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Deadlines up to 2nd September 2017

Upcoming deadlines

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000210	6 August 2017	Young European of the Year Award - Travel Grants
EU0010000181	6 August 2017	Traineeships and student summer jobs at the European Investment Bank
EU0010000280	10 August 2017	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000181	11 August 2017	Traineeships and student summer jobs at the European Investment Bank
EU0010000280	14 August 2017	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000485	14 August 2017	A Sea of Words - International Short Stories Contest
EU0010000280	15 August 2017	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000178	15 August 2017	Translation Traineeships at the European Parliament for university graduates
EU0010000564	15 August 2017	EEA Photo Competition "NATURE@work"
EU0010000560	15 August 2017	Translation training placements at the European Parliament
EU0010000280	16 August 2017	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre

EU0010002152	16 2017	August	Altiero Spinelli Prize for Outreach: Spreading Knowledge about Europe
EU0010000525	18 2017	August	Tvebiomovies 2017
EU0010002159	18 2017	August	Monitoring and coaching, through sports, of youngsters at risk of radicalisation
EU0010002157	18 2017	August	Sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees
EU0010002076	18 2017	August	Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change
EU0010000577	20 2017	August	European Youth Media Days 2017-10th Anniversary
EU0010000280	21 2017	August	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000181	22 2017	August	Traineeships and student summer jobs at the European Investment Bank
EU0010000576	27 2017	August	Europe in My Region Photo Competition 2017
EU0010000522	31 2017	August	Horizon2020: European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants
EU0010000630	31 2017	August	Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition
EU0010000072	31 2017	August	Traineeships at the European Commission
EU0010002154	31 2017	August	#2030isnow Instagram competition

EU0010000147	31 2017	August	Traineeships at the European Ombudsman
EU0010000090	31 2017	August	European Parliament Instagram photo contest
EU0010000090	31 2017	August	Traineeships at the European Commission – Translation traineeships
EU0010000092	31 2017	August	Traineeships and Fellowships at the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)
EU0010000280	31 2017	August	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000654	1 2017	September	Europe for Citizens: Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation - Networks of Towns
EU0010000280	1 2017	September	Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre
EU0010000468	1 2017	September	Heinrich Böll Foundation grants scholarships (for study in Germany)
EU0010000088	1 2017	September	Europe for Citizens: Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation-Town Twinning

Documentation

Engage. Inform. Empower. booklet of best practices

“Engage. Inform. Empower” is a collection of good practices from the main European youth information and mobility networks. The paper is a collaboration between ERYICA, EYCA and Eurodesk.

The publication is divided into four different categories: studying end employment, mobility and integration, digital tools and peer-to-peer and face-to-face. These themes lead the reader to almost 30 good practices all around Europe.

The authors invite to disseminate this publication among networks and stakeholders, and to use it at regional and national level.

<http://eryica.org/news/engage-inform-empower-new-collection-best-practices>

2017 Employment and Social Developments in Europe review

The annual European Commission main report aims to provide evidence and analysis and to review trends and upcoming challenges on the labour market. It confirms positive labour market and social trends and continued economic growth. With over 234 million people having a job, employment has never been as high as today in the EU, and unemployment is at its lowest level since December 2008. Since 2013, 10 million jobs have been created in the EU. But looking beyond the overall social and economic progress, evidence shows that a particularly high burden is put on the younger generations: they tend to have more difficulties in finding a job, they are more often in non-standard and precarious forms of employment including temporary contracts, and they are likely to receive lower pensions relative to wages.

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

Travelling in Europe 2017-18

Published by the European Commission, the publication focuses on travel in Europe: a continent with thousands of years of history, a rich cultural heritage and some of the world's most breathtaking scenery. It gives useful tips and access to the map of Europe.

<http://bit.ly/2v8HEo6>

OECD Employment Outlook 2017

The 2017 publication reviews recent labour market trends and short-term prospects in OECD countries. The report presents a comparative scoreboard of labour market performance that encompasses the quantity and quality of employment, as well as the inclusiveness of the labour market. During the past decade, most countries managed to better integrate women and potentially disadvantaged groups into the labour market and improve the quality of the working environment, whereas earnings quality was more or less stable and labour market security worsened.

