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Deadlines up to 1 July 2016

Upcoming deadlines

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000631	1 June 2016	Training placements at the European Parliament
EU0010000557	1 June 2016	WTO Essay Award for Young Economists
EU0010000382	1 June 2016	Traineeship at the European Medicines Agency
EU0010000485	2 June 2016	A Sea of Words - International Short Stories Contest
EU0010000219	6 June 2016	Traineeship at CEDEFOP
EU0010000286	9 June 2016	Traineeships at the European Central Bank
EU0010002074	9 June 2016	Become EU Parliament Virtual Correspondent for a Day Competition
EU0010000469	12 June 2016	M100 Youth Media Workshop
EU0010000543	15 June 2016	Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme
EU0010000404	26 June 2016	European Youth Capital
EU0010000636	27 June 2016	Travel writing scholarship 2016
EU0010000370	30 June 2016	ENCATC Research Award on Cultural Policy and Cultural Management
EU0010000453	30 June 2016	European Photo competition - Imagine Europe without Borders
EU0010000598	30 June 2016	Global Study Awards
EU0010000630	30 June 2016	Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition
EU0010000618	1 July 2016	Erasmus+Key Action2-Capacity Building in the field of youth

Documentation

European Youth in 2016

Published by the European Parliament, on the eve of the 2016 European Youth Event (EYE2016), the Eurobarometer survey finds that more than half of young Europeans aged 16-30 feel marginalised in their own country due to the economic crisis, but few want to move abroad. Nevertheless, for almost all respondents, it is important to learn about the EU and how its institutions work. A significant proportion of young people say online social networks represent progress for democracy. Very large numbers of young Europeans have adopted daily practices to protect the environment and combat climate change.

The survey, conducted among 10 294 young Europeans in the 28 Member States between 9th and 25th April 2016, found marked differences among countries on most of the issues addressed.

<http://bit.ly/1TFTU0w>

Social inclusion and young people – excluding youth: a threat to our future

Published by the European Youth Forum, the report examines the social situation of youth and assesses the quality of social policies and social protection and services available to young people. It demonstrates gaps in the current functioning of welfare systems in Europe that need to be addressed. It shows that the European social model has to adapt to a changed social and economic context to guarantee investment in the young generation through education, creation of quality jobs, social protection, healthcare and housing support.

<http://bit.ly/1TQ8UNT>

eTwinning Generation, celebrating ten years of eTwinning

Over the past 10 years, thousands of teachers have used eTwinning – the European community for schools – to help over two million school pupils experience being Europeans by means of virtual exchanges.

The booklet collects stories from 44 of these students in 11 countries who, through their projects, worked with students in over 34 countries. They share their memories and insights on how their lives changed – since a very young age – thanks to this successful European project, which started over 10 years ago.

<https://www.etwinning.net/en/pub/discover/publications.htm>

ILO: Self-employment programmes for young people: A review

The aim of this paper is to provide a comprehensive analysis of the key issues surrounding the use of self-employment interventions as labour market attachment mechanisms for young people. This review specifically explores self-employment and entrepreneurship interventions that have been adopted in various contexts (from low to high income countries) in order to help facilitate the integration of young people into the labour market, and promote inclusive development.

<http://bit.ly/1sHx3ev>

Erasmus+ website

Revamped website dedicated to the Erasmus+, the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. The website is available in all 24 official languages of the EU.

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Skillage - are you ready to get hired?

Skillage assesses users' understanding of ICT in an employment setting. Each question has a number of possible answers that will explore a particular ICT skill. Some have straight answers, but some will make users think a bit. The tool is designed to make users think about each topic, and consider if they really know how to do it.

<http://www.skillage.eu>

Opportunities

Travel writing scholarship 2016

World Nomads is inviting students and nonprofessional writers from any nationality (but with exceptional written English skills) to submit applications for its travel writing scholarship.

Entrants will have to write a 2500 character story about a travel experience around one of the following themes:

- How did I end up here?
- A local encounter I'll never forget.
- The time I discovered...

