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## **Deadlines up to 1 November 2016**

## **Upcoming deadlines**

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000280	3 Oct 2016	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000615	4 Oct 2016	Erasmus+KeyAction2-Strategic Partnerships in the field of education, training and youth
EU0010000604	4 Oct 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-European Voluntary Service
EU0010000607	4 Oct 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Youth workers
EU0010000607	4 Oct 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-Youth Exchanges
EU0010000619	4 Oct 2016	Erasmus+Key Action3-Structured Dialogue: meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth
EU0010002090	5 Oct 2016	Seeds for Integration Grants
EU0010000504	7 Oct 2016	<u>EaSI-EURES: Your first EURES job -</u> <u>Targeted mobility scheme</u>
EU0010000404	9 Oct 2016	European Youth Capital
EU0010000329	9 Oct 2016	BEST courses for students of technology
EU0010000650	13 Oct 2016	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
EU0010002093	14 Oct 2016	Europeana Research Grants
EU0010000593	14 Oct 2016	Travel Video Contest 2016
EU0010000004	15 Oct 2016	Traineeships and Study Visits at the European Parliament

EU0010000345	15 Oct 2016	Traineeships at the European Parliament for people with disabilities
EU0010000280	17 Oct 2016	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000525	17 Oct 2016	Tvebiomovies 2016
EU0010000408	18 Oct 2016	Horizon2020: European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants
EU0010000280	19 Oct 2016	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000373	20 Oct 2016	<u>Juvenes Translatores - translation</u> <u>contest for schools</u>
EU0010000585	21 Oct 2016	Digital Woman of the Year Awards
EU0010000583	25 Oct 2016	<u>InnoApps Challenge</u>
EU0010000280	26 Oct 2016	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000280	27 Oct 2016	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000150	31 Oct 2016	Internship programme at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
EU001000546	31 Oct 2016	Time to Move 2016 Help Alex Game
EU0010000212	31 Oct 2016	Traineeships at the Court of Auditors
EU0010000263	31 Oct 2016	Internships at the World Bank
EU0010000352	31 Oct 2016	Traineeships at the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

## Documentation

#### **Application of learning outcomes approaches across Europe**

Published by CEDEFOP, the study maps and analyses the shift to learning outcomes in education and training policies and practices across Europe. Bringing evidence on the development of national policies from 33 countries, the study examines progress made in recent years (2009 onwards) and attempts to capture the character of political reform at national, institution and local levels. Ten case studies in nine countries produce new empirical evidence on the presence of learning outcomes approaches in the design and delivery of programmes and curricula for teacher education programmes. The study also reveals the diversity of uses of the learning outcomes approaches being applied and highlights the complexity of implementing learning-outcomes-centred policies and developing appropriate strategies at both systemic and subsystemic levels. http://bit.ly/2dvB7eo

#### **ILO Report: World Employment and Social Outlook for Youth 2016**

The report provides updated figures on global and regional youth unemployment. It also looks at working poverty rates, decent work opportunities in both developed and developing economies as well as gender inequalities and migration trends among young people. It shows that the global number of unemployed youth is set to rise by half a million in 2016 to reach 71 million, the first such increase in 3 years. Of greater concern is the share and number of young people, often in emerging and developing countries, who live in extreme or moderate poverty despite having a job. In fact, 156 million or 37.7 per cent of working youth are in extreme or moderate poverty (compared to 26 per cent of working adults). <a href="http://bit.ly/2bPplbw">http://bit.ly/2bPplbw</a> summary

#### Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report

Published by UNESCO, the report shows the potential for education to push progress towards all global goals outlined in the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It also shows that education needs a major transformation to fulfill that potential and meet the current challenges facing humanity and the planet. The Report shows the need for education systems to step up attention to environmental concerns. While in the majority of countries education is the best indicator of climate change awareness, half of countries' curricula worldwide do not explicitly mention climate change or environmental sustainability in their content. In OECD countries, almost 40% of 15-year-old students only have basic knowledge about environmental issues.

