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Documentation

Teaching Careers in Europe: Access, Progression and Support

The Eurydice report illustrates the main challenges at national level in teacher supply and demand and the ways education systems address them through forward planning.

It explores the requirements to become a teacher, recruitment and employment conditions, as well as prospects for professional development and support. It sets out career development opportunities for teachers, both in terms of hierarchical progression and diversification of tasks, as well as the situation concerning the definition and use of teacher competence frameworks.

The report analyses the roles and functioning of teacher appraisal. It also contributes to the body of evidence that can guide policy-making in providing effective support for teachers, enhance their professionalism and raise their status.

The report focuses on schools at primary and general secondary level. It covers all the countries of the European Union as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia and Turkey.

<http://bit.ly/2sP5iWC>

Study on the EU Youth Strategy

Published by the European Parliamentary Research Service, the study analyses the EU Youth Strategy, established through the Council Resolution adopted in November 2009 on a renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field for the period 2010-2018. Using the data available in various documents and sources on the implementation of the Youth Strategy, this study follows the structure of the Council Resolution, covering all fields of actions listed, as well as the types of measures introduced at the national level by Member States (strategy/policy/regulation/guidelines/programme/other) in order to assess the relation between its parts and their take-up to date by the main actors in EU youth policy. It presents a compilation of findings allowing the reader to understand how much has been done so far, and shows substantial evolution in the activity of the European Union and individual Member States, particularly in learning from best practices and undertaking joint projects.

<http://bit.ly/2EHnze9>

Developing digital youth work - Policy recommendations, training needs and good practice examples for youth workers and decision-makers: expert group set up under the European Union Work Plan for Youth for 2016-2018

Published by the European Commission, the publication contains the main outcomes of the expert group on 'Risks, opportunities and implications of digitalisation for youth, youth work and youth policy' set up under the European Union Work Plan for Youth 2016-2018:

- A working definition of 'digital youth work';
- Examples of innovative practices in delivering digital youth work and upskilling youth workers' digital competences;
- Policy recommendations on the development of digital youth work;
- Identification of training needs of youth workers relevant for digital youth work, based on existing competence frameworks for digital skills and for youth work;
- Collection of training material which is available online and which addresses the identified training needs of youth workers relevant for digital youth work.

The results of this expert group will be of interest to anyone involved in developments in youth work in the 21st century, especially youth workers, organisations, training providers, policy-makers, other practitioners and researchers.

<http://bit.ly/2FYUQ0B>

Open online course 'Essentials of youth policy' Report

Report of the first edition of a massive open online course (MOOC) organised by the partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe on youth policy. The course aimed to develop basic competences to engage in youth policy. It focused on the essential elements of youth policy, the steps of youth policy (development, delivery, evaluation), its impact on young people, and participants' future steps in youth policy.

<http://bit.ly/2oFLjo0>

World Employment and Social Outlook – Trends 2018

The ILO's flagship report shows that, while the global unemployment rate is stabilising, unemployment and decent work deficits will stay at persistently high levels in many parts of the world. As the long-term global economic outlook remains modest despite stronger than expected growth in 2017, the report attributes the positive trend between 2017 and 2018 mainly to the strong performance of labour markets in developed countries, where the unemployment rate is projected to fall by an additional 0.2 percentage points in 2018 to reach 5.5 per cent, a rate below pre-crisis levels. In contrast, employment growth is expected to fall short of labour force growth in emerging and developing countries, but has nevertheless improved compared to 2016. The report highlights the fact that the significant progress achieved in the past in reducing vulnerable employment has essentially stalled since 2012. This means that almost 1.4 billion workers are estimated to be in vulnerable employment in 2017, and that an additional 35 million are expected to join them by 2019. In developing countries, vulnerable employment affects three out of four workers.

