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Erasmus+

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Deadlines up to 1May 2016

Upcoming deadlines

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000401	5April	Erasmus for young entrepreneurs
EU0010000181	14 April 2016	Traineeships and student summer jobs at the Erasmus+ KA3: Support for policy reform - Initiatives for policy innovation Policy experimentations in the fields of education, training and youth led by high-level public authorities
EU0010000459	15 April 2016	International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)
EU0010000413	15 April 2016	Bogliasco Fellowships Programme
EU0010000509	19 April 2016	Bocconi Scholarship and Merit Awards for International Students
EU0010000606	26 April 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-Youth Exchanges
EU0010000604	26 April 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-European Voluntary Service
EU0010000607	26 April 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Youth workers
EU0010000619	26 April 2016	Erasmus+Key Action3-Structured Dialogue: meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth
EU0010000615	26 April 2016	Erasmus+Key Action2-Strategic Partnerships in the field of education, training and youth
EU0010000050	28 April 2016	Horizon2020: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)
EU0010002067	28 April 2016	Creative Europe - Cross-sectoral - Refugee Integration Projects 2016
EU0010000150	30 April 2016	Internship programme at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
EU0010000147	30 April 2016	Traineeships at the European Ombudsman
EU0010000352	30 April 2016	Traineeships at the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
EU0010000091	30 April 2016	Traineeships at the Council of Europe
EU0010000180	30 April 2016	Traineeship at the Court of Justice
EU0010000324	1 May 2016	OSCE Parliamentary Assembly International Secretariat Research Fellowship

Documentation

Promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education

Published by Eurydice Network, this leaflet provides a short overview of recent education policy developments in European countries related to the objectives of the Paris Declaration. It also analyses the aspects of education systems covered by these policies as well as the levels of education concerned. It covers the 28 EU Member States, which are signatories to the Declaration, as well as other members of the Eurydice Network.

<http://bit.ly/1LqCuqY>

Study on the Diversity within the Teaching Profession with Particular Focus on Migrant and/or Minority Background

According to a new study, just published by the European Commission although with limited data, teaching staff with migrant and minority backgrounds are underrepresented compared to the actual diversity of learners in many European countries. The study identifies and analyses the existing statistical data, explores the prevalence of the different barriers to teacher diversity, maps the policies and initiatives implemented across Europe and examines the evidence on the effectiveness of the policies.

[Study on the Diversity within the Teaching Profession with Particular Focus on Migrant and/or Minority Background](#)
[Executive summary](#)

Unleashing young people's creativity and innovation

Published by the European Commission, the brochure contains inspiring initiatives, practices and tools, including EU projects, that showcase how youth work and non-formal learning can enhance young people's creativity and innovation, through their experimental nature, participatory approaches, and peer-learning, and how this can help them find their place in the labour market and in life.

<http://bit.ly/1QCaAqF>

Eastern Partnership Youth Policy Analytic Report

Published by the Eastern Partnership Youth Regional Unit Project (EPYRU), the study analyses the current legal frameworks for youth policies in the six Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine), with a particular focus on youth employment policies.

<http://bit.ly/1ShzT1T>

European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)

European Commission platform providing access to information on financing and expected achievements under the different ESI Funds (2014-2020). The data relates to the 531 programmes as at the beginning of November 2015. It will be updated in 2016. <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu>

EYE2016 ideas labs

Created by the European Parliament, the platform invites young people to discuss the most urgent issues with regard to the future of Europe like Terrorism in Europe, Human rights in the Internet, Integration of young migrants, Working conditions in the 21st century, Waste of resources in the typical product's cycle. Best comments, proposals and ideas posted on the website, will then be taken to the European Parliament by rapporteurs at the European Youth Event 2016, in Strasbourg, France.