Three aspiring writers will win a 10-day travel-writing trip across Australia. They will also attend a three-day travel-writing course in Melbourne, Australia. The scholarships will cover airfare, accommodation and travel insurance.

Deadline to apply: **27th June 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1Z7ZFs5>

ENCATC Research Award on Cultural Policy and Cultural

Granted each year, the award is offered to the best recent PhD Thesis on comparative cultural policies or management topics presented by a young researcher. Eligible candidates are young researchers up to 35 years of age from Europe and the rest of the world. They must have defended the PhD Thesis between the dates of 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2016 and be qualified with cum laude. All the PhDs summaries must be presented in English although the original version can be in another language.

Deadline: **30th June 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1spHyn6>

Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition

The Goi Peace Foundation, Stiftung Entrepreneurship and Digital Experts United are inviting young entrepreneurs from 15 to 35 years old, from around the world, to submit their innovative ideas and projects with a societal impact, championing and implementing one or more of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Through the competition process, entrants will have the opportunity to optimise their ideas and develop their enterprise by receiving online training and support from the global online community.

Deadline: **30th June 2016.**

Find out more: <https://www.entrepreneurship-campus.org>

Call for tenders EAC/07/2016 – European Expert Network on Economics of Education

The European expert network on economics of education will support the European Commission in the analysis of education and training policies and reforms, and of their implications. It will provide access to key knowledge

and evidence from the most relevant European and international research on the economic aspects of education and training. The Network will also contribute to the dissemination of policy-relevant knowledge and evidence on economic aspects of education and training.

The European expert network on economics of education will be the direct successor to EENEE (2013-2016).

Deadline: **30th June 2016**.

Find out more: http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/0716_en.htm

EU Aid Volunteers initiative: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

The EU Aid Volunteers initiative brings volunteers and organisations from different countries together to work on humanitarian projects worldwide. The objective of this call is to strengthen the capacities of sending and hosting organisations intending to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative and to ensure compliance with the standards and procedures regarding candidate volunteers and EU Aid.

Deadline: **4th July 2016**, 12:00 CET.

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

Pact Zollverein Residency Programme 2017

From January to July 2017 PACT Zollverein is offering a residency programme for the development and realisation of projects and productions. The programme is open to professional artists from both Germany and abroad working in the fields of dance, performance, media arts or music. Awarded twice yearly by a jury, residencies provide artists a local space and accommodation. Residents will also receive technical support and advisory assistance with press and public relations and dramaturgy.

Deadline: **11th July 2016**.

Find out more: <http://www.pact-zollverein.de/en/artists-centre>

Next Generation of Science Journalists Award 2016

Young science journalists, at the beginning of their career with a maximum of five years' experience, should submit their article on the main topic of "Health", which must have been published after 1st January 2015. The article may be published in any form: print, digital, acoustic or visual. Audio and video content is to be made available via web-link. Submissions will be accepted from all countries; however the content should be in English. Translations will be accepted if the original article is attached. A short CV (one page), and a scan of a current passport, must accompany the submission.

The top five young science journalists will be invited to participate in the World Health Summit (WHS) 2016, held from 9th to 11th October 2016 at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, Germany. Additionally, each winner will receive € 500 to recompense travel expenses.

Deadline: **14th July 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1sGGw5M>

European Prevention Prize 2016

The European Drug Prevention Prize is awarded every two years to active youth drug prevention projects that are currently functioning in Pompidou Group member states. Its objective is to recognise the importance of active youth participation in creating a better and healthier environment.

Projects led by young people from all 47 Council of Europe member states, as well as other member States of the Pompidou Group and members of the Group's Mediterranean network for co-operation on drugs and addictions (MedNET) are invited to apply.

Projects must be doing quality drug prevention and fully involve young people (aged under 25). They should be currently running or recently finished. Innovative projects are sought. Up to three projects will be awarded for their innovative work and will each receive a trophy and a monetary sum of € 5,000. The Prize will be awarded during a Pompidou Group Meeting in autumn 2016.