On a more positive note, the report notes that working poverty continues to fall in emerging countries, where the number of people in extreme working poverty is expected to reach 176 million in 2018, or 7.2 per cent of all employed people. Finally the report also highlights the fact that participation rates among women remain well below those for their male counterparts. Women are also more likely to face inferior quality of jobs and lower salaries.

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

Your first EURES job

This initiative helps young aims to help young people from 18 to 35 years old, of any of the EU28 countries plus Iceland and Norway (EFTA/EEA countries) to find a work placement (job or traineeship) in another EU EFTA/EEA country.

<http://www.yourfirsteuresjob.eu/en/home>

European Apprentices Network (EAN)

Website of the network of apprentices at European level, established in 2017 bringing together apprentices and young people working for organisations representing the interests of apprentices.

<https://apprenticesnetwork.eu>

Civic Space Watch

Collaborative, knowledge-sharing online tool launched by the European Civic Forum contributing to better observing the state of civic space across Europe by gathering together alerts from civil society, existing analyses and institutional resources

<http://civicspacewatch.eu>

Opportunities

Seeds for Integration Grants

Launched by the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions (OBESSU), the project aims to provide small and large-scale funding to general and vocational secondary school students on local, regional and national levels to empower school students, regardless of where they come from, to take action in order to enhance the inclusion of their migrant and refugee peers into the school community and the secondary education environment and to raise awareness on a local, regional and national level on the issues migrant and refugee students are facing throughout their integration process.

Depending on what is the plan and level of activity, applications for grants can be sent under two possible pillars.

Pillar 1: for grass-root initiative of secondary school students or student union active on local, regional or national level, having a creative idea how to support the integration of pupils and students with refugee and migrant background. Depending on the size of the union and project idea the grant can be from 1,000 to 4,000 Euros.

Deadline is on rolling basis.

Pillar 2: for OBESSU Member, Candidate or Affiliate organisations, interested to implement the "Seeds for integration" project by promoting it so that even students living in rural areas and small towns know the project and can use the opportunities it is offering. Applicants' tasks would be to motivate them to apply and to help them in the application process for pillar 1. Activities include organising project management training, online consultations or helping with the translation of some of the ideas. The grant is up to 7,500 Euros.

Deadline to [apply](#): **26th March 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <https://seedsforintegration.org>

European Space Camp 2018

The European Space Camp is a summer camp taking place from 9th to 16th August 2018 in Andøya Rocket Range, Norway. The Camp will be held in English and is addressed to high-school students, aged 17-20, interested preferably in Space and Rocket Physics, and having a background in physics and mathematics. The participants will spend a week doing technical experiments involved in a rocket campaign, working as real rocket scientists, learning how to exploit knowledge they already possess, and broadening their understanding of applied science. Working in groups, they will have to use their creativity and learn to cooperate. The programme includes hands-on activities related to the rocket launch, lectures and social activities.

Deadline: **1st April 2018**.

Find out more: <http://www.spacecamp.no>

RegioStars Awards 2018

The awards aim to identify good practice in regional development and to highlight original and innovative projects that could be an inspiration to other regions.

The Award Categories for 2018 are:

- Supporting smart industrial transition;
- Achieving sustainability through low carbon emissions;
- Creating better access to public services;
- Tackling migration challenges.

- Topic of the year 2018: Investing in cultural heritage.

All finalists will be invited to the Award Ceremony in Brussels on 9 October 2018 and receive a certificate and a medal. They will also be included in a brochure, published by the European Commission as well as in the online database of best practices on the InfoRegio website. All winners (one per category) will receive a RegioStars trophy and a certificate from the European Commissioner for Regional Policy, Corina Crețu, and the Presidents of the RegioStars jury on the day of the Award Ceremony in Brussels.

For each winner a short video is produced, which will be unveiled during the ceremony and published online, followed by a promotional campaign.

Deadline: **15th April 2017** at midnight.