<https://www.eye-ideaslab.eu>

CEDEFOP Skills Panorama- Matching skills and jobs

The new section of the Skills Panorama website 'Matching skills and jobs', offers a series of indicators on skills and labour market mismatches, including the key indicators from Cedefop's European skills and jobs (ESJ) survey. The new indicators allow the user to gauge issues around skill mismatches such as under-skilling, under-utilisation of skills or skills obsolescence among employees in the European Union. Other indicators explore labour market imbalances such as the long-term unemployment rate and the number of young people not in employment, education or training.

<http://bit.ly/1W2Dlyv>

"Volunteers of Europe": personal stories of EVS volunteers in Facebook

Organised by MOVIT, the Slovenian National Agency of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme, the Facebook page "Volunteers of Europe" aims to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the EVS volunteering scheme and present at the same time the diverse and inspiring experiences of (ex) EVS volunteers.

<https://www.facebook.com/EVSvolunteers>

Opportunities

Call for proposals: Pilot Project on long-term mobility for apprentices - A European framework for mobility of apprentices: Developing European citizenship and skills through youth integration in the labour market

The aim of this call is to enable young apprentices to develop their skills and enhance employability prospects, whilst also strengthening their sense of European citizenship. Three main objectives will guide the actions to be developed through the projects financed. Firstly, these will set out to test whether sufficient demand and uptake exist among relevant stakeholders for developing long-term (6-12 months) trans-national apprentice mobility placement schemes. Secondly, projects will seek to identify obstacles (legal, practical, institutional, academic) that prevent apprentices from carrying out longer term stays abroad. Finally, lessons will be drawn to disseminate good practices and success factors on long-term work placements for apprentices.

Deadline: **15th April 2016**

Find out more: <http://http://bit.ly/228xonq>

Call for tenders EAC/33/2015 - Assistance for the running, evolution, growth and success of the Marie Curie Alumni Association

The objective of the call is to employ the services of a suitable contractor who will be responsible for assisting the Marie Curie Alumni Association (the MCAA a non-profit organisation) to conduct its business, to offer attractive services to its membership, to host, maintain, improve and expand the MCAA web site, to help steer the MCAA towards future financial independence and to expand its membership.

Deadline: **25th April 2016**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/21v9m3I>

Creative Europe-Cross-sectoral-Refugee Integration Projects 2016

Launched by the European Commission, the call supports cultural, audio-visual and crosssectorial projects aiming at facilitating the integration of refugees in the European environment, enhancing mutual cultural understanding and fostering intercultural and interreligious dialogue, tolerance and respect for other cultures.

Deadline: **28th April 2016**, 12:00 CET/CEST (Midday, Brussels time).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1nyCwl9>

EU Aid Volunteers Deployment

Launched by the European Commission, the call provides funding to support actions aimed at deployment of EU Aid Volunteers to support and complement humanitarian aid in third countries in projects focusing on disaster risk reduction, disaster preparedness and linking relief rehabilitation and development.

Deadlines:

- **17th May 2016** (for projects starting between 1st October 2016 and 31st January 2017, with a maximum duration of 24 months);
- **1st September 2016** (for projects starting between 1st February 2017 and 31st May 2017, with a maximum duration of 24 months).

Read more: <http://bit.ly/2365BnY>

Google Science Fair 2016

Young scientists, from 13 to 18 years old, all over the world, are invited to join the fair and submit interesting, creative projects that are relevant to the world today. They can compete on their own or in a team of up to three persons. Entrants can submit projects in any one of the following categories: flora & fauna, food science, earth & environmental sciences, inventions & innovation, electricity & electronics, robotics, biology, chemistry, physics, behavioral & social sciences, energy & space, astrophysics, computer science & math.

Prizes include \$50,000 in scholarships and classroom grants from Scientific American and Google, a National Geographic Expedition to the Galapagos, an opportunity to visit LEGO designers at their Denmark headquarters, and the chance to tour Virgin Galactic's new spaceship at their Mojave Air and Spaceport.