Deadline: **31st July 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1Ik8DxP>

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

Highlights

Results of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council

At the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS) Council, taking place in Brussels on 30th-31st May 2016, EU Ministers adopted conclusions on the role of the youth sector in preventing and combating the violent radicalisation of young people. The conclusions highlight the invaluable contribution that youth work, voluntary and cultural activities and sport can make in reaching out to young people who might otherwise be more vulnerable to radicalisation. They also stress the need to undermine and challenge existing violent extremist ideologies and to counterbalance them with appealing non-violent alternatives and to support parents, siblings, peers and others in contact with young people who are at risk, providing them with information on existing support systems and counselling possibilities.

Ministers discussed how youth policy can best contribute to support youth identity development. Ministers agreed that young people need more than ever a strong and positive identity to be able to successfully participate in education, the labour market and society at large and that this could be developed through integrated educational networks. These networks will also help them to build resilience against anti-democratic influences and forces.

EU Ministers adopted conclusions on developing media literacy and critical thinking through education and training, acknowledging the positive aspects of the Internet and social media, but also highlighting the potential threats and dangers they can present. The conclusions stress the fundamental role of education and training in helping young people to become media-literate and responsible citizens of the future. The conclusions are also a follow-up to the Paris Declaration of March 2015 which highlights the key role that education has to play in promoting citizenship and the Union's fundamental values. Ministers agreed that one of the areas in need of strengthening was young people's ability to think critically and to exercise judgement so that they were able to grasp realities, to distinguish fact from opinion, and to resist all forms of indoctrination and hate speech. Ministers also discussed the future of higher education in Europe, in anticipation of a forthcoming Commission proposal.

Eu Ministers had a first exchange of views on the recent Commission proposal for a revised Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMS). The AVMS regulates the free circulation of audiovisual works, combining jurisdiction in the country of origin with (minimum) protection of general interests throughout the EU. Ministers agreed on the importance of updating the AVMS, as part of the Digital Single Market Strategy, and also underlined that it must respect European cultural and linguistic diversity, the freedom and pluralism of the media, the openness of the Internet and the protection of consumers and in particular minors.

Ministers adopted conclusions on the role of Europeana for the digital access, visibility and use of European cultural heritage. The conclusions recommend the technological improvement of the Europeana platform and

call for a more sustainable funding model within the current Multi-annual Financial Framework.

EU Ministers also discussed how governments can improve governance in sports against the background of recurrent corruption, money laundering and doping scandals and the consequent negative impact on the credibility and trust of the public in the positive values of sport. Ministers agreed that sports organisations require support and cooperation and in some cases, the intervention of national governments and recalled that the sports sector must respect the basic principles of good governance, such as skilled management, sustainable financing, accountability and transparency. Ministers adopted conclusions on enhancing integrity, transparency and good governance in major sports events.

<http://bit.ly/1RGEDe0>

New European Platform on undeclared work launched

Launched on 27th May by the European Commission, the platform aims at turning undeclared into declared work, thus ensuring social protection for millions of Europeans who lose out through various kinds of risky job arrangements, including dependent work relationships hidden as self-employment. The Platform is composed of the relevant authorities of all Member States and representatives of cross-industry social partners on EU level. Chaired by the Commission, the Platform will discuss ways and means of how to improve policies and measures tackling undeclared work, and foster cooperation between national authorities and other actors, also regarding the cross-border aspects of undeclared work. Additionally, it will focus on increasing public awareness of the issue. A multitude of sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work will be represented on the Platform, such as agriculture, tourism, construction, security services, cleaning, commerce and road transport. The Platform will meet twice a year and define a work programme. The Commission suggests focusing in the beginning on three priorities:

- Gaining better knowledge about the different forms of undeclared work;
- Helping members to learn from each other by the exchange of good practices;
- Encouraging joint activities, for example staff exchanges, joint inspections at cross-border level or campaigns.