Full Report
Summary Report
Youth version

#### **Toolkit for Quality Peer Education**

Drafted by EPTO, the toolkit aims at helping youth groups and youthserving organisations to implement quality peer education projects. Structured in 8 chapters, the Toolkit will guide users through all the steps and practical aspects of a peer education project and make it qualitative: how to start, plan and prepare, how to work with people, how to sustain learning, ensure participation, monitor, evaluate and finally how to follow

http://epto.org/toolkit

#### **EURwork database**

The Eurofound new database on wages, working time and collective disputes aims to provide researchers and policymakers with a set of country-level data in the area of wages, working time and collective disputes. It looks at both the systems that are currently in place, such as legislation or collective bargaining agreements, and some outcomes, such as the level of collectively agreed pay or working time. It covers all 28 EU Member States and Norway and provides time series from 2000 to 2015. http://bit.ly/wcirdatabase

#### **ILO Platform: What Works in Youth Employment**

The ILO knowledge platform is a resource designed to improve understanding of those policies and actions that aim to improve labour market outcomes for young people. The platform is a knowledge anchor of the UN Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth and provides multiple resources on impact research, good practices, evaluation reports and expert discussions about measures to boost youth employment. http://www.wwinye.org

#### **Europass website**

The Europass website has been revamped with a new design and visual identity. The site has also a new improved navigation providing quicker access to the most popular tools.

http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu

#### **YouthMetro**

Launched by People for Change Foundation, YouthMetro is a vast repository of youth policy. The platform provides a "one-stop-shop" where young people, youth organisations, policy makers and academics can find policies and best practices in youth policy. It is organised across the 10+5 World Programme Action for the Year 2000 and Beyond areas, as well as additional topics such as disability, indigenous issues and humanitarian crises http://www.youthmetro.org

## **Opportunities**

#### Time to Move 2016 Help Alex Game

Being mobile in Europe gives the possibility to experience new countries, new cultures and new people. The Eurodesk Game is designed to encourage European young people between 13 and 30 years old, from all Eurodesk countries, to follow the story of Alex who is looking for an opportunity abroad. The game consists of 5 different episodes in which participants will have to answer 1 questions for each episode. Questions will focus on Eurodesk services and European mobility opportunities. For each episode, voung people will receive hints in order to answer the questions easier. At the end of the game when all the five questions are answered, Alex will finally find the desired opportunity and with it the story ends.

Among the successful entrants, those who answered all questions correctly, one random winner will be selected. The winner will receive an iPad mini.

Deadline to participate: 31st October 2016, noon CET. Find out more: http://timetomove.eurodesk.eu/#help-alex

#### **Europeana Research Grants**

Postgraduate or doctoral students, early career scholars in any field (within the Humanities, Social Sciences, Archival or Information Sciences) are invited to submit their research projects which make use of Europeana Collections for research purposes: employing state of the art tools and methods in the Digital Humanities to address a specific research question. Funding available will be up to 8,000 EUR per successful project. Successful projects will be funded for one to six months, but all the work must be carried out during the period of 1st December 2016 to 1st May May 2017. Candidates should send an updated CV alongside a publications list, accompanied by a 500-word project proposal including work plan to Dr. Agiatis Benardou at: a.benardou@dcu.gr by 14th October 2016.

Read more: http://bit.ly/2cPB75a

#### **Erasmus+Photo Contest**

Organised by the European Commission, the contest invites participants to send up to three original photos describing #OneThing they would never leave for Erasmus+ without, or #OneThing no one should forget to bring with them from the Erasmus+ experience. They will get the chance to win a 200 EUR Amazon gift card.

Each photo should include the details of the entrant: full name and country, and a brief description of the photo either in the file name or with the submission form.

Deadline to submit photos is 17th October 2016, midnight CET while voting for the winning entry will start the day after.

Find out more: <a href="http://woobox.com/cyf39x">http://woobox.com/cyf39x</a>

Call for tenders - EAC/22/2016 Library Management System (LMS) Launched by the European Commission, the objective of this call is to establish a framework contract covering the provision of professional services needed to provide a library management system.

Deadline: 24thOctober 2016. Read more: <a href="http://bit.ly/2dwePch">http://bit.ly/2dwePch</a>

#### The EU Prize for Women Innovators 2017

The Prize will reward the outstanding achievement of women entrepreneurs who have brought an innovation to market, along with a new category for young talent, the Rising Innovators award. Four prizes will be awarded at the end of the competition:

1st prize: 100 000 EUR 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: 50 000 EUR 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: 30 000 EUR 4<sup>th</sup> prize: 20 000 EUR

Contestants will be able to submit their entries by 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