The report also looks at the resilience of labour markets following the global crisis and shows how both structural reforms and expansionary fiscal policy mitigate the unemployment costs of adverse aggregate shocks. OECD countries generally have avoided an increase in structural unemployment, but not a marked deceleration of wage and productivity growth. The report documents the impact of technological progress and globalisation on OECD labour markets over the past two decades. Technology is shown to have been strongly associated with both job polarisation and de-industrialisation. Furthermore, the report provides an exceptionally rich portrait of collective bargaining in OECD countries that makes it possible to understand better how national systems differ and the implications of those differences for economic performance.

<http://bit.ly/2t51iMy>

Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor

The interactive online tool, developed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), allows users to browse the 168 selected cities and the quantitative and qualitative information about their performance in the Countries and Cities pages. It also allows to create a new city entry, by adding new data, and to compare it to selected cities in the Monitor; to adapt weights according to the importance attached to different topics by cities and produce customised rankings; and to simulate the impact of policy actions (e.g. increased city visitors) on the final scores, thus proving users to build scenarios. The Plots page gives access to the users to explore how the selected variables and dimensions relate to each other.

<http://bit.ly/2uNAr9l>

ESCO

Launched by the European Commission, ESCO is the first full version of the European classification of Skills, Competences, Occupations and Qualifications (ESCO).

The classification is available in 26 languages (the 24 EU languages, Icelandic and Norwegian). ESCO facilitates the dialogue between labour market and the education/training sector by providing a common language that could help overcome labour market imbalances and increase occupational and geographical mobility in the EU.

ESCO connects people and jobs, by providing a common language that helps jobseekers to find the job that best matches their skills; it connects employment and education, as education providers can use it to describe the expected learning outcomes of their curricula and to understand better the labour market trends and future skills needs and, finally, it connects labour markets at EU level, by acting as the digital enabler of labour market mobility.

<https://ec.europa.eu/esco/portal>

EU policies and actions on Sustainable Development Goals

Website providing information related to how the EU is contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and towards

achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Policies and actions are listed alphabetically. Each policy or action is well explained in thematic websites.

https://ec.europa.eu/sustainable-development/about_en

VET toolkit for tackling early leaving

A Europe-wide toolkit inspired by successful VET practices in helping young people to attain at least an upper secondary qualification. It provides practical guidance, tips, good practices and tools drawn from VET to feed into activities and policies aiming at: helping young people at risk of becoming early leavers to remain in education and training and qualify; helping early leavers to reintegrate into education or training and the labour market.

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/toolkits/vet-toolkit-tackling-early-leaving>

Opportunities

EEA Photo Competition "NATURE@work"

Launched by the European Environment Agency (EEA), the competition invites participants to capture how nature benefits them.

Participants should be 18 or older and be citizens of the EEA member countries and West Balkan cooperating countries.

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/about-us/countries-and-eionet>

They will have to submit up to five photos, supported by a short text depicting any of the following three categories:

1. NATUREprovides,
2. NATUREprotects,
3. NATUREinspires.

The winners in each category will be awarded cash prizes of EUR 2,000 for the 1st prize, EUR 1,500 for the 2nd prize, EUR 1,000 for the 3rd prize and EUR 500 for the Public Choice award and the Youth Prize.

The Youth Prize will be awarded to the winning entry, selected among those submitted by persons aged between 18 and 24 (born between calendar years 1993 and 1999) to any of the competition categories.

All finalists will be put forward for the Public Choice Award and may also feature in future digital and print material from the EEA and its European partners.

Deadline: **15th August 2017**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2u9KB72>

Tvebiomovies 2017

The competition invites anyone from any age and from any country to create a one-minute film about the environment and sustainability. Films should address the issues outlined in one of these categories:

- Invasive alien species
- People and protected area systems and parks.

Entrants will have to submit a written proposal about their films by **18th August 2017**, 23:00 GMT. Films should be up to 1 minute and be in the following languages: English, French, German, Spanish or Russian. Entrants can compete individually or in-group, but there must be a lead filmmaker. A judging panel will select the best three proposals in each category, which will be funded with US\$ 300. Funding will only be awarded on delivery of the film. The finalist films must be received by 13th October 2017.

Finalist films will be displayed on [TVE's Inspiring Change YouTube channel](#) between 24th October and 17th December 2017.

