

eurodesk

EBL Bulletin

May 2016

1. Deadlines up to 2 June 2016
2. Documentation
3. Opportunities
4. Highlights
5. Upcoming Events
6. EBL Activities



Erasmus+

**EUROPEAN
YOUTH PORTAL**

Deadlines up to 2 June 2016

Upcoming deadlines

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000558	9 May	European Week of Regions and Cities Master Class University on EU Cohesion Policy
EU0010000608	12 May 2016	Erasmus+Sport: Collaborative Partnerships
EU0010000609	12 May 2016	Erasmus+Sport: Not-for-profit European sport events
EU0010000345	15 May 2016	Traineeships at the European Parliament for people with disabilities
EU0010000560	15 May 2016	Translation training placements at the European Parliament
EU0010000329	15 May 2016	BEST courses for students of technology
EU0010000459	15 May 2016	International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)
EU0010000004	15 May 2016	Traineeships and Study Visits at the European Parliament
EU0010000178	15 May 2016	Translation Traineeships at the European Parliament for university graduates
EU0010000668	17 May 2016	EU Aid Volunteers Initiative: Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers
EU0010000551	18 May 2016	Google Science Fair 2016
EU0010000652	19 May 2016	Erasmus+ Vocational Education and Training Mobility (VET) Charter
EU0010000538	29 May 2016	Plural+ Youth Video Festival 2016
EU0010002070	30 May 2016	Erasmus+ KA3: Support for policy reform - Social inclusion through education, training and youth
EU0010000382	1 June 2016	Traineeship at the European Medicines Agency
EU0010000557	1 June 2016	WTO Essay Award for Young Economists
EU0010000631	1 June 2016	Training placements at the European Parliament
EU0010000485	2 June 2016	A Sea of Words - International Short Stories Contest

Documentation

Eurodesk Annual Overview 2015

The report highlights the different activities carried out by the Eurodesk network in 2015. The network has been particularly active in delivering information on European opportunities for young people while promoting youth mobility, together with information multipliers, via events, online resources and publications.

https://issuu.com/eurodesk_ebl/docs/eurodesk-2015

Erasmus Mundus Graduate Impact Survey 2015

The Erasmus Mundus programme gives students from across the world the chance to study in two or more European countries at Masters level.

The survey shows that over 90% of the participants were satisfied with the programme, with more than 65% very satisfied. Overall, 81% of graduates were satisfied with the quality of the courses offered. Some fields were rated as particularly satisfactory, such as Health and Welfare. Furthermore, 92% of graduates believe that their language skills increased due to Erasmus Mundus. However, graduates felt that contacts with potential employers, as well as practical experiences on the course, were lacking: More than 72% of participants found the links to employment to be too weak. In order to change this, programmes need to be adapted to better prepare students for the labour market.

The survey reveals that Erasmus Mundus graduates are very well regarded on the job market. This year, 66.2% of graduates had found a job by the time the survey was issued, with almost 60% of those having found one in less than two months after graduating. Almost one third of graduates found their first job through an online job portal. According to the graduates, Erasmus Mundus had the greatest impact on their intercultural competencies (58.7%) and career (43.5%). Furthermore, after finishing their course, 53.2% of the respondents still lives and works in an EU country, whereas only 17.8% of the graduates are originally from the EU. The EU is considered to be an attractive work place because of its job opportunities (73.3%) and its quality of living and working environment (56.1%).

The survey shows that the visibility of the Erasmus Mundus programme is quite good, although it could be improved in certain regions of the world, especially in the EU, Oceania and in the Americas where a relatively high proportion of participants rate the programme as more or less unknown. The conclusions drawn are twofold: first, a greater Internet presence through increased online promotion would certainly improve the visibility of the programme, particularly in those regions where Erasmus Mundus is less visible. Second, universities and other higher education institutions should be encouraged to play a greater role in actively promoting the Erasmus Mundus. Improving the visibility of Erasmus Mundus would also contribute towards improving the programme's overall reputation.

