 million is fully committed by the end of 2017. The Draft Amending Budget 3/2017 will have to be approved by a plenary vote, scheduled during the 11th-14th September session.

<http://bit.ly/2vF6icZ>

Roma inclusion in the EU

According to the European Commission results of an assessment looking at how Member States are implementing their national Roma integration strategies, more effort is needed to improve access to schooling and employment. The assessment highlights how the situation of Roma has changed since 2011. Overall, the picture is slowly improving, for instance there is now greater participation of Roma in early childhood education and a declining rate of early school-leavers. On the other hand, the assessment also shows that as many as 80% of Roma are still at risk of poverty; although this figure is lower than in 2011. However, in the areas of education, employment, health, and housing, improvements are unequal and modest, according to the assessment.

The Commission is calling for further and more coordinated efforts between the European, national, and local levels. This includes creating national Roma platforms, for example, which bring all these actors together to streamline the work with Roma communities. Member States must prioritise the fight against discrimination and antigypsyism, and focus on the integration of Roma youth, women and children.

<http://bit.ly/2iKxx3l>

Please also look at the News folder within the Eurodesk intranet for other European news from the network.

Upcoming Events

EURES Job Days

Thinking about finding a job in another EU country?
EURES Job Mobility Portal organises job days all over Europe.

Find out more: <https://www.europeanjobdays.eu/en>

1st July-31st December 2017: Estonian EU Council Presidency

As of 1st July 2017 Estonia is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first time since the country joined the EU in 2004. It will be the first of a new Trio Presidency, composed of Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria. This will be the first time Estonia holds the rotating presidency. Under the motto “Unity through balance”, the Estonian Presidency will focus on an open and innovative European economy, a safe and secure Europe, a digital Europe and the free movement of data and an inclusive and sustainable Europe.

Find out more: <https://www.eu2017.ee>

13th September 2017: State of the Union Speech 2017, Strasbourg, France

The President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, will deliver his State of the Union address at the European Parliament. He will take stock of achievements of the past year and present the priorities for the year ahead. The President will also set out how the Commission will address the most pressing challenges the European Union is facing. The speech will be followed by a plenary debate. This kick-starts the dialogue with the Parliament and the Council to prepare the Commission Work Programme for the following year.

Find out more: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/state-union-2017_en

16th-22nd September 2017 – European Mobility Week 2017

During the European Mobility Week European cities and towns will have the opportunity to participate to the most widespread event on sustainable mobility. This year’s theme is “Sharing gets you further”.

Find out more: <http://www.mobilityweek.eu>

21st -22nd September 2017: 2nd OECD Higher Education Stakeholder Forum, Paris, France

The Forum will provide an opportunity to gain valuable feedback on the higher education work from a broad range of stakeholders and enrich the work’s quality and relevance. It will also help ensure that the OECD remains in touch with developments and emerging challenges in the higher education sector.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2uQ55jb>

25th September 2017: Conference on the future of EU finances, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Commission, the conference will bring together high-level members of European institutions, representatives of EU governments and other stakeholders to discuss how the EU budget can contribute to shape the future of Europe:

how to put money where it matters; how to capitalise on achievements; and how to design future-proof EU finances.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2gcQdZ9>

26th September 2017: European Day of Languages

Organised jointly by the EU and the Council of Europe, the European day of languages aims to raise public awareness of the languages used in Europe, to promote cultural and linguistic diversity and to encourage people, schoolchildren and adults, to learn languages.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1p9QsfZ>

27th September 2017: 10th Young Cultural Policy Researchers Forum, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Cultural Foundation (ECF) and ENCATC, the Forum aims to promote and stimulate trans-border exchanges among young/early career cultural policy researchers and contribute on a long-term basis to the development of a strong network of European researchers on cultural policy.

The event is free to attend, but [registration](#) is required.

Detailed information is available on: <http://bit.ly/2vSplnW>

4th-7th October 2017: One Young World Summit, Bogotá, Colombia

The Summit is a global initiative aiming to bring together the best and brightest of the next generation to discuss the most critical and compelling issues of our times. The summit will give young people from around the world, from 18 to 30 years old, a place to engage and have their voices heard about their future. There are fees.

Find out more how to attend on a scholarship: <https://www.oneyoungworld.com>

9th-12th October 2017: European Week of Regions and Cities, Brussels/Europe

European Week of Regions and Cities is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance.