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

New rules to attract non-EU students, researchers and interns to the EU

On 11th May, the European Parliament approved harmonised EU entry and residence rules to make it easier and more attractive for people from third countries to study or do research at EU universities. The new rules clarify and improve conditions for non-EU interns, volunteers, school pupils and au pairs. The new rules merge two existing Directives (one on students and one on researchers) ensuring that:

- Students and researchers may stay at least nine months after finishing their studies or research in order to look for a job or to set

- up a business, which should also ensure that Europe benefits from their skills;
- Students and researchers may move more easily within the EU during their stay. In future, they will not need to file a new visa application, but only to notify the member state to which they are moving, for example to do a one-semester exchange. Researchers will also be able to move for longer periods than those currently allowed;
- Researchers have the right to bring their family members with them and these family members are entitled to work during their stay in Europe, and
- Students have the right to work at least 15 hours a week.

The new Directive also provides for uniform entry conditions and better protection for interns and volunteers under the European Volunteer Scheme during their stay. Optional provisions are foreseen for other volunteers, school pupils and third-country au pairs, who will be covered for the first time by an EU law. The Directive will enter into force the day after its publication in the European Official Journal. Member states will then have two years in which to transpose its provisions into their national laws. <http://bit.ly/21VTucl>

Survey on the Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education

The Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education, adopted in 2010, is an essential document outlining the standards and principles for citizenship and human rights education. The Council of Europe reviews the level of implementation of the Charter in member states every 5 years in order to support reflection and evaluation, identify and share good practices, develop new policies and support measures. A new cycle was initiated in 2016 by both Education and Youth Departments of the Council of Europe and its results will be finalised and made available in 2017.

The survey is addressed to representatives of youth organisations (formally recognised and informal groups) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working on human rights education and education for democratic citizenship at local, national and international level. It is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#) and will be open until 15th June 2016.

EU Cultural Heritage Prize Grand Prix and Public Choice Award winners announced

In a ceremony in the Zarzuela Theatre in Madrid, on 24th May, the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards were presented to 28 winners from 16 countries taking part in the EU's Creative Europe programme. Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport and Maestro Plácido Domingo, President of Europa Nostra, co-hosted the European Heritage Awards Ceremony and presented the 7 Grand Prix and the Public Choice Award, chosen from among the 28 winning projects of this year.

<http://bit.ly/1U73MAu>

14 EU countries to receive country-specific recommendations on education under the European Semester 2016

On 18th May, the European Commission adopted its proposals for the 2016 country-specific recommendations under the European Semester. The European Semester is the EU's cycle of economic policy coordination. Every year, the Commission undertakes a detailed analysis of EU countries' budgetary, macroeconomic and structural policies and provides them with recommendations for the next 12-18 months. The recommendations focus on the key policy priorities for each country.

The Commission proposes that 14 countries receive education country-specific recommendations: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Spain.

The issues covered include: early school leaving and low levels of basic skills among young people, teachers, education for disadvantaged youth, including Roma and migrants, labour-market relevance of education, cooperation between universities and the business sector, investment in education.

National governments will discuss the Commission proposals in June and the Council will adopt the final version of the country-specific recommendations in July.

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

Armenia joins Horizon 2020

Researchers and innovators from Armenia will now be able to participate in Horizon 2020, the EU's framework programme for research and innovation, under the same conditions as their counterparts from EU Member States and other associated countries. The agreement associating Armenia to Horizon 2020 was signed on 19th May 2016 by European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Levon Mkrtchyan, Armenian Minister for Education and Science.

Armenian research institutes, universities and individual researchers will now have access to all opportunities offered by Horizon 2020 that fund diverse scientific areas, from fundamental science to demonstration projects, on an equal footing with researchers and organisations from EU Member States and other countries associated to the programme. Armenian SMEs and businesses will also be able to benefit from increased support to develop new ideas and bring products and services to the market.

<http://bit.ly/1qwf2P0>

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

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>

13th-15th June 2016: Global Youth Forum, Washington, D.C, USA

Organised by the World Bank Group (WBG) and its Global Partnership for Youth in Development, the Forum will gather more than 150 partners and representatives from the public and private sectors, civil society, and young people themselves, to exchange new and innovative ideas, and to support the actions of the global community. The forum is designed around open discussions, based on evidence and experience, of the most effective ways to address both opportunities and challenges facing young people and to engage young people in development. Participants will learn new ways to support the transition of young people to adulthood, and to involve young people in efforts to achieve sustained, peaceful, and broad-based economic development.