<http://bit.ly/23GNh8B>

EENEE Analytical Report on "Education as a tool for the economic integration of migrants"

The Report describes the educational achievement of immigrants in Europe and examines the factors explaining why their educational outcomes differ with respect to non-immigrants. After investigating how the organisation of school systems affects the education of immigrant children, it turns to the question as to whether the share of immigrants in schools affects the school performance of non-immigrants. Finally, it discusses whether the education of the population can help in mitigating anti-immigration sentiments, thereby favouring the integration process of immigrants. When reviewing the existing research, particular interest is given to studies that can identify causal effects, as it is the presence of these effects that can motivate policy intervention. While the focus is mainly on Europe, relevant evidence from the US is also considered.

[Main report](#)

[Executive summary](#)

Monitoring good practices in the areas of employment, social affairs and inclusion - volume 4

Published by the European Commission, the report gathers good practices of projects across Europe dealing with working conditions, employment, social affairs and inclusion. One of the selected projects is "The job of my life" project, supporting young persons from Europe in finding an in-house vocational training position in Germany. Another example of good practice is a French project which created info points in selected schools to prepare future graduates integrate the labour market. All selected project were supported by the EURES financial instrument or by the PROGRESS programme.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=15424&langId=en>

GenerationWhat

GenerationWhat is one of the biggest polls about the Y Generation, made of a comprehensive online questionnaire, available in participating European countries and designed with the help of sociologists. The purpose of this questionnaire is to probe this generation's ambitions, hopes, and fears. The poll is a statistical portrait of youth, consisting of real time infographics of the data collected via the questionnaire. The survey is meant especially to people under 34 years old.

<http://www.generation-what.eu>

U-Multirank

U-Multirank is the first global ranking allowing users, notably students, to easily compare universities' performance. Universities can be ranked according to research performance, teaching and learning, knowledge transfer, international orientation and regional engagement. The third and largest ever edition of the U-Multirank university ranking has been recently published, providing a multi-dimensional overview of over 1,300 universities from more than 90 countries.

<http://www.umultirank.org>

The long road to Autonomy

Created by the European Youth Forum to mark its 20th anniversary, this animation presents the challenges faced by young people in Europe nowadays.

<https://vimeo.com/163272911>

Tranzit Online Platform

Online platform of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe dedicated to youth work and youth policy measures addressing the transition to autonomy and work life of young people. It targets youth workers, youth organisations, trade unions, state and local authorities, as well as private actors and features examples of practices from all over Europe.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/tranzit>

Opportunities

European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC) 2016 Master Class

For the fourth year, the European Week of Regions and Cities, 9th-13th October 2016, will host the EWRC Masterclass. The event will bring together 30 selected early career researchers and PhD students to present and discuss recent research on EU Cohesion Policy and regional/urban development with EU officials and renowned academics.

Eligible candidates should be registered PhD students and early career researchers, and be from recognised academic institutions. They will have to submit a paper about one or several of the following topics:

- Promoting inclusive growth and social cohesion, including the territorial dimension and the integration of urban and rural development.
- The significance of the network economy: policy learning; transfers between regions and cities; knowledge spillovers.
- Improving the Cohesion policy delivery system: performance, simplification and accountability.

Finalists will be invited to attend the Open Days and present their research.

Deadline: **9th May 2016**, 12 pm CET.

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

World Forum for Democracy Call for Lab Submissions

The Strasbourg World Forum for Democracy is an annual gathering of leaders, opinion-makers, civil society activists, representatives of business, social innovators, academia, and media to debate key challenges for democracies worldwide and encourage democratic innovation. This 2016 edition, taking place on 7th-9th November, will focus on the relationship between education and democracy. It will examine whether they can reinforce each other and together address the risks of new social divides. In particular, the Forum will explore how education and democracy can nurture active citizens with critical and analytical skills, and how through fostering grassroots innovation and bottom-up democratic reform, it can help develop civic engagement and improve opportunities for all.