Find out more: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/regio-stars-awards

Unesco International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)

The Fund supports projects aiming to promote sustainable development and poverty reduction in developing countries that are parties to the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Applicants will have to consult their National Commissions for UNESCO for their submission deadline at the national level.

Applications should be completed in either English or French and projects should begin in March 2019 at the earliest.

Deadline to submit applications to National Commissions: **16th April 2018**, midnight CET.

Find out more: <http://en.unesco.org/creativity/ifcd>

#SaferInternet4EU Awards

Launched by the European Commission, the awards aim to reward and celebrate excellence and best practice in the European safer/better Internet field from organisations, teachers and youth. Awards are open in three categories:

- A best practice competition for organisations, rewarding a high-quality and innovative online safety education programme, resource or awareness-raising campaign targeting youth, teachers or parents. This category is open to public and private organisations (including Insafe network organisations), specialists, or academia which are operating within one of the country beneficiaries of the Better Internet programme under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), i.e. EU28, Iceland and Norway.
- A best practice competition for teachers, rewarding a remarkable and inspiring initiative/resource/tool/solution from a single teacher or a group of teachers.
- A best practice competition for youth, rewarding a remarkable and inspiring initiative/resource/tool/solution from a single young person or a group of youth.

All best practices should focus on issues related to the sphere of Better Internet for Kids (BIK), tackling topics such as fake news, cyberbullying, connected toys & privacy concerns, grooming, exposure to harmful or disturbing content, or cyber hygiene aspects (i.e. password security, cyber security and so on).

Practices, resources, programmes or campaigns should have been created/launched in the last two years (after 1st March 2016) and can be submitted in any of the EU languages.

Applicants must be operating (in the case of organisations) or citizens or residents (in the case of individuals) in at least one of the countries beneficiaries of the Better Internet Programme, under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), i.e. EU28, Iceland and Norway.

For the youth category, applicants must be between 13 and 19 years old.

Deadline: **15th May 2018**.

Find out ore: <http://bit.ly/2oRISQD>

WTO Essay Award for Young Economists 2018

Launched by the World Trade Organisation, the contest aims at promoting high-quality research on trade policy and international trade co-operation among young economists and to reinforce the relationship between the WTO and the academic community. Applicants must possess or be engaged in the completion of a PhD degree and, if over 30 years of age, be no more than two years past a PhD defence. In the case of a co-authored paper, this requirement shall apply to all authors. They will have to write an essay of maximum 15,000 words addressing the issues related to trade policy and international trade co-operation. The winner author will get a prize of CHF 5,000 and have the essay published in the WTO Working Paper Series.

In the case of a co-authored paper, the prize will be equally divided among the authors.

The winning author(s) will be invited to attend the award ceremony taking place at the annual meeting of the [European Trade Study Group](#) (ETSG) in September 2018 in Warsaw, Poland.

Deadline: **1st June 2018.**

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

PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival 2018

The United Nations Alliance of Civilisations (UNAOC) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) are inviting young people up to 25 years of age worldwide to submit short videos of maximum five minutes and share their thoughts, experiences, opinions, questions and suggestions about Migration, Diversity and Social Inclusion.

Videos must have been completed after January 2015 and, if not in English, must have English subtitles. An international jury will award prizes in three age-based categories: up to 12, 13 to 17, 18 to 25 years old.

One representative of each PLURAL+ International Jury Award winner will be invited to New York, with airfare and hotel accommodation paid, to present their work at the PLURAL+ 2018 Awards Ceremony in November 2018. Only a youth entrant with one chaperone for each winning video will be invited to New York.

Entries should be sent by **3rd June 2018**, before midnight (New York City Time GMC - 5hours).

Find out more: <http://pluralplus.unaoc.org>

International Essay Contest for Young People 2018

UNESCO and the Goi Peace Foundation are inviting young people from around the world, up to 25 years old (as of 15th June 2018), to submit their ideas and express their visions on the theme "The Change I Want to Make" in one of the following age categories:

- a) Children (ages up to 14);
- b) Youth (ages 15 - 25).