Registration for Brussels-based activities is open until **29th September 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2osTgyY>

22nd-28th October 2017: Seminar on the role of NGO in Remembrance of the Holocaust, Krakow and Oswiecim, Poland

Organised in co-operation with the Polish Ministry of Education, the Krakow pedagogical University, the Auschwitz-Birkenau International centre and the Council of Europe, the seminar will ensure that representatives of NGOs (INGYOs, member associations of the NGO Liaison Committee, community organisations) have a solid, historical knowledge of the Holocaust, the history of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the diversity of its victims, including Roma. This will include a visit to the camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau and their various blocks. It will provide information on the Jewish presence and its traces in Krakow; promote educational practices relating to remembrance of the Holocaust and the prevention of crimes against humanity, particularly in informal educational contexts and reflect on the specific role of NGOs in passing on the remembrance of the Holocaust and the prevention of crimes against humanity, and, more generally, the passing down of knowledge to future generations.

The seminar is addressed to voluntary sector leaders from member associations of the NGO Liaison Committee, INGYOs, in conjunction with the youth sector and community organisations.

The seminar will be in English.

The Council of Europe will cover the travel costs and boarding and lodging.

A maximum of five representatives from public bodies with an interest in the topic could also participate.

Deadline to apply: **18th September 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2vDgGWL>

25th-28th October 2017: Regional training course on Roma youth participation and self-organisation, Chişinău, Republica Moldova

Organised by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe within the framework of the Roma Youth Action Plan project, the training aims to raise participants' competences to support the self-organisation and participation of young Roma people in decision making processes at local and regional level.

The event will be an opportunity for Roma and non-Roma youth and policy stakeholders (Roma and youth relevant authorities including the national youth councils) to ensure that double mainstreaming of Roma youth issues is addressed and supported.

The working language of the training course is Romanian.

Deadline: **15th September 2017**, 18:00 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2ww55Yx>

14th-17th November 2017: Training Course "Enter! Youth Centres and access to social rights of young people", Budapest, Hungary

The training course provides an opportunity for staff of labelled youth centres and partners to strengthen their knowledge of the Youth Departments tools and quality standards and explore possibilities to associate their educational programme to the values and youth policy priorities of the Youth sector of the Council of Europe.

It aims to develop participants' competences in developing and running educational programmes and youth work on access to social rights of young people, especially those experiencing discrimination, violence and/or exclusion. The course will pay a particular attention to the policy dimension of education and youth work and the role of the youth centres in the implementation of the Enter! recommendation. The course targets educational staff, or decision making staff of the youth centres that have received the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres and members of the Platform and educational staff or decision making staff of associated partners of the youth centres, participating in the meetings of the Platform and aspiring to receive the Quality Label.

Deadline: **20th September 2017**, 13:00 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2x2PIrl>

27th-30th November 2017: Conference Digital Youth Work, Vienna, Austria

The Conference will bring together 100/120 youth workers and youth work stakeholders from Europe and create a space to examine the concept of digital youth work from diverse angles. It will inform about current developments on EU-Level, present concrete practice, enable participants to get a hands-on-experience on tools that are useful for their daily work and reflect on the role of youth workers in a digital world.

The conference is addressed to youth workers, trainers, youth leaders, project managers from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries and Partner Countries Neighbouring the EU.

Deadline to apply: **5th October 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2iLjgnM>

27th November - 1st December 2017: Entrepreneurship School, Paris, France

The course is addressed to young people interested in widening their business horizon and developing their own entrepreneurial ideas. During the 5-day programme, focusing on sharing economy, participants from all around the world will have the opportunity to meet and challenge the most successful entrepreneurs. They will meet, discuss and compete against participants, share opinions and experiences with successful entrepreneurs and will also have the chance to contribute towards developing a new business start-up idea in an interactive way.

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Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2tzabil>

4th-5th December 2017: World Bank Group's Youth Summit, Washington D.C., USA

Under the theme of "Technology and Innovation for Impact", the summit will provide a forum for young professionals from 18 to 35 years old, from around the world to share ideas and experiences and debate how to maximize the potential of Information Communication Technologies all around the globe.

As part of the summit, participants are also invited to join the Youth Summit Competition 'Technology and Innovation for Impact'. Proposals shall provide an innovative and action-oriented business-level or policy-level idea aimed at solving a problem/need that will support at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and one of the World Bank's Twin goals of (1) Reducing poverty and (2) Boosting Shared Prosperity. Finalists will present their proposals at the Youth Summit. Winners will receive in-kind prizes. The deadline to submit a proposals for the Competition is 29th September 2017, 23:50 EST. It is not compulsory having participated in the Competition to attend the Youth Summit.

The event will also webcast live.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2w2bA1z>

Salto-Youth: Training Calendar

The European Training Calendar contains current training offers of different institutions and organisations, such as SALTO, the National Agencies for the YOUTH IN ACTION Programme, non-governmental youth organisations, the European Youth Centres of the Council of Europe and the Partnership Programme on European Youth Worker Training. They are addressed to young people, group leaders, mentors, trainers and other specialists.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1ppG1uS>