The Labs are the heart of the World Forum for Democracy. Their idea is to address specific issues through the critical analysis of tested initiatives. The initiatives will be presented in short speeches of ten minutes and critically assessed by multidisciplinary panels and participants in the Labs. Interested organisations worldwide are invited to express their interest in presenting either an example/initiative to make education more democracy-centred or to revitalise democracy through education, by answering the questionnaire and sending it back by **15th May 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1r9VhxY>

EU Aid Volunteers Deployment

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 fund projects involving the deployment of EU Aid Volunteers. These projects will contribute to strengthening the Union's capacity to provide needs-based humanitarian aid aimed at strengthening the capacity and resilience of vulnerable and disaster-affected communities in third countries by focusing on disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction and enhancing the link between relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD).

Projects submitted for the first deadline of **17th May 2016** must start between 1st October 2016 and 31st January 2017, with a maximum duration of 24 months. Projects submitted for the second deadline of **1st September 2016** must start between 1st February 2017 and 31st May 2017, with a maximum duration of 24 months.

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

Traineeship at the European Medicines Agency

The programme gives trainees an understanding of the Agency and its role within the activities of the European Union and provides professional experience in a working environment. The programme is aimed at university graduates at the beginning of their professional careers relating to the activities of the Agency, such as pharmacy, medicine, life sciences, healthcare, chemistry, information technology, law (with an interest in pharmaceutical regulatory affairs), human resources, finance, communications, public relations, or library and information science.

Applicants should have a European Union or European Economic Area nationality; a university degree (minimum Bachelor level) by the deadline for applications and a good command of English and knowledge of a second official EU language. The traineeship, to be carried out in London, lasts for a maximum of twelve months (two consecutive six-month contracts).

Deadline: **1st June 2016**, midnight, UK Time, (for traineeship starting 1st October).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1cl5gpk>

World Trade Organisation Essay Award for Young Economists

The Award aims to promote high-quality research on the WTO and its related issues among young economists and to reinforce the relationship between the WTO and the academic community. The essay must focus on the issues related to the economics of the WTO. The author of the best essay will be awarded with 5,000 Swiss Francs.

Essays must be submitted by **1st June 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1TPLmI4>

A Sea of Words - International Short Stories Contest

The Anna Lindh Foundation and the European Institute of the Mediterranean are inviting young people, from 18 to 30 years old, from the 44 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area, to join the contest. This year, the contest is aimed at the production of short stories focusing in the fight against gender violence, with the objective of situations and levels of awareness in regard to the realities of women in the Euro-Mediterranean area, from the viewpoints of the young people who live there.

The short stories must be original and unpublished works, of maximum 2,500 words, and can be written in any of the official languages of the participant countries. The authors of the 15 best short stories will be awarded with the e-publication of their short stories and will also participate in a writing workshop, in a guided tour of Spain and be invited to the awards' presentation ceremony in Barcelona, Spain, on 8th November 2016.

Deadline: **2nd June 2016**.

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

DepicT! 2016 - Can you do it in 90 seconds?

Young filmmakers worldwide are invited to join the contest and get the opportunity to showcase their talent during the Encounters Short Film & Animation Festival, from 20th to 25th September 2016. Participants will get a chance of winning up to £ 2,500 prize money, invaluable industry exposure and other exclusive prizes.

Short films should be 90 seconds long or less, of any production techniques (except for advertisements) and completed after September 2015. If the original language is not English, the film must include subtitles or an English transcript. Each entrant can submit up to ten entries.

Deadline: **4th July 2016**, 17:00 (BST).

Find out more: <http://www.depict.org/competition>

World Summit Youth Award (WSYA) 2016

The awards are addressed to young designers, producers, application developers, journalists, and writers who, by using internet and mobile applications, create digital content and applications which address the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). Entrants should be under 30 years old and come from any of the UN and UNESCO member states.

Projects (completed after 1st January 2014) must be made under one of the six categories:

1. Fight poverty, hunger and disease;
2. Education 4 all;
3. Women Empowerment;
4. Go Green, Climate Change;
5. Digital Generation;
6. Innovation for SDGs.

In each of the categories there will be three winners and up to three runners-up. The winners will showcase their platform at the World Summit Youth Award (WSYA) winners event.