Teachers and youth directors may submit a collection of essays from their class or group.

Essays must be 700 words or less, original and unpublished and typed or printed in English, French, Spanish or German or 1,600 characters or less in Japanese. First and second prize winners will receive a cash award and a certificate. The 1st prize winner will be invited to the award ceremony in Tokyo, Japan, scheduled for 23rd November 2018.

Deadline: **15th June 2018.**

Find out more: <https://www.goipeace.or.jp/en/work/essay-contest>

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

Highlights

Commission to provide travel opportunities with educational and cultural value for young people

On 1st March, the European Commission took first steps to implement the European Parliament's proposal for a "Free Interrail pass for Europeans turning 18" by adopting a Financing Decision. With a budget of EUR 12 million in 2018, this action is expected to give an estimated 20,000-30,000 young people a travel experience that would help foster a European identity, reinforce common European values and promote the discovery of European sites and cultures. This proposal fits well with the EU's ambitions to promote learning mobility, active citizenship, social inclusion and solidarity of all young people. The action aims at offering young people, regardless of social or educational background and including people with reduced mobility, a chance to travel abroad. A promotion campaign to inform young Europeans turning 18 about this new opportunity will be organised and may include an open competition to select the first young people who will be travelling. The first participants are expected to travel this summer. They will do so by rail as a general rule, but alternative modes of transport should be available where necessary, taking into account environmental considerations, as well as time and distance.

<http://bit.ly/2FHcpn7>

MEPs supported solidarity action by young volunteers

In a European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education meeting held on 21st February, MEPs supported solidarity action by young volunteers. The "European Solidarity and Voluntary Service" (ESVS) supports young people to volunteer or work in EU-wide solidarity schemes, e.g. on education, health and environment. The initiative, endorsed by Members of the Culture and Education Committee will be the main entry-point of solidarity activities within the EU: 341.5 million Euros will be made available between 2018-2020, with 95% financing volunteering and 5% for traineeships and job placements. This will help participants to gain skills and knowledge for their future long-term prospects. The ESVS will support young people and non-profit organisations from all over Europe to engage in a wide range of solidarity-related activities related to education, health, protecting the environment, disaster prevention, provision of food and non-food items, reception and integration of migrants and asylum seekers. Young people should be over 18, but not more than 30 at the beginning of the volunteering or work activities, while hosting organisations have to be awarded the "ESVS quality label" in order to participate and ask for financing in the framework of the initiative. A multilingual and interactive web portal will be made available for both young people and organisations to advertise or search for volunteering, traineeships or job placements, but also to get language training, financial and administrative support, for example for travel, accommodation and health and social insurance, as well as post-placement support. It should also ensure that the quality of placements and participant organisations are evaluated. MEPs underlined the importance of giving an easy access to the programme to those with less opportunities, such as persons with disabilities, or those from isolated or marginalised communities, LGBT people, young people with learning or health difficulties. Members called for a clear distinction between volunteering activities and job placements, to ensure that no participating organisation uses young people as unpaid volunteers when potential quality jobs are available. Participant organisations should subscribe to a quality charter setting out agreed objectives and principles. To support young people, skills and competences acquired during their placement will be recognised and validated by a Youth Pass, including also the total number of hours volunteered. Participants should also benefit from specific administrative

support and all the supplementary costs related to their participation is 100% financed by the programme. The text approved by the CULT Committee and the mandate to enter into negotiations with the Council and the European Commission should be confirmed by the plenary. After that, EP negotiators can begin talks for the final legislation.

<http://bit.ly/2Fmx4fM>

EU long-term budget after 2020: European Commission sets out options – and their consequences

Ahead of the Informal Leaders' meeting on 23rd February 2018, the European Commission has set out various options, and their financial consequences, for a new and modern, long-term EU budget that delivers efficiently on its priorities after 2020. Providing opportunity for 1 in 3 young people to participate in ErasmusPlus would require an investment of €90 bln in the next EU Budget from 2021-2027.