Find out more: <a href="http://bit.ly/1kEH32b">http://bit.ly/1kEH32b</a>

#### **European Human Rights Moot Court Competition**

Launched by the European Law students' Association (ELSA), in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition aims at providing law students with an opportunity to gain practical experience in the field. The competition is open to all students from ELSA countries as well as from countries that are members of the Council of Europe. The simulation of a court trial is often divided into two phases: the written phase and the oral phase. In the written part students draft submissions or memorials on behalf of the applicant and the respondent. The written phase leads to the oral phase, which means simulations of court hearings where students represent the applicant and the respondent. The teams will examine a fictive case and draft written submissions for each party. The teams will be evaluated based on their written admissions and the best 16 teams will compete in the European final at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. For the teams that are qualified to the final, there will be a participation fee that covers accommodation and meals. The winning team will be awarded with a traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and with cash prizes. The Best Overall Orator will be awarded with a traineeship at the Council of Europe Liaison Office with the European Union in Brussels and with cash prizes. For those who will win the Council of Europe prize and the prize for the Best Overall Orator, ELSA will cover up to 400 EUR of the accommodation costs per person.

Deadline for sending questions: 9th October 2016.

Deadline for teams to register: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 23:59 CET. Deadline for written submission: **15**<sup>th</sup> **November 2016**, 12 pm CET.

Find out more: http://www.humanrightsmootcourt.org

#### **Pact Zollverein Residency Programme**

From August to December 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 or media arts or sound art. 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: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 17:00 CET.

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

#### **International Schools Essay Competition and Debate 2017**

The Trust for Sustainable Living has launched an essay competition for young people worldwide, from 7 to 17 years old, and their teachers in formal and home schools, to write open letters to the soon-to-be-elected new UN Secretary General outlining their ideas for practical climate action. Primary students (ages 7-11) are invited to submit an essay on the theme "My Plan for Climate Action" (maximum 400 words) and secondary students (ages 11-17) should submit an essay on the theme "We Can Beat Climate Change by 2030" (maximum 600 words). For each category, schools are invited to submit up to 30 essays online. Trophies for 1st to 5th places will be awarded in each category (Primary and Secondary) and one overall Grand Prize Winner (plus Teacher Champion and Parent) will receive a free trip to the 2015 International Schools Debate and Awards in the UK from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Deadline: 15th December 2016.

Find out more: <a href="http://www.livingrainforest.org/explore/schools-debate">http://www.livingrainforest.org/explore/schools-debate</a>

#### **Youth eParticipation Projects**

Launched in the framework of the research and innovation project EUth, by the European Youth and Counselling Agency (ERYICA), the idea is to support 10 project proposals with 10 000 EUR each to implement youth eParticipation projects using the digital toolbox "OPIN". Projects should build a bridge between young people and decision-makers with the help of "OPIN". There are very diverse possibilities and options to initiate eParticipation projects with both online and offline components.

Projects should involve young people in a decision-making process, target young people between 15 and 30 years old, combine online and offline participation, use one or more functionalities of the OPIN platform and be technically feasible with the OPIN software.

Legally established youth (work) organisations, non-governmental organisations targeting young people or public administrations of any size and level, registered and working in one of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe, Belarus or Kosovo can apply by 31st December 2016, 12:00 CET.

Find out more: http://www.euthproject.eu/open-call

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

## **Highlights**

#### #AskNavracsics-helping more young people to engage in their communities

Commissioner Tibor Navracsics, the European Commissioner for Youth, wants to help more young people to engage with their communities through volunteering and other activities. He recently discussed the broad issues with a number of young people online and in person, and now he would like to hear from many more young people across Europe.

He wants to hear young peoples' ideas and opinions on how to make it easier for them to get involved in their communities. These will be used by him and his staff to influence policies and practices at European and national levels. His discussions with young people, along with more formal research into this topic, has highlighted some of the things that discourage young people from getting involved in their communities through volunteering and other activities, including:

- A lack of motivation and information about how to start volunteering;
- Too few role models that young people can be inspired by;
- Not enough information on the opportunities and projects that are available;
- The costs of taking part;
- Very little recognition of all the effort put in;
- Little acceptance by potential employers of the new skills gained through getting involved.

Participants to the consultation will have to give their views on what should be done to reduce or remove these barriers, and any others that make it difficult for young people to engage in their communities.