Deadline: **17th May 2016** at 11:59:59 PM,PT

Find out more: <https://www.google-sciencefair.com/en>

PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival 2016

Young people up to 25 years of age worldwide are invited to submit short videos of maximum five minutes and share their thoughts, experiences, opinions, questions and suggestions about Migration, Diversity and Social Inclusion. Videos must have been completed after January 2014 and, if not in English, must have English subtitles. An international jury will award prizes in three age-based categories: up to 12, 13 to 17, 18 to 25 years old. The three winners will each receive US\$ 1,000 as well as an invitation (travel and accommodations expenses paid) to attend the PLURAL+ Awards Ceremony held in New York City in the fall of 2016.

Entries should be sent by **29th May 2016**, before midnight (New York City Time GMC -5hours).

Find out more: <http://pluralplus.unaoc.org>

INTRA-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (EACEA/07/2016)

The programme's objective is to promote sustainable development and ultimately contribute to poverty reduction by increasing the availability of trained and highly qualified professional manpower in Africa.

The deadline: **15th June 2016**, 12.00 noon CET.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1UH7juS>

Photo competition "Imagine Europe without Borders"

The European Socialist Group in the Committee of the Regions has launched its annual Photo competition under the theme "Imagine Europe without Borders". Amateur and professional photographers from 18 years old, resident in one of

the 28 EU Member States, can send their photo depicting their interpretation of a "Europe without borders. Only one entry per participant is allowed. There will be three jury prizes and one awarded by the public. The public vote will take place between 19th and 30th September 2016. The three winners of the jury prizes will win a three-day trip to Brussels, Belgium, for two persons, together with photographic/electronic equipment. The public's choice winner will receive only photographic/electronic equipment worth up to EUR 500, composed of a maximum of 4 items. The award ceremony is scheduled to take place in the third week of October 2016.

Deadline: **30th June 2016**, 23:00 CET

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/224VCSU>

European Youth Award (EYA)

Innovative students and young people under 30 (born after January 1st, 1983), from one of the member states of the Council of Europe, Belarus or Kosovo can enter their projects on the seven categories:

1. Healthy Life: nutrition, healthcare, med tec;
2. Smart Learning: education, e-skills, open science, infotainment;
3. Connecting Cultures: language, travelling, diversity, new communities;
4. Go Green: sustainable energy, mobility, smart cities, climate change;
5. Active Citizenship: citizen journalism, social cohesion, human rights, (wo)men empowerment;
6. Money Matters: financial literacy, employment, fundraising, fin tec;
7. Open Innovation: disruptive apps, entertainment, crazy stuff, digital magic;
8. Special Category 2016: migration, integration, inclusion, refugee movement.

The European Youth Award will honor up to 3 winners (persons or teams) per category. One producer or representative of the winning project will be invited to the EYA Festival (Winners Event), to present the project, product or application there and receive the award personally.

Travel costs will be covered with a lump sum.

Accommodation will be provided. The EYA Festival will take place in Graz (Austria), from 18th to 21st November 2016.

Deadline: **15th July 2016**.

Find out more: <http://www.eu-youthaward.org>

Highlights

Transforming school education – conference discusses results of EU Working Group on Schools Policy

On 7th and 8th March a conference in Brussels discussed the results of the ET2020 Working Group on Schools Policy - an expert group of policymakers and stakeholders from more than 30 European countries. The Group's work over the last two years had focused on identifying successful policy approaches to reducing early school leaving and to raising the quality of Initial Teacher Education. The peer learning in and between country delegations was a central element of this conference. Acting as each others' critical friends country delegations explored strengths and weaknesses of their school education systems and defined possible future actions.