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-745_en.htm

New Director-General of DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

On 21st February, the European Commission appointed Ms Themis Christophidou new Director-General of DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture.

A Cypriot national, who since November 2014 has been the Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides, Ms Christophidou is the first Cypriot national to be appointed Director-General. Having served in the European Commission for over 17 years, including as the Deputy Head of Cabinet of the former Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou who was in charge of Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, Ms Christophidou can draw on valuable experience and expertise for her new position and for the implementation of the Gothenburg Summit conclusions on education and culture. Ms Themis Christophidou took over Mrs Martine Reicherts' responsibilities for ensuring the execution of the political mandate, as well as reporting to the Commissioner, providing policy recommendations, and ensuring the management of the DG on a day-to-day basis.

<http://bit.ly/2sPP6Vt>

Conclusions of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS) Council

On 15th February, ministers responsible for education, culture, youth, media, communication and sport from all EU member states gathered in Brussels and held a policy debate on a mid-term evaluation of the Erasmus+ programme and future orientations for post-2020.

During the debate, ministers underlined that Erasmus+ is one of the most successful Union programmes and an added value for Europe, since over the last thirty years more than nine million young Europeans have been able to benefit from the opportunity to study, train, teach or volunteer in another country.

According to ministers, the Erasmus+ programme should be made more inclusive and accessible and should include secondary school participants, vocational education and training learners and those coming from vulnerable social groups or remoted regions. For that purpose, Erasmus+ should be given adequate funding.

Erasmus+ should promote mobility and innovation and create synergies and be complementary with other Union instruments such as the European Social Fund. Administrative procedures should be simplified and harmonised.

Ministers also discussed how to take forward the Education aspects of the December European Council conclusions.

The Council reflected on how work should be developed to deliver on initiatives such as "European Universities", learning of languages, mutual recognition of diplomas and a "European student card".

They also exchanged views on those measures focussing on digitalisation and the need for lifelong-learning and innovative education and training.

<http://bit.ly/2oIUc0V>

First ERASMUS+ Master Student Loan agreement in Cyprus

The European Investment Fund (EIF) is working with the University of Cyprus to launch a new pilot scheme, allowing students to defer tuition fees and student accommodation rent payments accrued during the study period. This agreement will support students resident in any of the 32 other Erasmus+ Programme Countries to move to Cyprus in order to undertake their Masters programme at its university. The new EUR 4 million pilot scheme is expected to benefit more than 240 master students. The University of Cyprus will not require any collateral or third party guarantees and will offer the new programme at favourable conditions, for example a two-year grace period after the end of the studies and a minimum four-year repayment plan. The agreement between the EIF and the University of Cyprus is the first of its kind in Cyprus and benefits from the Erasmus+ loan guarantee scheme, funded by the European Union and managed by EIF.

<http://bit.ly/2su4u9t>

Open Public Consultation on the European Week of Sport

Launched by the European Commission, the consultation aims to collect feedback from the general public, including participants of events, organisations working in related fields and people directly involved with the implementation of the European Week of Sport. The gathered feedback will complement the external evaluation of the implementation of the European Week of Sport, contributing to the evaluation questions addressing relevance, coherence and added value, effectiveness as well as efficiency of the activities.

The consultation is open to citizens, NGOs, social partners, public and private organisations and public authorities. The questionnaire is available in all EU languages and will remain open until 18th May 2018.

<http://bit.ly/2FhR8PB>

Debrecen, Győr and Veszprém shortlisted for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023 in Hungary

Debrecen, Győr and Veszprém were shortlisted for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023 in Hungary. The recommendation was made by a panel of independent experts evaluating applications from 7 competing Hungarian cities at the outcome of a 3-day meeting in Budapest.