Deadline to participate is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

http://europa.eu/youth/asknavracsics#take-part

#### 177 organisations call for a new Europe

The European Youth Forum, together with 177 European and national Civil Society Organisations and Trade Unions, has made a common statement calling for a new Europe for people, planet and prosperity for all. According to the statement, at this crucial time, European leaders must involve their people, and especially young people, on the big decisions about the future of Europe. The signatories believe the current crisis highlights the urgent need to reflect on fundamental questions: how do we ensure that the European project reclaims its promise of peace, democracy and solidarity? How can Europe work for its people? Too many people across Europe are dissatisfied and disillusioned with the European Union and feel remote from its institutions and policies. But there are groups of committed politicians, trade unions, community groups and non-governmental organisations across Europe who are ready to take action and work for a renewed Europe. Together, it is possible to shape a Europe that is inclusive, open, just, sustainable, and that works for people of all ages, social backgrounds and nations.

http://bit.ly/2cCGvu0

#### MEPs reject Council cuts on EU Budget 2017 asking for more funds for youth, jobs and migration

On 28th September, the Budget Committee of the European Parliament reversed all the cuts proposed by the EU Council to the draft 2017 EU budget. MEPs increased the Youth Employment Initiative by an additional €1,500 million in commitment appropriations and €500 million in payment appropriations. They also fully restored the budgets of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), which funds infrastructure projects, and the Horizon 2020 programme, which backs research projects. Both programmes had faced cuts as part of measures to help finance the EU quarantee for the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). MEPs also increased the budgets for the Erasmus+, Marie Curie, European Research Council, Progress, Eures and COSME. The Committee also reinforced spending on culture, communication and citizenship by increasing funding to the MEDIA sub-programme by  $\leq 10.882,000$  and to Multimedia actions by  $\leq 13$  million, as well as to a Culture sub-programme, which saw its budget increase by €13,650,000 to support cross-border actions and promote transnational circulation and mobility of cultural and creative works. Concerning migration, asylum and security, the Committee boosted the Commission's draft budget for agencies with security-related tasks including Europol, Eurojust and the European Asylum Support Office.

Concerning agriculture, the committee approved a €600 million emergency support package for the dairy sector. MEPs expect the additional €4.13 billion to be financed in part via new appropriations to be obtained through the ongoing mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework

The full plenary will vote on 26<sup>th</sup> October on a proposed budget amounting to €161.8bn in commitments, €4.13bn more than the original Commission proposal.

http://bit.ly/2dbPRhN

#### Recommendation on Young People's Access to Rights Adopted

On 28th September 2016, Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)7 on Young People's Access to Rights. The Recommendation highlights that access to rights requires young people, youth organisations and youth workers to know about the rights that young people should be able to enjoy and what they can do if their rights are violated.

On access to information (section 3.6), the Recommendation calls for the provision of "effective mechanisms for informing and advising young people of their rights and the possibilities for seeking redress if these rights are violated or withheld". The recommendation calls on Member States to establish or develop youth policies that more effectively facilitate young people's access to rights. In this regard, Member States are invited to consider a series of specific measures to promote and facilitate young people's access to rights and encourage local and regional authorities to do the same. The measures are set out under the following headings:

- -access to education;
- -autonomy and social inclusion of young people;
- -youth mobility;
- -active citizenship, democracy and participation;

- -living together in diverse societies;
- -access to information and protection;
- -access to health care services. Recommendation, CM/Rec(2016)7

#### Including young people in society through sport and youth work

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, the European Parliament Youth Intergroup hosted the event "Youth and Sport: Team-up for inclusive societies!". Organised together with the Sports Intergroup, the European Youth Forum and Engso Youth, the event aimed at discussing ideas, presenting projects relating to the importance and promotion of the practice of sport by youth and showing through different projects the strong role of sports in the inclusion of young people. All the presented projects had two common goals: the first one was using the strength of sports to empower young in learning at many levels, from literacy to societal values. The second one was the emphasis placed on inclusion via activities such as scouting and initiatives to use sport as a self-esteem builder, in order to settle easily into work life. The event emphasised the value of promoting the practice of sport by youth and the need to team-up for inclusive societies. It also highlighted the importance on linking the education system to the non-formal education and using the Erasmus + to link sports, youth and social inclusion.

http://bit.ly/2dnz2j5

#### Public Consultation: European Charter on Quality in Learning Mobility in the youth field

As learning mobility is increasingly being employed as a pedagogical tool both in formal and non-formal contexts, issues of quality become a more pressing concern than before.