The film with the most views in each category will win a prize of US\$ 1500.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29UdF81>

European Youth Media Days 2017 - 10th Anniversary

The European Youth Press - Network of Young Media Makers, invites applicants to become one of the 90 young journalists, aged between 18 and 30, who will report from the European Parliament in Brussels, in the framework of European Youth Media Days (EYMD) 2017 taking place from 16th to 18th October 2017.

Young journalists, citizens or residents in an EU Member State, will experience three days of media workshops, political discussions, hands-on media production and invaluable insights into the European Parliament and international media milieu. They will get the chance to interact with high-level European politicians, professional journalists and experts and engage in intercultural exchange through practical media production. Over the course of the three-day workshop, each young journalist will work to produce a report on the topic of the seminar through their medium of choice: video, photo, radio, print, multimedia or new media.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the event, all participants will have an opportunity to win the EYMD Jubilee Award in several categories.

This year's edition will focus on the topics of media literacy and rise of populism. They will be addressed in workshops with professional journalists and experts and in two panel discussions with Members of the European Parliament, representatives of socio-political sphere in Belgium and other high-ranking guests.

The European Parliament will reimburse participants' travel costs, and reimburse up to 360 Euros lump sum to working journalists or up to 180 Euros lump sum to journalism students or interns to cover accommodation, meals and local transport. For participants living in Brussels no lump sum or travel cost will be paid.

The young journalists chosen to participate will have to arrange their own accommodation and travel and provide the necessary documents to the European Parliament for reimbursement.

For young journalists citizens or legal residents of the EU neighbouring countries, travel costs (up to 250 Euros) will be reimbursed by the European Youth Press, that will also reimburse accommodation, local transportation, and meal costs for an amount of up to 200 Euros.

The event will be held in English, so a working level of the language is required.

Deadline to apply: **20th August 2017, 23:59 CET.**

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

European Youth Media Days Jubilee Award

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the European Youth Media Days, all selected participants will have the opportunity to win the EYMD Jubilee Award in several categories.

Entrants will have to submit their work, published or unpublished, to one or more of following categories (one piece per category):

- Print article (3,000 characters maximum) on rise of populism;
- Photography (5 pictures maximum) on rise of populism;
- Audio (3 minutes maximum) on rise of populism;
- Video (5 minutes maximum) on rise of populism;
- Essay (4,500 characters maximum) on media literacy and critical thinking.

Media samples that are not in English should have an English summary. Essays need to be in English only.

The five winners (one in each category) will be announced during the closing ceremony of the EYMD and will be awarded with certificate and gift items.

Deadline for the EYMD Jubilee Award: **2nd October 2017, 23:59 CET.**
Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2tMhOVs>

European Parliament Instagram Photo Contest

Launched by the European Parliament to celebrate the end of roaming charges, the contest invites anyone living in one of the EU countries to share their summer pictures from all around Europe, showing the best spots visited, the funniest moment of their trip or the most surprising things they discovered. The best shots will be shared during the whole summer. Three winners will be selected and invited to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, on 15th November 2017 to take over the European Parliament Instagram account during the European Lux Film Prize award. Furthermore, a selection of the best shots will be exhibited at the Parlamentarium, the Parliament's visitors centre in Brussels, Belgium.

Entrants, when posting their picture, will have to use the hashtag #ByeByeRoaming and tag @europeanparliament; be at least 18 years old and have full copyright of the photo they share and be available to travel to Strasbourg on 14th-15th November 2017.

Deadline: **31st August 2017**, midnight CET.
Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2uXD9sS>

Traineeships at the European Commission

The European Commission (or some executive bodies and agencies of the European Institutions like, for instance, the European External Action Service or Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) organises twice a year in-service training periods lasting five months for university graduates. The training periods start on 1st March and 1st October each year. Trainees will receive a monthly grant of approximately EUR 1,159,40 and reimbursement of travel expenses. Accident and health insurance can also be provided. The traineeship programme is open to university graduates, from all over the world who have a:

- Degree of at least 3 years of study (minimum a Bachelor);

- Very good knowledge of English or French or German (C1/C2 level in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages);
- Very good knowledge of a second EU official language (required for nationals of EU countries).