Once the panel's recommendation has been confirmed by the relevant Hungarian authorities, cities will have until early next autumn to complete their application. The panel will then meet again in Budapest at the end of 2018 to recommend which Hungarian city should become European Capital of Culture in 2023. Hungary will host the European Capital of Culture for the second time in 2023, after Pécs in 2010.

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

Eurostat release: January 2018 Euro area unemployment rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in January 2018, 3.646 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.535 million were in the Euro area. Compared with January 2017, youth unemployment decreased by 333,000 in the EU28 and by 280,000 in the Euro area. In January 2018, the youth

unemployment rate was 16.1% in the EU28 and 17.7% in the Euro area, compared with 17.6% and 19.9% respectively in January 2017. In January 2018, the lowest rates were observed in the Czech Republic (5.8%), Estonia (6.5% in December 2017) and Germany (6.6%) while the highest were recorded in Greece (43.7% in November 2017), Spain (36.0%) and Italy (31.5%).

<http://bit.ly/2GV0wZQ>

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>

8th March 2018: International Women's Day

Celebrated on 8th March, International Women's Day (IWD) is the global day connecting all women around the world and inspiring them to achieve their full potential. The theme for this year is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives".

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/19tnmz>

21st March 2018: Towards more exchanges for pupils, Brussels, Belgium

The highly positive impact of learning mobility on youth has been proven, recognised and supported via concrete measures and programmes that demonstrate Europe's willingness to place learning mobility high on the educational and youth agendas. Despite this, in many Member States, mobility of pupils and of families with school-age children is hindered in practice by a poorly enabling legal framework. This means that often students need to attend one or more additional year(s) of school, once back in their home country. The debate will focus on how unleash the potential of pupil mobility in Europe and recognise study periods abroad and increase the opportunities under Erasmus+.

Deadline to [register](#): **14th March 2018**.

Find out more: <http://recognisestudyabroad.eu>

22th March 2018: Horizon 2020 Innovation & Cultural Heritage Conference, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Commission, the conference will showcase the dialogue between contemporary European society and the most promising innovations in the field of Cultural Heritage that European policies and funds have supported.

The event will be webcast live.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2E753IF>

22nd-23rd March 2018: EU Sport Forum, Sofia, Bulgaria

The Forum will be a platform for dialogue between the European Commission and sport stakeholders, under the theme 'Sport in Europe, investing for future generations.'

The participation to the event is by invitation only.

Find out more: <https://ec.europa.eu/sport/forum>

26th-30th March 2018: Mobile Learning Week, Paris, France

Mobile Learning Week 2016 (MLW) will seek to clarify the difficult question of how ICT can be used as an educational ally. The event will shed light on the ways mobile technology can be leveraged in different contexts and for different groups to provision and assure high-quality education for all learners now and in the future. Events will include webinar, workshops, symposium and policy forum.

Find out more: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/mlw>

17th-25th March 2018: European-wide Action Week Against Racism

Racism is not a local issue and the Action Week Against Racism can help to set the agenda on all levels. Cooperating in the Action Week will give all participants and activists new energy and inspiration to go on with their everyday struggle against racism and intolerance. The slogan for this year will be "Diversity - never enough!".

Find out how to get involved: <http://weekagainstracism.eu>

26th-30th March 2018: Mobile Learning Week, Paris, France

Under the theme "Skills for a connected world" this year's edition of Mobile Learning Week (MLW) will focus on blending 'non-digital' education approaches and mobile learning applications in order to reduce inequality, spur innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and bridge formal and non-formal systems. Events will include strategy labs, workshops, symposia and policy fora.