<http://bit.ly/1qllEAq>

EUROSTAT Euro area job vacancy rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the job vacancy rate in the Euro area (EA19) was 1.6% in the fourth quarter of 2015, up from 1.5% in the previous quarter and the fourth quarter of 2014. The job vacancy rate in the EU28 was 1.7% in the fourth quarter of 2015, up from 1.6% in the previous quarter and the fourth quarter of 2014. In the Euro area and the EU28, the job vacancy rate in the fourth quarter of 2015 was 1.2% in industry and construction, and 2.0% in services. Among the Member States for which comparable data are available, the highest job vacancy rates in the fourth quarter of 2015 were recorded in Germany and the United Kingdom (both 2.6%), the Czech Republic (2.4%) and Belgium (2.2%), and the lowest in Poland (0.5%), Spain and Portugal (both 0.6%). Among the Member States for which data for the fourth quarter of 2015 are published, the job vacancy rate rose in twenty one, remained stable in four and fell in two compared to the fourth quarter of 2014. The largest increases were registered in the Czech Republic (+0.8 percentage points) and Latvia (+0.7 pp). The only decreases were recorded in Malta (-0.4 pp) and Estonia (-0.1 pp).

<http://bit.ly/1VVvh17>

EUROSTAT quarterly data on employment

According to national accounts estimates published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the number of persons employed increased by 0.3% in the Euro area (EA19) and by 0.1% in the EU28 in the fourth quarter of 2015 compared with the third quarter of 2015. In the third quarter of 2015, employment increased by 0.3% in both zones. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 1.2% in the Euro area and by 1.0% in the EU28 in the fourth quarter of 2015 (after +1.1% and +1.0% respectively in the third quarter of 2015). Eurostat estimates that, in the fourth quarter of 2015, 229.9 million men and women were employed in the EU28, of which 151.9 million were in the Euro area. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

These quarterly data on employment provide a picture of labour input consistent with the output and income measure of national accounts.

Among Member States for which data are available, Malta (+1.7%) and Croatia (+0.8%) recorded the highest increases in the fourth quarter of 2015 compared with the previous quarter, followed by Spain, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal and Sweden (all +0.7%). Estonia (-2.4%), the United Kingdom (-1.0%) and Lithuania (-0.3%) recorded decreases.

<http://bit.ly/252euRB>

Volunteer time recognition (VTR) in projects supported by the European Youth Foundation

The European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe has made available a new calculation tool to further support youth NGOs to include Volunteer Time Recognition (VTR) in their applications and reports to the EYF. The EYF has included a VTR calculator in the model budget table for each grant category.

<http://bit.ly/1RA1w4a>

Combating Sexist Hate Speech

A seminar of the No Hate Speech Movement, linked to the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy of the Council of Europe, took place last February at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg. Sexist forms of hate speech are direct manifestations of violence against women and girls, which remains the most pronounced expression of the uneven balance of power between women and men, one of the root causes of discrimination against women. The seminar reviewed the causes and extent of sexist hate speech on young people and identified measures to prevent, counter, report and remedy them. The expected outcomes included:

- Proposals for the Council of Europe's future work to combat sexist hate speech;
- A strategy to address and prevent sexist hate speech through the No Hate Speech Movement campaign, starting with the 8th March 2016 (International Women's Day);
- Exchange information on good practices to combat sexist hate speech.

The seminar was co-organised by the Department of Equality and Dignity and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe.

<http://bit.ly/1PIG0wD>

Upcoming Events

EURES Job Fairs

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

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

11th April 2016: Meeting of Directors-General of Higher Education, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

During the two-day meeting the directors-general will discuss the updating of the European Modernisation Agenda for Higher Education. The meeting will focus on the skills students will need to acquire in preparation for the changing labour market of the future.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1RQeXPO>

20th April 2016: European Citizens' Initiative Day 2015, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), the event will be a meeting place and platform for the registered and future ECI organisers to meet and exchange information and experiences, and present their ECIs to the media. The focus will be on how to make an ECI as effective as possible, regardless of whether it is successful, and the help available to organisers.

Deadline to register: **17th April 2016.**

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

20th April 2016: New Role for Culture in External Relations Re-integrating Cultural Relations and Diplomacy, Brussels, Belgium

The conference will focus on what the closer integration of culture and diplomacy means in practice: what opportunities it offers, what risks it holds and, above all, how the potential scope of culturally-framed actions can influence problems traditionally seen as political.