Deadline: **15th July 2016.**

Find out more: <http://youthaward.org>

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

Highlights

EU Youth Conference: enabling young people to engage in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe

The Dutch Presidency of the Council, together with the Dutch National Youth Council, the European Commission and the European Youth Forum hosted the EU Youth Conference in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) on 4th-7th April 2016, bringing youth delegates and policy makers to the same table to discuss youth issues. The EU Youth Conference kicked off the V cycle of the Structured Dialogue (an innovative and unique participative process where young people contribute to EU youth policy). In order to enhance a continuous dialogue between policy-makers and young people, the three EU Youth Conferences of the cycle of the current trio Presidency (Dutch, Slovakian, Maltese) will focus on the common theme "Enabling all young people to engage in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe".

Over four days, youth delegates and policy-makers sat at the same table to identify the main challenges faced by young people to be fully engaged in an inclusive society. They issued a guiding framework, which was presented during the closing ceremony. An interactive debate on violent radicalisation with Commissioner Navracsics, Deputy Minister Martin Van Rijn and the delegates concluded the conference.

The [guiding framework](#) will support the forthcoming consultations: "Young people need space and opportunity to develop their personal, social and civic competences. Without access to proper information and competences, young people can be misled and negatively influenced in their life options, opinion formulation, access to rights and the ability to exercise their active citizenship". After the conference, youth delegates will carry out widespread consultations with young people in their countries. The results of these consultations will be discussed in the next EU Youth Conference in Slovakia. To make this process a success, views and opinions of young people from various backgrounds must be represented.

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

Reduction of roaming charges

From 30th April, calling, texting or surfing online from another Member State (roaming) has become cheaper. When travelling in the EU, mobile devices users will only pay a small amount on top of their domestic prices: up to €0.05 per minute of call made, €0.02 per SMS sent, and €0.05 per MB of data (excl. VAT). This will be a short transition period since as from mid-June 2017, Europeans will pay the same price whether they use their mobile devices at home or somewhere else in the EU.

The EU has been reducing roaming charges since 2007 and the Parliament has repeatedly asked for them to be scrapped altogether. In June 2015 negotiators from the Parliament, the Council and the European Commission agreed on the telecoms package and the abolition of mobile call roaming charges from 15th June 2017. In October MEPs approved the agreement in plenary.

<http://bit.ly/1pNI1NN>

Georgia joins Horizon 2020

Researchers and innovators from Georgia 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 Georgia to Horizon 2020 was signed on 29th April 2016 by European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Tamar Sanikidze, Georgian Minister for Education and Science. Georgian research institutes, universities and individual researchers will now have access to all opportunities offered by Horizon 2020 that fund diverse scientific areas, from blue sky research to demonstration projects. Georgian 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/1SOXszI>

Unemployment in the EU regions in 2015

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, more than 60% of the NUTS 2 regions of the European Union (EU) recorded a decrease of at least 0.5 percentage points in their regional unemployment rate in 2015 compared with 2014. However, regional unemployment rates continued to vary widely across the EU regions, with the lowest rates recorded in the German regions of Freiburg and Niederbayern (both 2.5%), Oberbayern and Oberpfalz (both 2.7%), followed by Praha in the Czech Republic (2.8%). At the opposite end of the scale, the highest unemployment rates were registered in Melilla (34.0%) and Andalucía (31.5%) in Spain, Dytiki Makedonia (30.7%) in Greece, Canarias and Extremadura (both 29.1%) in Spain. In 2015, the average unemployment rate for young people aged between 15 and 24 in the EU was 20.4%. Regional differences in the unemployment rate for young people are however very marked. The lowest rates were recorded in German regions, in particular Oberbayern (3.4%), Freiburg (4.7%), Mittelfranken (5.2%), Weser- Ems (5.7%) and Karlsruhe (5.8%), and the highest in Ceuta (79.2%) and Melilla (72.0%) in Spain. In more than three-quarters of the EU regions, the unemployment rate for young people was at least twice that of total unemployment.