Find out more: <https://en.unesco.org/mlw/2018>

28th March 2018: Roundtable on Roma and Sport, Bucharest, Romania

Organised by Farenetwork, the event will seek to explore sport as a tool for development of the Roma community, identify barriers (whether it be discrimination, the lack of facilities or others), encourage state and local authorities to consider sport as a methodology to work with the Roma, look at best practices, and celebrate Roma achievement. Organisations working in the field of inclusion through sport, Roma community organisations, policy makers at local, national level, researchers and activists are invited to register by **5th March 2018**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2o1ryI9>

9th-12th April 2018: Youth work against violent radicalisation: The role of democratic competences, Utøya, Norway

The training will give participants an understanding of democratic competences by providing them with concrete tools for use in everyday youth work and the capacity to train

other youth workers in these tools. The training is addressed to active youth workers and trainers from the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries.

Deadline to apply: **5th March 2018**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2t96nZI>

18th April 2018: Youth Participation in Europe: Diversity, (Mis)Recognition and (In)visibility, Paris, France

In the presence of the European Commission (REA), European research stakeholders, policy makers and practitioners in the field of youth, this conference will present the final results of the research including implications for policy and practice.

Deadline to [register](#): **31st March 2018**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2GUo2Xa>

20th-23rd April 2018: Conference "International Youth Studies: Curricula, Distance learning course and open educational materials /InYouS", Yerevan, Armenia

The main aim of the Conference is to compare non-formal youth work and formal youth studies taking into account different approaches, bringing together young people and university teachers, researchers and practical youth workers, decision makers and leaders of youth clubs. The conference is addressed to youth workers, youth leaders, youth policy makers, teachers, lecturers, researchers from Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine.

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

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

26th April 2018: Inclusion and respect is a right - Roundtable on ethnic minority women and football, Berlin, Germany

Organised by Fare in partnership with Discover Football, the international roundtable will discuss the role that football can play in supporting the social development and personal empowerment of ethnic minority women.

Bursaries for travel and accommodation are available.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2FKKO4g>

5th-12th May 2018: Training course "Self-development - core for professional growth", Rāmava Manor, Latvia

The course is designed to support youth workers to motivate, train and inspire young people. It contributes to increase quality of life of youth workers and also to promote quality youth work, empowering mentors to help youth make proper professional choices.

The course is addressed to youth workers, youth leaders and trainers from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries and Partner Countries Neighbouring the EU: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestine, Russian Federation, Serbia, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine and other countries in the world.

Deadline to apply: **9th April 2018, 24:00 CET**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2ozoe7n>

14th-15th June 2018: Media & Learning Conference - Video in Higher Education, Leuven, Belgium

The conference will look in the latest developments, services and uses of media in education and training. It is aimed at academic, technical, production and support staff as well as researchers involved in the use of video to support learning in higher education who would like to share their experiences and build their know-how from a pedagogical, technical and organisational point of view.

There are registration fees.

Find out more: <http://media-and-learning.eu>

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

6 February 2018	Training Design Online Meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.
7 February 2018	Meeting with the European Commission. Location: EAC. Participants from Eurodesk: Eurodesk President Reinhard Schwalbach, Audrey, Safi.
7 February 2018	Firstclass Training for Eurodesk National Flemish Partner. Location: EBL. Participant from EBL: Ghita.
13 February 2018	Online Meeting Eurodesk 2021 Working Group. Participants: Eurodesk President Reinhard Schwalbach, Audrey, Safi.
13 February 2018	New Year's reception at the new office of Eurodesk Brussels Link. Location: EBL. Participants from Eurodesk: Eurodesk President Reinhard Schwalbach, EBL staff.
14-15 February 2018	48 hours for Democracy. Location: Brussels. Participant from EBL: Safi.
15 February 2018	Executive Committee Online Meeting. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
19 February 2018	PrepTeam Online Meeting for the Eurodesk Network Meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Denise, Ghita.
21 February 2018	Roundtable at Google: "Digitalisation & youth - How will emerging technologies affect young people?" by EYF. Location: Brussels. Participants from EBL: Ghita, Zsolt.
22 February 2018	Preparatory meeting for the European Association Summit 2018 Location: Brussels. Participant from EBL: Zsolt.