The Forum will be webcast live [here](#).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1P2Xupt>

15th-16th June 2016: European Development Days (EDD16), Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Commission, the European Development Days (EDD) bring the development community together each year to share ideas and experiences in ways that inspire new partnerships and innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. For its tenth anniversary, EDD 2016 will focus on the '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', making it one of the very first major conferences dedicated to the issue.

Find out more: <https://eudevdays.eu>

29th June 2016: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Forum 2016 – Where business and research talent meet, Brussels, Belgium

The event will focus on what Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) can do to support researchers in developing their careers outside academia and in businesses in particular.

Deadline to register: **22nd June 2016**.

The event will be webcast live.

Find out more: <https://mscabusiness2016.teamwork.fr/en/programme>

5th-7th July 2016: Eurochild Conference, Brussels, Belgium

Under the theme "Children's rights matter: why Europe needs to invest in children", the three-day event will involve children and young people in the design and delivery of the conference.

Deadline to [register](#): **17th June 2016**.

Find out more:

<http://www.eurochild.org/events/eurochild-conference-2016>

6th-10th July 2016: Antiracist World Cup, Bosco Albergati, Italy

The International antiracist football tournament is an annual project offering five days of football but also concerts, debates and other cultural and sporting events designed to fight racism and discrimination.

Find out more: <http://www.mondialiantirazzisti.org>

28th July-20th August 2016: International Culture Week-Debate summer Academy, Pécs, Hungary

Intensive debate training series including a youth forum conference, discussions, lectures, debate trainings, and a debate tournament. In 2016 the main theme of the academy is "Ongoing Migration Crisis and Central Europe – Europe in a Global Context from Visegrad Perspective". Participating students can discuss the questions of today's major challenges, discover the possible threats and outcomes of the most relevant and timely issues and talk over connecting critical questions. The key lectures are going to be held by acclaimed scientists and young professionals.

Deadlines: **10th June 2016, 10th July 2016**.

There are participation fees: <http://icwip.hu>

10th-15th September 2016: M100 Youth Media Workshop, Potsdam, Germany

The M100 invites young journalists from 18 to 26 years old, from all over Europe, including Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia, to join the workshop under the theme: "Investigative Journalism - Purposes, Techniques, and specific Challenges". Participants will have to submit a text in English (6,000 characters maximum, including spaces) defining the term "investigative journalism" and describing the possibilities and limitations of investigative journalism in their country using a concrete case.

Application form, including the text, a CV (with a photo), and a brief motivational statement should be sent by **12th June 2016** (midnight) to i.gahren@m100potsdam.org

Find out more on: <http://bit.ly/1OmYqz7>

27th-29th September 2016: Seminar - Enter!: from Policy to Practice, Strasbourg, France

Organised by the Council of Europe Youth Department, the seminar will focus on the implementation of the Recommendation on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights. The seminar is addressed to youth work and youth policy practitioners, working on social rights of young people.

Deadline: **20th June 2016**, 12:00 noon CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/25wAH9J>

12th-15th September 2016: 2nd Training Course for Staff of Youth Centres, 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. The training Course aims to develop the competence of the educational staff to develop, implement and evaluate human rights education activities, projects and programmes in their educational programme.

The Course is addressed to education practitioners (volunteer or paid) who are:

- directly involved in the educational programme of the Youth Centres (labelled or member of the platform) as either educational staff or associated partner;
- supported by their sending Youth Centre to participate in the training course and to integrate the gained competences in the programme of activities of the Centre;
- able to work in English;
- available for the full duration of the training course.

Deadline to [apply](#): **8th June 2016**, 12:00 noon (CET).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1Tupu1E>

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>

Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities

19-22 May 2016

European Youth Event (EYE)
Location: Strasbourg, France.
Participants from EBL: Grazia, Zsolt.