With a mandate from the Steering Group of the European Platform on Learning Mobility (EPLM), the team of the partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the youth field has launched a consultation on the European Charter on Quality in Learning Mobility in the youth field. The consultation is addressed to young people who have participated in learning mobility activities (youth exchanges, EVS, placements, school stays), practitioners in the field of learning mobility (project organisers and youth workers), national Erasmus+ agencies, researchers and policy makers. The consultation is available here and will be open until 10th November 2016.

#### **European Day of Languages - Eurostat Release**

According to the data published on the occasion of the European Day of Languages by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in 2014, more than 18 million primary school pupils (or 84% of all the pupils at this level) in the European Union (EU) were studying at least one foreign language, including nearly 1 million (around 5%) studying two foreign languages or more. At primary level, English was by far the most popular language, studied by over 17 million pupils. The dominance of English is confirmed at the lower secondary level (pupils aged around 11-15 depending on the national educational system) with over 17 million pupils in the EU learning English as a foreign language (97% of all the pupils at this level) in 2014. French (5 million or 34% of the relevant population) came second, followed by German (3 million or 23%), Spanish (2 million or 13%), Russian (0.5 million or 3%) and Italian (0.2 million or 1%). Currently there are 24 official languages recognised within the EU. In addition there are regional languages, minority languages, and languages spoken by migrant populations. Several EU Member States have more than one official language.

http://bit.ly/2cWLa9R

#### **Eurostat release: August 2016 Euro area unemployment rate**

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in August 2016, 4.199 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.927 million were in the Euro area. Compared with August 2015, youth unemployment decreased by 381 000 in the EU28 and by 209 000 in the Euro area. In August 2016, the youth unemployment rate was 18.6% in the EU28 and 20.7% in the Euro area, compared with 20.1% and 22.3% respectively in August 2015. In August 2016, the lowest rate was observed in Germany (6.9%), and the highest were recorded in Greece (47.7% in June 2016), Spain (43.2%) and Italy (38.8%). http://bit.ly/2dEyKnc

#### **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 0.4% in the Euro area (EA19) and by 0.3% in the EU28 in the second quarter of 2016 compared with the previous quarter. In the first quarter of 2016, employment increased by 0.4% in both zones. These figures are seasonally adjusted. Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 1.4% in the Euro area and by 1.5% in the EU28 in the second guarter of 2016 (after +1.4% in both zones in the first quarter of 2016). Eurostat estimates that, in the second quarter of 2016, 232.1 million men and women were employed in the EU28 (highest level ever recorded); of which 153.3 million were in the euro area (highest level since the fourth quarter of 2008). 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 http://bit.ly/2c7DAvz

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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> July-31<sup>st</sup> December 2016: Slovak EU Council Presidency

On 1st July 2016, Slovakia took over the six-month rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU from The Netherlands, as part of the Dutch-Slovak-Maltese 'Trio Presidency'. The Slovak EU Presidency will focus on economic growth, digital Single Market, the creation of an Energy Union, migration, and the EU enlargement.

http://www.eu2016.sk/en

#### 1st-31st October 2016: Time to Move Eurodesk Campaign

Organised by Eurodesk all over Europe, the "Time to Move" campaign will offer for the third consecutive year a collection of hundreds of events about international opportunities. The activities range from information sessions to concerts, online and on-site events that will introduce young people to European programmes about studying, volunteering, travelling and internship places abroad. The site of the campaign, timetomove.info includes an interactive map with all the activities. Depending on the event, pre-registration may be needed.

Find out more: http://timetomove.info

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October 2016: EU Youth Conference, Košice, Slovakia

The EU Youth Conference, under the Slovak Presidency, will focus on the priority for the V cycle of the Structured Dialogue "enabling all young people to engage in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe - Ready for life, ready for society", the common topic for the trio Presidencies of the Netherlands, Slovakia and Malta.

The opening and closing session will be webcast here as follow:

- 4<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30 to 12:30
- 6th October from 9:00 to 11:15.

Read more: http://bit.ly/2dm93cV

#### 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October 2016: World Space Week, Worldwide

The World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The week is coordinated by the United Nations with the support of World Space Week. Government agencies, industry, non-profit organisations, teachers and even individuals can organise events to celebrate space. This year's theme is "Remote Sensing - Enabling Our Future".

Find out more: <a href="http://www.worldspaceweek.org">http://www.worldspaceweek.org</a>

#### 15th-23rd October 2016: Europe Code Week, Europe

This is a week to celebrate coding in Europe, encouraging citizens to learn more about technology, and connecting communities and organisations who can help to learn coding. Millions of children, young adults, adults, parents, teachers, entrepreneurs and policymakers will again come together in events and classrooms across Europe to learn to create with code.

Find out more: http://codeweek.eu

#### 17th-21st October 2016: SEC2U - Startup Europe Comes to **Universities**

The SEC2U is an initiative to showcase the commitment of European universities to create a strong culture of entrepreneurship and innovation that is spreading in the university community. The initiative will bring together entrepreneurs, businessmen and representatives of local universities and government for one week to showcase local universities; opportunities and support for businesses; success stories and cases of failure as a way of learning; and allow time for networking and to make contacts among participant.

Find out more: http://startupeuropeuniversities.eu

#### 17th-18th October 2016: eSkills for Jobs 2016, Bratislava, Slovakia

This high-level conference "Europe in the Digital era - where skills are making the difference" will be an opportunity to discuss how the momentum initiated by the EU e-skills strategy and awareness raising campaigns could be sustained in the future.

To participate in the event, please register at http://eskills4jobs.sk/registration

Find out more: http://eskills4jobs.sk

#### 19th October 2016: S&D Conference: The Creative Europe Programme and its Implementation, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament, the conference will be an occasion to exchange ideas on the Creative Europe programme and its implementation. The event will take place at the European Parliament in Brussels, from 15h00 to 18h30 CET. Participants should register by 14th October 2016, 12h00.

Find out more: <a href="http://bit.ly/2cZufYE">http://bit.ly/2cZufYE</a>

#### 21st October 2016: Relaunching Europe, Bucharest, Romania

How does a young professional manage to get a job in Romania? How hard is it to find the position you have studied for and go for it? Organised by the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament, the debate will focus on challenges and opportunities, dos and don'ts, local and European perspectives with Romanian specialists, local and international politicians and stakeholders.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/2cEQr7r

#### 20th-21st October 2016: European Education, Training and Youth Forum, Brussels, Belgium

The Forum is an annual event organised by the European Commission which brings together key stakeholders in education, training and youth. This year the Forum will focus on how to best deliver on the New Skills Agenda for Europe adopted by the Commission on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The Forum programme will include interactive and innovative workshops where participants will have the opportunity to contribute to upcoming initiatives and discuss implementation of announced actions.

Participation is by invitation only.

Find out more: <a href="https://education-training-youth-forum2016.teamwork.fr">https://education-training-youth-forum2016.teamwork.fr</a>

#### 27th October 2016: Creative Europe Showcase Conference, Brussels, **Belgium**

Flagship event organised by the European Commission to highlight the results and achievements of funded projects. The event will gather policymakers and stakeholders from the sector. It aims to demonstrate the impact of Creative Europe-funded projects both on the ground and at the European level. The conference will also address the priorities of the Creative Europe programme as well as the forthcoming 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/2clgrUB

#### 31st October-4th December 2016: Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on ERASMUS+ Funding Opportunities for Youth

The MOOC on Erasmus+, will provide with the basic knowledge and understanding of how to use various funding opportunities and fulfill the funding requirements for international youth exchanges, European voluntary service, mobility of youth workers, and structured dialogue projects funded through Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme. Furthermore, participants will learn how to start developing youth exchange and volunteering projects, youth worker training activities and participation projects. They will discover good practice examples, tips and hints for developing good quality projects and have the opportunity to network with other participants of the course and share their knowledge and ideas with them. The course is organised by SALTO-YOUTH Participation Resource Centre. National Agencies of Erasmus+ Youth in Action from Hungary, Italy, Iceland, Croatia, Slovakia and Poland.

Find out more: <a href="http://bit.ly/2dcCBbD">http://bit.ly/2dcCBbD</a>

#### 31st October-9th December 2016: Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on EU budget and funding for regions and cities

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is offering a MOOC to contribute to capacity-building of regional and local authorities with regard to EU affairs, more particularly on EU budget and funding for regions and cities. The aim of this MOOC is to enhance participants' knowledge by learning in more detail about the EU budget and funding for regions and cities. This MOOC is co-created with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Commission - Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) and Directorate-General for Budget (DG BUDG). The course is open to anyone who is interested in EU and regional and local affairs, free of charge.

Participants should register here.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/2bkWmNT

#### 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November 2016: World Forum for Democracy 2016, Strasbourg, France

Under the theme: "Democracy and equality-does education matter?" the fifth edition of the Forum will engage with young people, decision-makers and opinion-formers in a reflection on how education and democracy can reinforce each other and address the risks of new social divides.

The common working language of the event will be English. Board, lodging and travel costs will not be covered by the Council of Europe.

The Forum is open to the public and participation is free of charge.

Deadline to register: 21st October 2016.

Find out more: <a href="http://www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy/home">http://www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy/home</a>

#### 14th-15th November 2016: World Bank Group Youth Summit, Washington, DC, USA

The Youth Summit is an event organised by the World Bank Group (WBG), in partnership with the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. This year's theme is "Rethinking Education for the New Millennium" focusing on giving youth an active voice in creating the vision for the future of education. Attendance to the event is free of charge. Interested youth will have to find sponsors to pay for their transportation tickets and accommodation for the two days of the event.

Find out more: <a href="http://bit.ly/2bGkgCI">http://bit.ly/2bGkgCI</a>

#### 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December 2016: European vocational skills week, Europe

Under the theme ""Discover your Talent!", the first European vocational skills week aims to improve the attractiveness and image of vocational education and training, showcase excellence and quality and raise awareness of the wide range of opportunities. A series of events and activities will take place in Brussels, Belgium (press conference, conference, workshops, closing event with award-giving) and across Europe. All stakeholders: learners, parents, companies, business organisations, social partners, education and training providers, adult learning organisations, researchers, career counsellors, public authorities, and society at large are invited to get involved and submit their activity here.

Find out more: http://bit.ly/2anhG6o

#### **European Citizenship Training Courses 2017**

The courses are meant to support youth workers and youth leaders developing their critical understanding of European Citizenship and encourage them to integrate the topic in their practical work.

List of proposed Courses:

•Training Course: ECTC-Spain (12th-18th February 2017)

Deadline: to be announced.

•Training Course: ECTC-Belgium-Flanders (7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

Deadline: to be announced.

All details are available here: http://bit.ly/1tg7FFo

#### **Salto-Youth: Training Calendar**

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

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

## **Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities**

5 Sept 2016	Preparatory online meeting for Eurodesk Multipliers Seminar in Italy. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.		
9 Sept 2016	Eurodesk Multipliers Awards Jury Meeting. Location: EBL. Participants from Eurodesk: Eurodesk President Reinhard Schwalbach, EBL Director Audrey Frith, Zsolt Marton.		
11 Sept 2016	Meeting and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with ERYICA and EYCA. Location: Brussels, Belgium. Participants: Eurodesk President Reinhard Schwalbach, EBL Director Audrey Frith.		
12 Sept 2016	Executive Committee Meeting. Location: EBL. Participant from EBL: Audrey.		
13 Sept 2016	Webinar on the future Executive Committee Election. Participant from EBL: Audrey.		
14-15 Sept 2016	Training of Eurodesk Portuguese Multipliers. Location: Santa Cruz, Portugal. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.		
15 Sept 2016	Preparatory online meeting for Eurodesk Network meeting in Braga. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.		
19 Sept 2016	Meeting with ERYICA and EYCA. Location: EYCA Participant from EBL: Audrey.		
19 Sept 2016	Meeting with Christina Altides and Laura Popa, EYE project coordinator, European Parliament, DG Communication, European Youth Event Unit. Location: European Parliament. Participant from EBL: Audrey.		
19 Sept 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> EYP Project Steering Committee meeting. Location: EAC. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.		
20 Sept 2016	Quality Group Online Meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.		

20 Sept 2016	Meeting with Harald Hartung, Graeme Robertson, Fabienne Metayer from European Commission Directorate-General Education and Culture, to present the views of the three networks (Eurodesk, Eryica and Eyca) on the future youth strategy.  Location: EAC.  Participant from EBL: Audrey.		
	Building One's Pathway in Tomorrow's Society.		
21-25 Sept 2016	Location: Krakow, Poland.		
	Participant from EBL: Audrey.		
	Study visit: Representation of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU.		
21 Sept 2016	Location: EBL.		
	Participants from EBL: Denise, Gheorghe, Noemi, Silvia, Zsolt.		
	Youth & Sport: Team-up for inclusive societies!		
27 Sept 2016	Location: European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium.		
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	Eurodesk Newcomers Training.		
27-28 Sept 2016	Location: EBL		
	Participants from EBL: All EBL took part.		
	Preparatory online meeting for Eurodesk Multipliers		
29 Sept 2016	Seminar in Italy.		
	Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.		