Deadline: **31st August 2017** (for the March-July 2018 traineeship session).

Find out more: https://ec.europa.eu/stages/home_en

Traineeships at the European Commission - Translation traineeships

DG Translation of the European Commission offers a small number of paid traineeships each year. They last five months and are open to graduates looking to gain some professional translation experience within the European institutions. University graduates from all over the world should be able to translate into their main language (normally their native language) from two other official EU languages. Their main language must be one of the official EU languages, their 1st source language must be English, French or German, and their 2nd source language can be any of the official EU languages.

Trainees receive a grant of EUR 1,159,40 per month, and reimbursement of travel expenses. Accident and health insurance can also be provided.

The deadline for the traineeship period March-July 2018 is **31st August 2017** (12:00 pm CET).

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

#2030isnow Instagram competition

The European Commission is inviting instagramers to show what they are doing differently this summer to create a better world for 2030. Participants should be residents of the EU, be over 18, and own a personal Instagram account. They will have to share a picture illustrating their action to make 2030 happen, tag the [EuropeAid account](#), use the #2030isnow hashtag and tag 3 friends in their post, as the more they share, the more chances they have of winning.

The winner will receive a Micro Electric scooter and 9 other winners will get a Lonely Planet volunteer guide! The aim is to raise awareness about the [Sustainable Development Goals 2030](#).

Deadline: **31st August 2017**, 23:59 CET.

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

European Economic and Social Committee Civil Society Prize 2017

The prize rewards initiatives carried out by civil society organisations and/or individuals that have made a significant contribution to promoting European identity and integration.

Theme for this year is: "Innovative projects to promote quality employment and entrepreneurship for the future of work". The prize, which has a total value of 50,000 EUR, will be awarded on 7th December 2017.

Deadline: **8th September 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2sVRA3k>

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

Highlights

Eurodesk survey on youth information services

As one of the main providers of European youth information, Eurodesk believes that youth mobility strongly contributes to broaden one's horizons, improves employability, stimulates creativity and learning, and develops competences that allow people to positively interact in an intercultural society. So what is the trigger to empower young people to be mobile? With this survey, Eurodesk would like to better understand which are the information needs to improve the quality of youth information. The survey is available in English, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Hungarian, Dutch, Polish, Romanian and Turkish. It will be open until 10th September 2017.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EurodeskSurvey2017>

European Solidarity Corps: jobs and traineeships on track

Half a year after the European Commission launched the European Solidarity Corps and following the matching of voluntary placements which started in March 2017, thousands of job and traineeship placements are now available.

To this end, the European Commission supports two projects led by the Italian and French Public Employment Services, which will offer a solidarity-related job or traineeship in another EU country to up to 6000 young people.

The two projects led by the French Public Employment Service (Pôle Emploi) and the Italian National Agency for active labour policies (ANPAL) bring together public employment services and organisations from different EU Member States, such as employers' organisations and training institutes, to provide job or traineeship offers in solidarity-related areas to young people between the age of 18 and 30. Selected participants will be able to engage in a broad range of activities such as healthcare, social integration, environmental protection, assistance for migrants and refugees, or food aid in another EU country. The projects will reach out to employers, ensure the matching of candidates and provide financial and other types of support, such as training, to participants.

The projects are funded with more than €14 million from the Employment and Social Innovation programme. The two projects will run up to March 2019.

In parallel, the European Solidarity Corps is being further developed and consolidated. The aim is to provide 100,000 placements by the end of 2020.

The experience gained under the two new projects being launched will help lay the ground for the rolling-out of the European Solidarity Corps by 2020.

<http://bit.ly/2sGS2Pz>

Seminar on young people's access to rights

From 5th to 7th July, representatives of civil society and youth organisations, governments and local authorities from over 15 countries met at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg to

discuss dissemination and implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation on young people's access to rights. Participants familiarised themselves with the Recommendation adopted by the [Committee of Ministers in September 2016](#). A mapping of barriers for young people's access to rights was carried out, while participants shared initiatives, projects and practices they are leading to improve access to rights. Participants developed guidelines for youth organisations and governments to work together on mapping obstacles for young people's access to rights, proposing measures to address the issues as well as monitoring and evaluating progress. Furthermore, they developed a provisional set of indicators to assess young people's access to rights. The work carried out by participants in Strasbourg will set the groundwork for monitoring and evaluation of Member States' implementation, ahead of 2022 when Member States will examine follow-up to the Recommendation. The results of the Seminar will be communicated and disseminated by the Council of Europe later this year.

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

New EU school scheme to promote healthy eating habits

The new EU scheme for distribution of milk, fruit and vegetables at schools will come into force as of 1st August, ahead of the new school year. Aimed at promoting healthy eating habits among children, the scheme will also include dedicated educational programmes on nutrition. The scheme will benefit millions of European schoolchildren and will provide support to thousands of farmers in every Member State. The new scheme merges and optimises the existing projects that last year reached already over 20 million children. All 28 Member States indicated they will take part in the initiative in 2017/2018. They are free to decide how exactly the programme will work in schools on their territory, and to top up the €250 million of EU funding with dedicated national funds.

<http://bit.ly/2wdt4IS>

Eurostat release: June 2017 Euro area unemployment rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in June 2017, 3.710 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.588 million were in the Euro area. Compared with June 2016, youth unemployment decreased by 586 000 in the EU28 and by 399 000 in the Euro area. In June 2017, the youth unemployment rate was 16.7% in the EU28 and 18.7% in the Euro area, compared with 18.8% and 21.0% respectively in June 2016. In June 2017, the lowest rate was observed in Germany (6.7%), while the highest were recorded in Greece (45.5% in April 2017), Spain (39.2%) and Italy (35.4%).

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

Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE): bridging R&I sectors in Europe and worldwide

Eighty successful consortia have been selected under the 2017 Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) call for proposals, which is part of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. The RISE programme promotes cross-border and cross-sector

collaboration through sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market and vice versa within Europe and beyond. With an overall budget of EUR 80 million, 811 participating organisations (including 113 SMEs and 227 organisations from third countries) involved in research and innovation activities will receive funding for 7,480 staff exchanges in all scientific domains. Researchers at doctoral level, post-doctoral fellows as well as technicians, managerial and administrative staff are involved in the exchanges. Research and Innovation Staff Exchange represents a unique opportunity for individuals to expand their horizons, enlarge their networks, receive innovative research training and develop new career opportunities. By participating in Research and Innovation Staff Exchange, organisations can form partnerships with leading research and innovation organisations from across the world.

<http://bit.ly/2sP3I20>

Uniplaces Scholarship winners announced

The fourth edition of the Uniplaces Scholarship has come to an end. Over 1500 applicants from 158 different countries applied to win a rent-free semester by sharing an act of kindness. From tutoring disadvantaged groups, to organising a charity fashion show for a local orphanage, or organising a series of successful workshops on social media and blogging, or creating a student shop to recycle and support international (and national) students, or building confidence, self-determination and providing real-life skills for children, all winners with their acts of kindness made possible to sign the path of someone else life.

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

UN Agencies Launch Youth Entrepreneurship and Self-employment Campaign

The United Nations system- the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the International Training Centre (ITC), the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)- launched a campaign under the aegis of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth on the occasion of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises International Day, held on the 27th of June 2017. The UN agencies focused on solutions to address the unique obstacles to youth entrepreneurship and self-employment. The global campaign aims to promote actions needed to effectively enable young entrepreneurs to succeed and improve the sustainability and quality of self-employment opportunities for youth. The campaign, which will run until August 2017, will focus on solutions to address the unique obstacles that prevent young entrepreneurs from accessing the entrepreneurial world. The lack of enabling policy and ecosystems, the limited access to capital, the insufficient tools to enhance skills development and knowledge transfer are the main challenges to be addressed.

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

Young people from the EU and its Eastern Partners made their voices heard on how to shape future youth policy

From 22nd to 23rd June, around 300 young leaders, youth workers and youth policy makers from EU member states, as well as from the EU's Eastern Partner (EaP) countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, gathered in Warsaw, to be part of the 3rd Eastern Partnership Youth Forum which focused on the participation and active citizenship of young people. At the Forum's workshops, participants developed concrete recommendations for the EU, its member states and EaP governments to help shape their future youth policies. The recommendations were developed around three main areas: 1) young people as active, critical and responsible citizens; 2) young people and entrepreneurship and 3) high-quality education. These proposals will also be fed at the upcoming EaP Summit in Brussels on 24th November 2017. From lively conversation to committed debate, the 3rd Eastern Partnership Youth Forum gave young people the opportunity to influence the youth policy agenda and to learn about the wide range of educational opportunities available for them through Erasmus+ and other EU initiatives.

<http://bit.ly/2we2102>

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

Upcoming Events

EURES Job Days

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

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

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

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

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

12th August 2017: International Youth Day

The International Youth Day is celebrated every 12th August as declared by the United Nations General Assembly. The theme chosen for this year is "Youth Building Peace". The day will be dedicated to celebrating young people's contributions to conflict prevention and transformation as well as inclusion, social justice, and sustainable peace.

The official commemorative event to celebrate International Youth Day at the United Nations Headquarters in New York will take place on 11th August 2017. The event will gather experts from youth civil society, government and the United Nations to explore the various ways in which young people are contributing to building and sustaining peace.

The event is free and will be webcast live [here](#) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (EDT).

On site participants need to register [here](#) by **7th August 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2q3jwye>

14th September 2017: Promoting Migrant Integration for a Powerful, Diverse and Multicultural Europe, Brussels, Belgium

The international symposium will provide participants the opportunity to discuss the current challenges of migration and integration in Europe and to reignite the debate over an EU-wide strategy to improve integration policies across the Member States. The symposium will offer a platform for discussion on an improved European regulatory framework, support the exchange of ideas and encourage delegates to engage in thought-provoking topical debate, whilst sharing best practices and lessons learnt.

The symposium is open to equal opportunities offices, immigration advisors, lawyers, education authorities, NGOs,

employment agencies, social workers and anyone professionally interested in the topic.

There are participation fees.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2tMfv1T>

18th-19th September 2017: 4th Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society, Strasbourg, France

The Dialogue will focus on Roma Youth Employment and Vocational Education and Training and address ways to ensure a bridge between education and employment for young Roma and Travellers. Initiatives and projects in Member States related to vocational education and training, social enterprises, job fairs, the certification of professional skills for young Roma without diploma, measures to combat school drop-out and early marriages, as well as funding available at European level (e.g. the NEET programme of the EU) will also be discussed.

The meeting is open to Roma and Traveller individuals and experts from Roma and (non)Roma civil society with expertise in Roma youth, employment and vocational education. They should be actively involved in Roma and/or traveller youth issues, particularly in the area of vocational educational and training, (access to) employment and advocacy of these issues at local, national or European levels, be resident in one of the Council of Europe member States; and be fluent in one of the Dialogue meeting working languages English, French and Romani and be available to attend the Dialogue for its full duration.

Deadline to apply: **25th August 2017, 18:00 CET.**

Find out more: <http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/roma-dialogue>

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

The Forum will provide an opportunity to gain valuable feedback on the higher education work from a broad range of stakeholders and enrich the work's quality and relevance.

It will also help ensure that the OECD remains in touch with developments and emerging challenges in the higher education sector.

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

26th-27th September 2017: European Researchers' Night-Science is Wonder-ful 2017, Brussels, Belgium

Free and open to the public, the event aims to stimulate interest in and curiosity for science and research through a set of 'edutainment' activities.

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/events/2017/science-wonder-ful_en

29th September-1st October 2017: On Our Watch Hackathon, Brussels, Belgium

For 48h, activists, journalists, dataviz specialists and coders will gather to dive into the 2014-2017 European Parliament votes data and try to make sense of it. The On Our Watch website offers insights of the work of the EP on many topics, as well as analysis of certain votes. The hackathon will further scrutinise the work of the EP in a fun and creative way.

The event is open to dataviz specialist, coder, journalist, activist or policy specialists. They will just need to bring their computer, skills and ideas, as food, drinks, wifi, plugs, and fun will be provided by the organisers.

For the participants from the activist/policy specialist sector, priority will be given to On Our Watch partners.

Participants should register [here](#).

Find out more: <http://onourwatch.eu/events>

9th-13th October 2017: Entrepreneurship School, Nice, France

The course is addressed to young people interested in widening their business horizon and developing their own entrepreneurial ideas. During the 5-day programme, focusing on social entrepreneurship, participants from all around the world will have the opportunity to meet and challenge the most successful entrepreneurs. They will meet, discuss and compete against participants, share opinions and experiences with successful entrepreneurs and will also have the chance to contribute towards developing a new business start-up idea in an interactive way. The admission fee is 30€.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2tWbo2N>

16th-20th October 2017: Training Course: Empowering Young Refugees, Utoya Island, Norway

Organised by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe and the European Wergeland Centre (EWC), the training course is based on "We CAN!" manual on counter and alternative narratives to hate speech, with the aim to support its wider dissemination through the national campaigns, and partners of EWC and the EEA and Norway Grants. The training course will develop the competences of youth workers, youth leaders and educators to work with young people to develop counter and alternative narratives to hate speech.

The training course is open to campaign activists, youth workers, youth leaders and educators active with young people on combatting hate speech through awareness-raising and educational activities. They should be experienced with conducting initiatives that take action on hate speech and/or discrimination and aim to strengthen human rights and democracy, be active in one of the EEA and Norway Grants beneficiary or donor countries and able to work in English.

Deadline to apply: **23rd August 2017**, noon, CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2uKJo64>

16th-18th October 2017: Speak UP, Step UP! European youth work empowering young people's democratic values & active citizenship, Berlin, Germany

Organised by JUGEND für Europa in cooperation with SALTO SEE and Erasmus+ Youth in Action National Agencies, the conference will focus on the role and impact of Erasmus+ Youth in Action in the promotion of active citizenship and common European values including pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality, in view of the aims of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme and those expressed in the Paris Declaration. Youth workers, trainers, youth leaders, project managers, youth policy makers, youth researchers, from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries and the Western Balkan countries can apply by 27th August 2017.

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

13th-16th November 2017: Seminar "Raise your voice for tomorrow's Europe", Ljubljana, Slovenia

The forum will gather various stakeholders in the field of youth to explore relevant policies and practices connected to the education for democratic citizenship with a European dimension, gain new insight on the topic and develop inspiring responses. The aim of this forum is to promote the European dimension in education for democratic citizenship with young people and contribute to the recognition of European citizenship.

The forum is addressed to educators, youth workers, teachers, youth policy makers from the Erasmus+ Programme Countries and the Partner Countries of the Western Balkans working in the context of education for democratic citizenship with young people.

Deadline to apply: **17th September 2017, 24:00 CET.**

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

7th-8th December 2017: EUth Open Summit-Youth eParticipation in Europe: The Future is now, Berlin, Germany

How to get more youngsters actively involved in political decision-making? In the past two years the European innovation project EUth intensively researched the field of youth eParticipation and developed the unprecedented digital participation toolbox OPIN, which is adapted to the needs of young people. At the Summit, the project partners will present their results and the final version of the platform. Participants will share their views on how to enable more eParticipation, what can youth participation learn from citizen participation, how to embed new communication channels in (old) decision-making structures, how to combine online and offline methods and elaborate recommendations for the development of digital youth participation.

Deadline to [register](#): **1st September 2017.**

Find out more: <https://www.euthproject.eu/summit>

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/1ppGluS>

Coming up: European Festivals

European and worldwide Rock Festivals - although the layout is simple, the website has an extensive list of festivals.

<http://www.britishrock.cc/portal/festival/index.php>

A general site, with links to cultural events and festivals, not only rock festivals, in Europe.

<http://www.bugbog.com/festivals>

Music Festivals Europe 2017

<http://www.festivalsearcher.com/festivallists.aspx?region=europe>

Europe Music Festivals 2017

<http://www.musicfestivaljunkies.com/all-festivals>

Searching for more background information on festivals, have a look at Wiki.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_festival

Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities

3 July 2017	Online Quality meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.
14 July 2017	AEGEE - Transition Cocktail. Location: Brussels. Participant from EBL: Elena.
18 July 2017	Public Hearing - European Solidarity Corps & Youth Initiative. Location: EESC. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia.
20 July 2017	Executive Committee online meeting. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
20 July 2017	Uniplaces Scholarship jury meeting. Location: Brussels. Participant from EBL: Grazia.
27 July 2017	PrepTeam Advanced Training on Working with Multipliers online meeting. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
28 July 2017	Europe Goes Local on meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Zsolt.