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

Europe 2020 employment indicators

In 2015, the employment rate of the population aged 20 to 64 in the European Union (EU) stood at 70.1%, up compared with 2014 (69.2%) although still remaining slightly below its 2008 peak (70.3%). A similar pattern can be observed for men: their employment rate hit 75.9% in 2015, an increase compared with 2014 (75.0%) but still below its 2008 level (77.8%). As for women, their employment rate has continuously risen since 2010 to reach 64.3% in 2015, above previous peaks of 63.5% in 2014 and 62.8% in 2008. The Europe 2020 strategy target is to reach a total employment rate for people aged 20 to 64 of at least 75% in the EU by 2020. This objective has been translated into national targets in order to reflect the situation and possibilities of each Member State to contribute to the common goal. The employment rate of persons aged 55

to 64 in the EU has grown steadily over the last years, from 38.4% in 2002 to 53.3% in 2015. The greater participation of older workers is also one of the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy on employment. This information comes from an article issued by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, based on the 2015 results of the European Labour Force Survey.

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

Europeana 280 campaign launched to connect people to their art heritage

Europeana 280, a cross-border campaign to get people interested in Europe's artworks and their evolution across centuries, has been launched by Europe's digital library Europeana.

The campaign sheds light on the new Europeana Art History Collections, bringing together artworks such as Femmes de Tahiti by Paul Gauguin, Las Meninas by Diego Velázquez or Sălcile de la Chiajna by Ștefan Luchian.

Overall, Europeana invited all 28 EU Member States to nominate 10 pieces of art held in their country that have contributed to a major European art movement. All these artworks are shared in the new online collection which can also be discovered through a series of public events such as #BigArtRide. #BigArtRide is a virtual reality art experience where people can jump on a bike, put on virtual reality headsets and race through a virtual city filled with artworks. Started in April, in Brussels and The Hague, the tour will continue in Amsterdam, Paris, Rome, London, Berlin, Prague, Wrocław and Bratislava. This initiative is supported by the Dutch Presidency of the EU.

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

Europe-wide campaign launched to promote sustainable work and healthy ageing for all

The European Commission and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), in cooperation with the Netherlands EU Presidency, launched a two-year Europe-wide campaign: Healthy Workplaces for All Ages, which is the world's biggest campaign in this area. The Healthy Workplaces for All Ages 2016-17 campaign raises awareness of the importance of good occupational safety and health management and risk prevention throughout the working life and of tailoring work to individual abilities, whether at the start of a worker's career or at its close. The campaign is coordinated at national level by EU-OSHA's focal points and supported by official campaign and media partners.

<https://www.healthy-workplaces.eu>

European Commission proposes visa-free travel for citizens of Ukraine

On 20th April, the European Commission proposed to the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament to lift visa requirements for the citizens of Ukraine by transferring Ukraine to the list of countries whose citizens can travel without a visa to the Schengen area. This proposal comes after the Commission gave a positive assessment last

December, confirming that Ukraine successfully met all benchmarks under the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan (VLAP).

Once the proposal is adopted by the European Parliament and the Council, Ukrainian citizens with biometric passports will no longer require visas when travelling for short stays of up to 90 days to the Schengen area. The visa-free travel will apply to all EU Member States except Ireland and the UK, as well as the four Schengen associated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). The exemption concerns only short-stay visas valid for up to 90 days of travel in any 180-day period for business, tourist or family purposes. The visa exemption does not provide for the right to work in the EU. Other entry conditions for accessing the Schengen area will continue to apply, including the need to be able to prove sufficient financial means and the purpose of the travel.