Deadline to register: **15th April 2016.**

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1SYp6MI>

28th-29th May 2016: The World Village Festival, Helsinki, Finland

The Festival will offer tastes of different cultures and surprises from all over the world focusing on tolerant multiculturalism, development cooperation, global issues and expanding one's possibilities of affecting everyday life. This year the main theme is justice, while the regional focus is on Asia.

Volunteers can apply by sending their registration by **17th April 2016.**

Find out more: <http://www.maailmakylassa.fi/english>

30th May-3rd June 2016: EU-China Youth Policy Dialogue & Expert Seminar, Suzhou and Shanghai, China

Organised by the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) and European Commission, the seminar will focus on the theme of “Approaches of how Youth Organizations Reach Young People”, under which the topics of youth participation, youth social inclusion, anti-radicalisation, capacity building of youth organisations, values education, new media will be tackled. The approaches to reach young people will mainly be discussed under two aspects, “How” and “What”, allowing focusing on organisational based and content based perspectives, respectively.

Anyone active in youth work or youth organisations relevant to the EU – China youth cooperation can express the interest to participate and should indicate the topic for active contribution to the seminar. Participants can represent a national, a local or regional public body, a non-profit or non-governmental organisation, a body active at European level in the youth field (ENGO), an international governmental non-profit organisation or a relevant cooperation project between the EU and China in the field of youth.

Deadline: **12th April 2016**, 23:59 (CET).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1UY46qu>

31st May-1st June 2016: Civil Society Days, Brussels, Belgium

The event is a symbol of the cooperation between the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the members of the Liaison Group representing European civil society organisations and networks. This year, it will focus on migration and on how Europe can be made more open and adapt to what needs to be seen as a structural change.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1UwPbnd>

4th-6th July 2016: EDULEARN, the 7thAnnual International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies, Barcelona, Spain

International Forum for those wishing to present their projects and discuss the latest innovations and results in the field of New Technologies in Education, E-learning and methodologies applied to Education and Research.

There are different deadlines for virtual and on spot participants.

Find out more: <http://iated.org/edulearn>

10th-18th July 2016: Youth Peace Camp - Engaging young people and youth organisations from conflict-stricken regions in dialogue and conflict transformation, European Youth Centre Strasbourg, France

The Camp aims to engage young people and youth organisations from conflict affected regions in dialogue and conflict transformation activities based on human rights education and intercultural learning. This year, a particular focus will be given to the role of hate speech in armed conflict and connect with No Hate Speech Movement campaigns at European and national levels. The camp is addressed to young people, from 18 to 25 years old, from Kosovo(coming from Albanian, Serbian and other backgrounds), Ukraine (especially from border regions and from Luhansk and Donetsk), the Russian Federation(especially young people directly affected by conflicts in Georgia and Ukraine) and from South Caucasus(in particular from border regions and ethnic minorities). They

will have to be fully committed to take part in the Youth Peace Camp project, be involved in youth or community projects and motivated to implement youth initiatives for peace building within their own communities and be able to work in English. Travel expenses and visa costs are reimbursed upon presentation of the relevant receipts, according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Board and lodging at the seminar will be provided and paid for by the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg.

Deadline to [apply](#): **20th April 2016**
Find out more: <http://bit.ly/230FqyZ>

26th-29th October 2016: Nantes Creative Generations Youth Initiatives Forum, Nantes, France

The Forum will be an occasion to discuss and share innovative experiences among young people in different European countries, all of whom are involved in original projects that help strengthen the notion of citizenship, of “living together” and opening up to others. Associations, organisations and youth groups whose participants are between 18 and 30 years old, from the Nantes metropolitan area or the Council of Europe member state, are invited to apply before **31st May 2016**.

Transport and accommodation and food costs of European participants will be covered by Nantes Métropole (maximum 2 participants per project).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1hOaLi5>

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://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar>