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Documentation

OECD Reviews of Migrant Education -The Resilience of Students with an Immigrant Background - Factors that Shape Well-Being

Migration flows are profoundly changing the composition of classrooms, the joint report by the OECD and the European Commission reveals. The report also highlights some of the difficulties students with an immigrant background encounter and where they receive the support they need. The report provides an in-depth analysis of the risk and protective factors that can undermine or promote the resilience of immigrant students. It explores the role that education systems, schools and teachers can play in helping these students integrate into their communities, overcome adversity, and build their academic, social, emotional and motivational resilience.

<https://bit.ly/2Jbvz5R>

Projects and organisations funded by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) – Report 8

European Commission report presenting examples of 7 projects and 10 organisations supported by the Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) in 2014-2017. The projects ranged from supporting reforms of national social protection systems and enhancing administrative cooperation on posting of workers to raising awareness on how young people can benefit from the Youth Guarantee. Another main part of this report presents EaSI-supported activities implemented in 2016 by 10 major EU-level NGOs active in the promotion of social inclusion, poverty reduction and access to finance.

<https://bit.ly/2uMNnkK>

Shadow Report on the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Erasmus+ Youth Chapter

The European Youth Forum report aims to supplement the mid-term evaluation of Erasmus+ with a range of perspectives it could not necessarily be expected to yield, given that it was intended as a general evaluation of the newly integrated programme as a whole, specifically those of youth organisation applicants, users and beneficiaries. Furthermore it also aims to inform a range of its advocacy messages with more solid evidence of how its membership and the wider youth organisation community experiences the Erasmus+ programme. The report presents findings of research into issues both comparable with and distinct from those researched in the very comprehensive general evaluation commissioned by the European Commission, and conducted by ICF. In this sense it is not a 'true' shadow report. There was no ambition to check the accuracy of the mid-term evaluation, but rather to complement it with additional and more specific information on the perspectives of an important user group.

<https://bit.ly/2GTleuC>

T-Kit 4 - Intercultural learning - 2nd edition - 2018

Published by the Council of Europe and the European Commission, the revised T-Kit is intended as an educational material for youth workers, educators and trainers to understand what intercultural learning is and how to best consider it and enhance it when planning, running and evaluating activities with young people. The ultimate aim of these educational processes is to enable people to live together peacefully and respectfully in a multicultural world. The T-Kit accompanies the reader from the theory to the practice of intercultural learning, from the broad aims of intercultural learning to the detailed questions of how to embed it in youth work.

<https://bit.ly/2pNV5pI>

The State of the World's Children 2017: Children in a Digital World

The UNICEF report analyses how digital access can be a game changer for children or yet another dividing line. The report represents the first comprehensive look from UNICEF at the different ways digital technology is affecting children, identifying dangers as well as opportunities. It makes a clear call to governments, the digital technology sector and telecom industries to level the digital playing field for children by creating policies, practices and products that can help children harness digital opportunities and protect them from harm.

https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_101992.html

EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals

The European Commission multilingual portal is intended for use by organisations offering assistance to Third Country Nationals. It helps to map the skills, qualifications and work experiences of the third country nationals and to give them personalised advice on further steps. The updated version features translation of user manuals into other EU languages (except Gaelic) which can be downloaded from the homepage, the possibility of adding the issuing organisation in the organisation section and the inclusion of competence cards by Bertelsmann Stiftung in the other basic and transversal skills section to make the tool more practical and user friendly.

<https://ec.europa.eu/migrantskills/#>

Atlas of the Sky

European Commission website offering an easy way to get access to a comprehensive set of air transport related information for Europe and the world through a powerful user-friendly web map application.

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/aos/aos_public.html

Cedefop online resources for guidance

Resources for guidance, available online, dedicated to managers of careers services, practitioners and policy-makers working in career development and activation policies.

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/toolkits/resources-guidance>

European Youth Forum new website

Revamped website of the European Youth Forum.

<http://www.youthforum.org>

Opportunities

Mobility First! - ASEF Cultural Mobility Initiative 2018

Launched by the Asia-Europe Foundation, the fund aims to support the mobility of artists and cultural professionals from any artistic genre (such as visual arts, performing arts, film, heritage) for cross-border activities that include participation in events, networking, research and collaborative meetings. Mobility support is provided to selected individuals for travel from Asia to Europe, Europe to Asia and within Asia.

Also cultural organisations may apply to become ASEF's partners: they will co-select individuals who will receive support to attend specific events organised by the partner (e.g. arts festivals, conferences). Selected partner organisations are also expected to organise the event as well as providing selected persons with local contacts and context.

Successful applicants will be given up to a maximum of Singapore Dollars (SGD) 2,000 for travel from Asia to Europe or Europe to Asia.

Successful applicants will be given up to a maximum of Singapore Dollars (SGD) 1,000 for travel within Asia.

Additional funding is available for people with disabilities and special needs.

Deadlines: **25th April, 31st May, 30th June 2018.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2iWp7DV>

European Social Innovation Competition 2018

Based on the theme "RE:THINK LOCAL" the competition seeks to find the most innovative projects, products, services, business models and collaborations that empower young people to participate fully in a changing economy. It will support ideas from social innovators, entrepreneurs, students, designers, tech enthusiasts, educators, doers and makers, movers and shakers, and people who want to change the world. Individuals, groups and organisations across the European Union and in countries participating in the European Horizon 2020 programme are invited to apply by **27th April 2018, 12:00:00 CET (noon).**

Find out more: <http://eusic.challenges.org>

#Ode2Joy Challenge

The #Ode2Joy Challenge is a participatory creative and social media initiative celebrating Europe's cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible, on the occasion of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. It seeks to unlock creativity and encourage participants to make an "#Ode2Europe" as a humanistic and cultural project, based on shared values, history and heritage. Everybody is invited to contribute, any creative interpretation or expression of "#Ode2Joy" is welcome (e.g. photography, video, a drawing, a cartoon, an app, a game, design, story or poem). The participation of schools is also strongly encouraged.

Participants can perform the original score Ode to Joy composed by Ludwig van Beethoven or create their own version and do this at a heritage site which matters to them: a small parish chapel, a famous historic theatre, a garden in their village, or a museum in their town.

Participants need to record their creation and share it via social media from 9th of May, Europe Day, using the hashtag #Ode2Joy and mentioning Europa Nostra's social media account ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)). The 9th of May, Europe Day, will be the Focal point of the #Ode2Joy Challenge with as many performances/contributions as possible from across Europe (and beyond) to be live streamed or recorded and posted on social media. A selection

of the most inspiring and creative contributions will be showcased at the European Cultural Heritage Summit (18th-24th June) in Berlin.

The promotion of the results of the #Ode2Joy Challenge and new performances/recordings will continuously be encouraged and added until the end of 2018 and beyond.

Find out more: <http://www.europanostra.org/ode-joy-challenge>

Erasmus+ Support for policy reform-Social inclusion and common values

Launched by the European Commission, the Call for proposals (EACEA/10/2018) supports transnational cooperation projects in the fields of education, training and youth.

Projects should aim at:

1. Disseminating and/or scaling up good practices on inclusive education/youth environments and/or on promoting common values, initiated in particular at local level. In the context of the present call, scaling up means replicating good practice on a wider scale/transferring it to a different context or implementing it at a higher/systemic level;
2. Developing and implementing innovative methods and practices to foster inclusive education and/or youth environments and promote common values in specific contexts

Deadline: **22nd May 2018, 13.00 CET.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2Gl8Q8E>

European Drug Prevention Prize 2018

The European Drug Prevention Prize is awarded every two years to active youth drug prevention projects that are currently functioning in Pompidou Group member states.

Its objective is to recognise the importance of active youth participation in creating a better and healthier environment. Projects led by young people from all 47 Council of Europe member states, as well as other member States of the Pompidou Group and members of the Group's Mediterranean network for co-operation on drugs and addictions (MedNET) are invited to apply. Projects must be doing quality drug prevention and fully involve young people (aged under 25). They should be currently running or recently finished. Innovative projects are sought. Up to three projects will be awarded for their innovative work and will each receive a trophy and a monetary sum of € 5,000. The Prize will be awarded during a Pompidou Group Meeting in October 2018 (tbc).

Deadline: **31st May 2018.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2Gtj5Zv>

EU Aid Volunteers initiative: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Launched by the European Commission, the call aims to provide funding through support for actions aimed at strengthening the capacity of prospective hosting organisations to prepare and respond to humanitarian crises. In addition, it will provide support for actions aimed at strengthening the technical capacity of prospective sending organisations to develop or improve their compliance with the standards and procedures required to participate in the EU Aid Volunteers initiative.

Furthermore, this call all aims to strengthen the capacities of up to 115 sending and hosting organisations in the fields of:

- Disaster risk management, preparedness and response;
- Linking relief, rehabilitation and development (LRRD);
- Strengthening local volunteering in third countries;
- Capacities to undergo certification including administrative capacity;
- Capacity to provide early warning to local communities.

Deadline: **1st June 2018**, 12:00 midday CET.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/2pWyu9A>

Photo competition "My Social City"

The European Socialist Group in the Committee of the Regions has launched its annual Photo competition under the theme "My social city". Amateur and professional photographers from 18 years old, resident in one of the 28 EU Member States, can send their photo depicting social projects and/or social relationships in their towns and cities. Access to health, education, housing or employment, working conditions or the integration of disadvantaged people into society can offer inspiration for such a photo. Only one entry per participant is allowed. There will be three winners, selected by a jury composed of CoR members and experts in the field of photography and social issues. The three winners will win a photographic equipment of their choice, and they will be invited to travel to Brussels in the week of the award ceremony, which is scheduled to take place between October and December 2018.

The competition is organised in cooperation with SOLIDAR , the European Network of Civil Society Organisations working to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide.

Deadline: **30th June 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2DCuwb6>

European Youth Award (EYA)

Socially committed and creative entrepreneurs, start-up founders, designers, producers, application developers, journalists, writers under 33 (born after 1st January 1985), living in one of the member states of the Council of Europe or the Union for the Mediterranean, Belarus, Kosovo or Syria can enter their projects on seven categories:

1. Fostering Health: healthcare, sports, food, well-being;
2. Smart Learning: education, infotainment, e-skills, science and R&D;
3. Connecting Cultures: diversity, heritage, integration, gender equality;
4. Planet Friendly: sustainable energy, biodiversity, climate change, intelligent infrastructures;
5. Active Citizenship: digital journalism, democratic participation, social cohesion, human rights;
6. Sustainable Economics: financial literacy, responsible consumption, fair commerce, fundraising;
7. Open Innovation: music and arts, crazy stuff, digital magic, improving the world;
8. Special Category 2018: mYouth.

Submitted digital project, product or application must be completed after 1st January 2017. The European Youth Award will honor up to 3 winners (persons or teams) per category. One producer or representative of the winning project will be invited to the EYA Festival (Winners Event) to present the project, product or application and receive the award personally. Travel costs will be covered with a lump sum. Accommodation will be provided. The EYA Festival will take place in Graz (Austria), from 28th November to 1st December 2018.

Deadline: **15th July 2018**.

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

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

Highlights

Young European of the Year 2018

Madeleina Kay is the winner of the Young European of the Year award 2018, chosen in cooperation with the European Youth Forum and the Representation of the European Commission in Germany. Kay was honoured for her pro-European efforts in the UK & beyond.

<http://www.schwarzkopf-stiftung.de>

Erasmusx10 campaign at the Your Europe, Your Say 2018

On 15th and 16th March 2018, Eurodesk Brussels Link participated to “Your Europe, Your Say!” 2018, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) annual youth event.

99 students and 34 teachers from all the 28 EU Member States and the five EU candidate countries (Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey) gathered at the EESC in Brussels to take part in the simulated youth plenary session allowing secondary school pupils to see how the EESC decision-making process works in relation to a specific subject. The topic for this year was: “United in diversity: a younger future for European culture”. In a series of workshops, the participants were able to suggest, debate and fine-tune a range of ideas on European cultural heritage.

In the final plenary session they had the opportunity to present their recommendations and to vote for the three they judged to be the most important.

The following recommendations were the most voted, with the first two being joint winners:

1. The opportunity of discovering other cultures through travelling– ex aequo

An EU-supported programme for teenagers, allowing them to experience Europe's cultural diversity through the means of linguistic exchanges.

1. Preserve culture, learn from the past and use it to build the future – ex aequo

The creation of a network of European Houses of Cuisine and support for small traditional craft stores.

2. Experiment with culture

Making culture more accessible to and representative of everyone, providing free or cheap travel options, mixing traditional and modern forms of culture, decentralising culture so that it can be shared.

The three winning recommendations will be sent to the European Commission and the European Parliament and will also be presented by a delegation of students during the EESC commemorative plenary for the 60 years of the institution, that will take place on 24th May 2018.

During the two days of the event, Eurodesk Brussels Link had the opportunity to welcome students and their teachers and introduce them to the Eurodesk network and tools and promote the “Erasmusx10” campaign to advocate for a significant uplift of the programme's budget. Participants took pictures with the Erasmusx10 banner which were then posted on Eurodesk social media channels.

Amongst others, three members of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) took part to the photo shooting: Mr. Emilio Fatovic, Mr. Adam Rogalewski and Mr. Brendan Burns.

<https://bit.ly/2GUaLRQ>

Digital Single Market – Portability of online content services

From 1st April 2018 onwards, Europeans are able to access the online content that they have subscribed to at home, wherever they are in the EU. The aim is to ensure that Europeans who buy or subscribe to films, sports broadcasts, music, e-books and games in their home Member

State are able to access this content when they travel or stay temporarily in another EU country. The Regulation came into force on 1st April 2018 in all EU Member States.

Beneficiaries are consumers residing in the EU: new rules enable them to watch films or sporting events, listen to music, download e-books or play games when visiting or staying temporarily in other EU countries.

Providers of online content services will be able to provide cross-border portability of online content to their subscribers without having to acquire licences for other territories where the subscribers stay temporarily.

The interests of right holders are safeguarded to avoid abuses.

<https://bit.ly/2DY7ETm>

Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange

On 15th March, the European Commission launched the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange, a project to promote intercultural dialogue and improve the skills of at least 25,000 young people through digital learning tools over the next two years.

The project covers the 33 Erasmus+ programme countries and the Southern Mediterranean region covering Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine*, Syria and Tunisia. Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange will connect young people, youth workers, students and academics from European countries and the Southern neighbourhood of the EU through moderated discussions, transnational project groups, open online courses and advocacy training. For instance, young people from different countries will be able to connect once a week to discuss topics, such as economic developments or climate change, facilitated by a moderator and on the basis of preparatory material distributed beforehand.

All activities will take place as part of higher education programmes or organised youth projects. During its preparatory phase, Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange raised interest among universities and youth organisations and 50 partnerships have already been set up and 40 people have been trained as facilitators to moderate debates. The online version of Erasmus+ will complement the traditional physical mobility programme and could in the future be extended to other regions of the world. Virtual Exchange promotes intercultural dialogue between young people, in line with the Paris Declaration agreed at the informal meeting of EU Education Ministers in March 2015. The Declaration aims at promoting citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination through education.

<https://europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual>

EU's long-term budget: Parliament sets out its priorities

On 14th March MEPs adopted Parliament's official negotiating position for the EU's next long-term budget starting in 2021. MEPs adopted a report calling for the Erasmus+ budget to be at least tripled in the next MFF with the aim of reaching many more young people, youth organisations and secondary school pupils and apprentices across Europe, providing them with valuable competences and life skills through lifelong learning, learner-centred, non-formal and informal learning opportunities, and volunteering and youth work. The Parliament also called for particular attention to be paid to people coming from a disadvantaged socio-economic background so as to enable them to participate in the programme, as well as to people with disabilities. MEPs also called on the European Commission to follow up on the '18th Birthday Interrail Pass for Europe' project and put forward a dedicated programme in the next MFF with sufficient annual appropriations to cover all applications for a free railway pass coming from young Europeans that turn 18 in a specific year. They underlined that such a project would become a key component in increasing European consciousness and identity, especially in the face of threats such as populism and the spread of misinformation: MEPs reiterated that, in order to reach the objective of such a programme, a proposal for a proper legal base was expected from the Commission.

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

Tackling disinformation online: Expert Group advocates for more transparency among online platforms

On 12th March, in a report handed over to Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society Mariya Gabriel, the High-Level Expert Group on Fake News and Disinformation spread online suggested a definition of the phenomenon and made a series of recommendations.

The report focusses specifically on problems associated with disinformation online rather than fake news. The experts deliberately avoided the term 'fake news', saying it is inadequate to capture the complex problems of disinformation that also involve content which blends fabricated information with facts. The report defines disinformation as false, inaccurate, or misleading information designed, presented and promoted for profit or to intentionally cause public harm. This can threaten democratic processes and values and can specifically target a variety of sectors, such as health, science, education and finance. The report underlines the need to involve all relevant parties in any possible action, recommending first and foremost a self-regulatory approach. The group recommends to promote media literacy to counter disinformation; develop tools for empowering users and journalists to tackle disinformation; safeguard the diversity and sustainability of the European news media; and continue research on the impact of disinformation in Europe. It also advocates for a Code of Principles that online platforms and social networks should commit to. Among the 10 key principles outlined in the report, online platforms should, for instance, ensure transparency by explaining how algorithms select the news put forward. In cooperation with European news outlets, they are also encouraged to take effective measures to improve the visibility of reliable, trustworthy news and facilitate users' access to it. These measures are particularly important ahead of electoral periods. Finally, the Group recommends to establish a multi-stakeholder coalition to ensure that the agreed measures are implemented, monitored and regularly reviewed.

<https://bit.ly/2FHAMDs>

Eurobarometer on sport and physical activity

The report, unveiled by Commissioner Navracsics in Sofia (Bulgaria) during the annual EU Sport Forum on 22nd-24th March, shows that levels of participation have not changed substantially since the 2014 Eurobarometer survey. In fact, the proportion of those who say they never exercise or play sport has slightly increased from 42% to 46% Europe-wide, and this is a continuation of a gradual trend since 2009. Six countries have seen an improvement with more citizens saying they exercise or play sport: Belgium, Luxembourg, Finland, Cyprus, Bulgaria and Malta. Measures taken to increase physical activity, since the last Eurobarometer in 2014, are likely to take a few years to produce tangible effects and change people's behaviour, especially since a lot of the effort is focused on young people. The Eurobarometer also shows that most physical activity takes place in informal settings, such as parks and outdoors (40%) or at home (32%) or during the journey between home and work, school or shops. Still, 15% of Europeans do not walk for 10 minutes at a time at all in a weekly period, and 12% sit for more than 8.5 hours per day. These figures emphasise the crucial role that other actors can play: employers, for example, can help addressing sedentary behaviours at the workplace, and cities and local authorities can also play a part in helping citizens be more physically active in their daily lives. The main motivations for participation in sport or physical activity are improved health (54%) and fitness (47%). Lack of time (40%) is the principal barrier.

Around 28 000 respondents from 28 Member States and from different social and population groups took part in the poll between 2nd and 11th December 2017.

<https://bit.ly/2u9PKxo>

Employment in EU regions in 2016

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in 2016, 231 of the EU regions (84%) saw their employment grow. In 32 other regions, the number of persons employed decreased and in a further 12 employment remained stable. Growth in employment varied widely across the EU regions and within countries. The highest employment growth rates were recorded in Podkarpackie (+7.9%) and Opolskie (+5.9%) in Poland, Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla (+4.8%) in Spain and Pomorskie and Warmińsko-Mazurskie (both +4.7%) in Poland. At the opposite end of the scale, the biggest decreases in employment were registered in Nord-Est (-3.8%) and Sud-Vest Oltenia (-3.0%) in Romania, Wielkopolskie (-2.5%) in Poland, Severoiztochen (-2.3%) in Bulgaria and Śląskie (-2.2%) in Poland. In the EU as a whole, the employment grew by 1.2% in 2016.

<https://bit.ly/2uaMYbc>

Eurostat release: Young people on the labour market in 2016

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, 50% of unemployed people aged 20-34 in the European Union (EU) are reluctant to change their place of residence for a job, 21% are ready to move for a job but only in the same country, whereas 12% would consider moving to another EU Member State; 17% would even be ready to move for a job outside the EU. The education level of the young people plays a role. The young unemployed with a high level of education are more ready to move for work (23% ready to move in the same country and 16% ready to relocate inside the EU) than young unemployed with a medium education level (20% and 11% respectively) or young unemployed with a low level of education (21% and 10%). The majority of employed people aged 20-34 in the EU did not relocate for their current job (90%). The share of those who actually did move to another EU Member State was only 1% of the young employed, while 8% moved inside the country for their current job. Job mobility within the country rises among young employed with a higher level of education (13% have moved) compared with people with a medium education (6%) and those with a low level of education (4%). However, educational differences are not so significant for young employed who moved within the EU: 2% of those with high level of education and 2% of those with low education changed Member State for work reasons compared with 1% of young people with a medium education level.

<https://bit.ly/2pQfitY>

Survey: Should we build an App for International Youth Projects?

The 'European Platform on Learning Mobility' is planning a web App that guides through the different steps of organising an international youth project (preparation, delivery, follow-up). This App would ask different questions and give tips to make international youth project as good as possible. Users would be able to note down their ideas collaboratively (by different members in their team) on a project page and, at the end of the process, they could extract their notes from the App to use them, e.g. in a funding application. The App would also give the possibility to ask questions and get replies from experienced organisers.

The aim is to raise the quality of international youth projects. The web App would be accessible from any screen (smartphone, tablet, PC) and potentially in different languages. Before investing resources on this App, the European Platform on Learning Mobility has launched a short questionnaire, only 3 questions, to ask feedback from potential users.

<https://bit.ly/2IoSM3Q>

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>

Citizens' Dialogues

Citizens' Dialogues are public debates with European Commissioners and other EU decision-makers, such as members of the European Parliament, national, regional and local politicians. The events take the form of a question and answer session. It's a chance for citizens to ask EU politicians questions and make their voice heard.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/citizens-dialogues_en

1st January-30th June 2018: Bulgarian EU Council Presidency

As of 1st January 2018, Bulgaria is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first time since the country joined the EU ten years ago. It will be the second of a Trio Presidency, composed of Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria. Under the motto "United We Stand Strong", the Bulgarian Presidency will focus on the Future of Europe and young people, the Western Balkans, security and stability and the digital economy.

Find out more: <https://eu2018bg.bg/en/home>

11th April 2018: Digital and entrepreneurial skills for inclusive, cohesive and innovative societies, Brussels, Belgium

The conference will be divided in two panels focusing on scaling up digital and innovation education practices and entrepreneurial skills for successful personal development. The aim of the event is to launch a discussion on the need to support digital and entrepreneurial skills for inclusive, cohesive and innovative societies. Digital and entrepreneurial skills are often discussed in separate strands, but are actually closely interlinked, both with regard to their central importance for a fulfilling life, and in the context of innovative approaches to education and training. The event is organised under the aegis of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and builds on the European Commission's recently launched Digital Education Action Plan. It precedes the Bulgarian Presidency flagship conference 'Educate to Create: from Digital Consumers to Digital Creators' (19th-20th April in Sofia Tech Park), at which the Sofia Call for Action for Digital Skills and Education is to be adopted.

Participation at the conference is by registration only.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2pWdYHa>

12th April 2018: Tackling long-term unemployment in the EU, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the Labour Market Observatory (LMO), the aim of the conference is to assess the current situation and discuss about the outcome of the LMO's project to evaluate the implementation of the recommendation in the EU Member States. Participants will include representatives of the European Commission, social partners, the EESC groups on disabilities and Roma.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2GhQUwv>

16 April 2018: Online Info day Erasmus+KA3: Support for policy reform-Social inclusion and common values: the contribution in the field of education, training and youth

Organised by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) the online information day will be an opportunity to explain the [Call for Proposals EACEA/10/2018](#) "Social Inclusion and common values: the contribution in the field of education, training and youth" to potential applicants.

The event will be web streamed live from 14:00 to 17:00 CET.

Prior registration is required to follow the web stream, please register [here](#).

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2l0hcjn>

17th-19th April 2018: EU Youth Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria

More than 250 young people, youth policy makers and other stakeholders from the youth field will gather in Sofia, Bulgaria, for the EU Youth Conference. The EUYC is part of the 6th cycle of the Structured Dialogue that will continue until the end of 18-month Trio Presidency (Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria) titled "Youth in Europe: what's next?". The participants will work together inspired by young people's opinions and willingness to shape the European youth policy. The aim of the conference is to create a better youth-adult partnership and to show how youth empowerment is done. The EU Youth Conference is expected to result in the creation of the so called "European Youth Goals". These goals will be used as a direct recommendation to the European Commission for the next European Youth Strategy.

The conference is organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Bulgaria, in cooperation with the Bulgarian youth non-governmental sector. A civic dialogue between the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Tibor Navracsics, the Minister of Youth and Sports Krasen Kralev and young participants on the topic "Young people and the future of Europe" will be held within the framework of the conference. The UNSG's Special Envoy on Youth, Jayathma Wickramanayake, will also take part in the conference.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2q1j8kY>

17th April 2018: European Youth Information Day (EYID)

In 2018, ERYICA will celebrate European Youth Information Day (EYID) running a [Thunderclap campaign](#) which will be used to raise the visibility and recognition of youth information. The campaign, with the slogan 'Thumbs up for youth information', is targeted at youth information workers, youth workers, youth organisations and young people.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2EeqNkf>

19th-20th April 2018: Educate to create: from Digital Consumers to Digital Creators, Sofia, Bulgaria

The conference will bring together stakeholders from education, business, NGOs and government to discuss the common challenges Europe is facing in education. Conference participants call for a joint effort on harnessing the potential of digital technologies and supporting education to become more innovative.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2uMq7my>

24th April 2018: YouthMetre Final Conference, Brussels, Belgium

The YouthMetre Final Conference on “Structured Dialogue: the use of digital tools to foster youth engagement in policy-making” will bring together representatives of European institutions, regional and local authorities, civil society associations, universities and experts from different countries to exchange knowledge, experience and good practice on the topic. The conference is part of the project “YouthMetre: a tool for forward looking youth participation”, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme. The initiative aims at supporting EU Member States, municipalities and regions in carrying out effective policy reforms in the field of Youth, in line with the indications provided by the EU Youth Strategy and according to the priorities perceived by its target population: young Europeans.

Deadline to register: **5th April 2018.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2JbhOE2>

7th- 11th May 2018: Training seminar on Euro-projects design, Riccione, Italy

Organised by Eurodesk Italy, the training seminar is addressed to multipliers coming from all Eurodesk European Local Relays’ network willing to design a project, write its application and eventually submit it, at the closest deadline, within the Erasmus+ action funds. Participants will work in plenary and (mainly) in groups, each one on a specific project idea. Travel and accommodation costs will be borne by participants.

Deadline to apply: **15th April 2018.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2pZpe5s>

24th-25th May 2018: Civil Society Days, Brussels, Belgium

The event is a symbol of the cooperation between the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the members of the Liaison Group representing European civil society organisations and networks. This year, it will focus on fostering the current debate about the future of Europe and on highlighting the role across Europe of the civil society organisations which come together in the EESC to represent "Europe at work".

In line with this twofold emphasis, the CivSocDays 2018 will address Europe at work in relation to a dimension which has permeated our everyday working and living environment and will affect and shape our future, as well as the future of Europe: the digital world..

Read more: <https://bit.ly/2pX4ASE>

26th-27th May 2018: The World Village Festival, Helsinki, Finland

The Festival will offer tastes of different cultures and surprises from all over the world focusing on tolerant multiculturalism, development cooperation, global issues and expanding one's possibilities of affecting everyday life. The theme for this year is 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while the regional focus is on Africa.

Participation is free of charge.

Volunteers can apply by sending their registration by **6th May 2018.**

Find out more on: <https://www.maailmakylassa.fi/en>

4th-10th June 2018: First pilot training course based upon and articulated around the ETS Competence Model for Youth Workers Working Internationally, Rome, Italy

The objectives of the first pilot course are to be a meeting point for youth workers already involved in international mobilities (either organising them or as partners) to explore, share and support each other, with a focus on their professional development. The course intends

principally to offer participants a space to reflect and exchange on their practice and understanding with regard to the competence model, its approach and its competence areas. The main purpose is to enable participants to take further steps in their professional practice. The course is addressed to youth workers from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries.

Deadline: **30th April 2018**, 24h CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2JcYu9y>

18th-24th June 2018: European Cultural Heritage Summit, Berlin, Germany

Under the motto “Sharing Heritage – Sharing Values”, the Summit will engage and mobilise a wide range of stakeholders, public and private, for an ambitious European Agenda and Action Plan for Cultural Heritage.

Find out more: <http://european-cultural-heritage-summit.eu>

21st-22nd June 2018: 3rd Policy Learning Forum (PLF) on defining and writing learning outcomes for VET qualifications, Thessaloniki, Greece

Organised by CEDEFOP, in cooperation with the European Commission and UNESCO, the Forum aims to strengthen the exchange of experiences related to the writing and use of learning outcomes internationally. The PLF will target national and international experts involved in development of learning outcomes in the context of national frameworks and more broadly regional frameworks.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2Gr3euC>

24th-30th June 2018 Training Course “From knowing to being” Nideggen/Eifel, Germany

The training course is addressed to trainers training trainers & youth workers, as well as educators of youth workers, who are ready to live through and reflect on using and applying competence models with a specific focus on attitudes, values and inner readiness. The overall purpose of the training course is to lift the potential of participants to take further steps in their professional practice. In this context, advanced means that the trainers-learners have the capacity to direct and reflect upon their own learning and in particular, the ability to self-assess their own competences.

Participants from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries, Southern Mediterranean countries and Western Balkan countries are invited to apply by **25th April 2018**, 24h CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2GrvIo5>

26th June-3rd July 2018: Youth Peace Camp - Engaging young people and youth organisations from conflict-stricken regions in dialogue and conflict transformation, Budapest, Hungary

The Camp aims to engage young people and youth organisations from conflict affected regions in dialogue and conflict transformation activities based on human rights education and intercultural learning. The camp is addressed to young people, from 18 to 25 years old, from the following conflict affected communities: Cyprus (Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots), Kosovo, participants coming from Albanian, Serbian and other communities and from South Caucasus, in particular from conflict affected regions and ethnic minorities.

They will have to be fully committed to take part in the Youth Peace Camp project, be involved in youth or community projects and motivated to implement youth initiatives for peace building within their own communities and be able to work in English. A specific priority will be given to applicants who are or have been displaced as a result of armed conflict (refugees,

internally displaced people, migrants, asylum-seekers). Travel expenses and visa costs are reimbursed upon presentation of the relevant receipts, according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Board and lodging at the seminar will be provided and paid by the Council of Europe at the European Youth Centre in Budapest.

Deadline to apply: **13th April 2018, 13:00 pm CET.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2pOiwPu>

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

5-6 March 2018	EPLM Steering Group. Location: Luxembourg Participant from EBL: Safi.
6 March 2018	Meeting with Louis Sorlat, WeeLingua about possible collaboration, TTM boardgame. Location: EBL. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
6 March 2018	Erasmusx10 Communication meeting. Location: Participant from EBL: Zsolt;
7 March 2018	Meeting with Darko, preparation of training design team. Location: EBL Participant from EBL: Audrey
7 March 2018	Meeting with Andreas Scheider, from youth working party, Austrian Ministry of Youth. Location: Brussels. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
7 March 2018	Meeting with Lisa Jacobs, assistant to MEP Lenaers - Eurodesk Awards. Location: EP. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Zsolt.
7-8 March 2018	Move Conference Meeting. Location: Luxembourg. Participant from EBL: Safi.
8 March 2018	EPSA - European Pharmaceutical Students' Association Meeting "the impact of mobility on pharmaceutical education, research and profession". Location: EP. Participants from EBL: Grazia.
8 March 2018	EAS - European Association Summit 2018. Location: Brussels. Participant from EBL: Zsolt.
8-9 March 2018	Eurodesk Working Group "Training Design Team". Location: EBL. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.
12 March 2018	Meeting with Sabrina Tarquini from Namah for the preparation of Communication training. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.

13 March 2018	Euroclasses online meeting. Participants: Audrey, Magda, Wawrzek, Grazia.
14 March 2018	Meeting with Mathieu Orphanides, DG EAC, to prepare Network Meeting. Location: EAC. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
14 March 2018	Meeting with Andryi on the implementation of Eurodesk Ukraine. Location: EBL. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Ghita.
15-16 March 2018	Eurodesk new comers training. Location: EBL. All EBL staff participated.
15-16 March 2018	Your Europe Your Say 2018. Location: EESC. Participants from EBL: Cecilia, Pedro, Grazia.
20 March 2018	Erasmus+ Coalition meeting. Location: EBL. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.
20 March 2018	Roadmap for youth, EP Think Tank. Location: EP. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
21 March 2018	EFIL, EEE-YEU and Youth Intergroup Pupil Mobility Event. Location: EP. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
22 March 2018	PrepTeam Online Meeting for the Eurodesk Network Meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Denise, Ghita.
22 March 2018	Database Online meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia.
22 March 2018	Euroclasses online meeting. Participants: Audrey, Magda, Wawrzek, Grazia.
23 March 2018	Online Quality group meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Ghita.
27 March 2018	Youth Forum release of Erasmus+ mid-term evaluation shadow report. Location: EYF. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.
27 March 2018	Turbocharging the Erasmus+ Youth in Action. Location: EP. Participant from EBL: Cecilia.

26-28 March 2018	Eurodesk Communication Training. All EBL participated.
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