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

Youth employment debated by political youth groups at the European Parliament

On 18th April, the League of Young Voters, the European Youth Forum and the Youth Intergroup of the European Parliament hosted the first Political Party Youth Organisations (PPYO) debate on "Youth unemployment: solutions 2.0" at the European Parliament in Brussels (Belgium). Youth unemployment rates in the EU remain stubbornly high, around 20%. What are the solutions? Better skills? A stronger youth guarantee? More apprenticeships? Easier labour mobility? Tackling long-term unemployment? Free trade agreements? Increasing labour mobility? Strengthening the role of the welfare state? Over the next six months the EU will debate proposals under each of these areas. Youth political parties have different focuses for solving this crucial issue and, during the debate, they expressed their proposals to tackle Europe's "economic crisis hangover". The next PPYO debate will be held in the European Parliament in Strasbourg (France) at the YO!Fest and the EYE2016 on May 21st and will focus on religious and political extremism. Later in the year the 3rd PPYO debate will focus on trade and other policies that regard how the EU defines itself at a global level in September.

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

Proposal for a European year of cultural heritage in 2018

The European Commission is proposing to organise the European year of cultural heritage in 2018. The proposal was communicated on 14th April 2016 by the Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker to the President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz. The final decision will be taken by the European Parliament and the Council. European Commissioner for Education, Youth, Culture and Sport, Tibor Navracsics, will be in charge of preparing and implementing this European year.

<http://bit.ly/1Tqjsn9>

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>

7th-8th May 2016: European Opera Days

Each year opera houses in Europe and beyond open their doors and invite people to discover the art of opera and what happens 'behind the scenes'. The theme chosen for this year is "Theatre of the World" to celebrate the 10th edition of the European Opera Days.

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

9th May 2016: Europe Day, European Union

On the 9th of May 1950 Robert Schuman presented his proposal on the creation of an organised Europe, indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations. This proposal, known as the "Schuman declaration", is considered to be the beginning of the creation of what is now the European Union. To celebrate Europe Day, the EU institutions will open their doors to the public in May in Strasbourg (on the 8th) and Brussels (on the 28th). Local EU offices in Europe and all over the world will organise a variety of activities and events for all ages.

Find out more: <http://europeday.europa.eu/desktop/en>

17th May 2016: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD), Worldwide

The purpose of this day is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide. The theme for this year is: ICT entrepreneurship for social impact.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/20QdA76>

20th-21st May: European Youth Event (EYE), Strasbourg, France

Thousands of young Europeans will make their voices heard at the second edition of the European Parliament event addressed to young people. They will discuss with European decision-makers and come up with innovative ideas on how "Together, we can make a change".

All activities will focus on the five new themes:

- War and peace: Perspectives for a peaceful planet
- Apathy or participation: Agenda for a vibrant democracy
- Exclusion or access: Crackdown on youth unemployment
- Stagnation or innovation: Tomorrow's world of work
- Collapse or success: New ways for a sustainable Europe.

Those who can't be at the EYE in person, will have the opportunity to debate online via the event's social media channels: Facebook and Twitter #EYE2016.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1MdWNX5>

31st May 2016 - World No Tobacco Day

Every year, on 31st May, WHO and partners everywhere mark World No Tobacco Day, highlighting the health risks associated with tobacco use and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. This year the campaign calls on countries to get ready for plain (standardised) packaging of tobacco products.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/23pnnWP>

27th-29th June 2016: Second European Media Literacy Forum, Riga, Latvia

The new wave of extremism and gruesome terrorists' attacks which persists in many regions of the world and more recently in Europe and the unprecedented migration to Europe place media and information literacy competencies at the heart of social change. Media and information literacy empower citizens with knowledge, skills and attitude to critically access information and media, to critically analyse information and media content and to engage with media and other information providers for social, civic and creative purposes. The Forum will discuss the main issues, problems and recommendations specified on the Paris Declaration. The Forum will bring together governments and policy makers, researchers, NGOs, information and media professionals, educators, the private sector and organisations (including social media and development organisations).

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

5th-7th July 2016: Tranzit - Seminar on youth work and youth policy practices in support of young people's transition to autonomy and work life, Budapest, Hungary

The Tranzit seminar aims to pool good practices in responding to the challenges faced by young people in their transition to autonomy through youth work and youth policy, with a particular focus on measures in the areas of employment, education and training, health care and social security, housing, information and counselling. The Seminar also aims to make proposals on how the Transit platform, the Enter recommendation and project could further support young people's work at local and national level.

The seminar is addressed to representatives of youth organisations, youth workers, social workers, trainers involved in youth work projects and initiatives addressing challenges faced by young people in their transition to autonomy, policy makers and practitioners, representatives of international organisations/institutions active in the field and representatives of the Statutory Bodies of the Council of Europe.

Participants should be resident in a country party to the European Cultural Convention and Kosovo, be able to communicate in English and be able to

present at least one implemented initiative in the areas of interest of the seminar.

Deadline: **17th May 2016.**

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

5th-7th October 2016: 3rd COMPASS Forum on Human Rights Education, Budapest, Hungary

The Forum aims at strengthening the quality, recognition and outreach of human rights education with young people. The Forum will take place during the Estonian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (May-November 2016) and will contribute to promote the fundamental values of the Council of Europe and to the protection and promotion of the human rights of children and young people, which are also main priorities of the Chairmanship. The Forum will bring together experts and partners involved in human rights education with young people, including organisers of national training programmes, publishers of educational resources in non-official languages, trainers and leaders of youth and students organisations, representatives from the Advisory Council on Youth and the European Steering Committee on Youth and experts active within the programme of the Education Department, notably the EDC coordinators. Participants should have experience in human rights education with young people at local, national or international level in either non-formal or formal learning settings, be motivated to contribute to the review of the implementation of the Charter on EDC/HRE, the evaluation of the Human Rights Education Youth Programme and the development of the foreseen outcomes of the Human Rights Education Youth Forum. They should be supported by a youth informal group or a non-governmental organisation or an institution involved in human rights or human rights education (exceptions are possible), be in a position to follow-up the recommendations and conclusions of the Forum at local, national or international level, be able to work autonomously in English or French and be able to participate for the entire duration of the Forum.

Deadline to apply: **1st June 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1W6fr9d>

4th July 2016: Connecting Youth-Western Balkans Youth Conference, Paris, France

Organised by the European Commission and the Government of the French Republic, supported by the European Youth Forum and SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre, the conference will bring together 150 young people from the EU and Western Balkans countries, to discuss common challenges and work towards finding joint solutions on the following topics:

- Youth on the move, education on the move - Education and mobility for young people;
- Knocking on job market's doors - Employment and entrepreneurship for young people;
- Not just another brick in the wall - Youth engagement & participation;

- Get up, stand up, speak up! - Youth and the media.

Applicants should be citizens of one of the EU Member States or the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, or Serbia), be aged between 18 to 35 years at the time of the event, be fluent in English.

Members of youth or student organisations will be favoured during the selection process.

Deadline: **16th May 2016**, 23:59 (CET).

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

27th July-10th August 2016: The London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF), London, United Kingdom

LIYSF is a two week residential event with lectures and demonstrations from leading scientists, visits to industrial sites, research centres, scientific institutions and organisations, including world class laboratories and universities. The week aims to broadening scientific understanding, to engage students in education on other cultures and to develop lasting, international friendships. World's leading young scientists aged 17-21 years old from more than 65 participating countries are invited to apply.

Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis and are open until the end of May 2016. There are participation fees.

Find out more: <http://www.liysf.org.uk>

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

5 April 2016	Eurodesk Newcomers Training. Participants from EBL: Gheorghe, Grazia.
6 April 2016	Eurodesk Programme Database Online Info Session. Participant from EBL: Grazia.
11-14 April 2016	Eurodesk Network Meeting. Location: Kippure, Ireland. Participants from EBL: Gheorghe, Grazia, Zsolt.
15 April 2016	Study visit from Prešov Region Brussels Office. Location: EBL. Participants from EBL: Denise, Grazia, Juanmi, Zsolt.
21-24 April 2016	Eurodesk President Reinhard attended the ERYICA General Assembly. Location: Helsinki, Finland.
25-26 April 2016	Eurodesk Germany Network Meeting. Location: Bonn, Germany. Participant from EBL: Zsolt.
28 April 2016	#AskNavracsics - Young people engaging in their communities. Location: EAC. Participant from EBL: Juanmi.