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## Deadlines up to 1 September 2016

### Upcoming deadlines

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000637	1 Aug 2016	<a href="#">FARE Football People Event Grants</a>
EU0010000560	15 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Translation training placements at the European Parliament</a>
EU0010000564	15 Aug 2016	<a href="#">EEA Photo competition "My City"</a>
EU0010000178	15 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Translation Traineeships at the European Parliament for university graduates</a>
EU0010000560	15 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Translation training placements at the European Parliament</a>
EU0010000525	19 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Tvebiomovies</a>
EU0010002076	19 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change</a>
EU0010000666	27 Aug 2016	<a href="#">#BeActive Challenge Photo-Video Competition</a>
EU0010000576	28 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Europe in My Region Photo Competition 2016</a>
EU0010000881	31 Aug 2016	<a href="#">UNESCO Fellowships Programme</a>
EU0010000147	31 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Traineeships at the European Ombudsman</a>
EU0010000090	31 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Traineeships at the European Commission - Translation traineeships</a>
EU0010000072	31 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Traineeships at the European Commission - Administrative in - service training periods</a>
EU0010000021	31 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Traineeship at the Council of the European Union</a>
EU0010000192	31 Aug 2016	<a href="#">Traineeships and Fellowships at the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)</a>
EU0010000654	1 Sept 2016	<a href="#">Europe for Citizens: Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation - Networks of Towns</a>
EU0010000088	1 Sept 2016	<a href="#">Europe for Citizens: Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation-Town Twinning</a>

EU0010000210	1 Sept 2016	<a href="#">Young European of the Year Award - Travel Fellowships and InterRail-Global-Passes</a>
EU0010000668	1 Sept 2016	<a href="#">EU Aid Volunteers Initiative: Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers</a>
EU0010000522	1 Sept 2016	<a href="#">Horizon2020: European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants</a>
EU0010000468	1 Sept 2016	<a href="#">Heinrich Böll Foundation grants scholarships (for study in Germany)</a>

## Documentation

### **Travelling in Europe 2016-17**

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.

<http://bit.ly/29t2vGz>

### **Exploring the diversity of NEETs**

Published by Eurofound, the report emphasises the importance to focus on the specific needs of different groups of young people who are NEET (young people not in employment, education or training). The report, which is accompanied by a country by country overview, presents an up-to-date picture of the situation of NEETs in the EU and includes an analysis of NEET rates over time, the gender composition of the NEET group, educational attainment, and risk of social exclusion. With regards to the current status of NEETs, it shows that fewer than one in three NEETs across the EU are short-term unemployed, more than one in five are now long-term unemployed and roughly the same proportion are NEET due to family responsibilities, or due to illness or disability. The report examines the NEET indicator and uses EU Labour Force Survey data to disaggregate the NEET population into seven subgroups, providing an analysis based on the data available for each subgroup and describing the composition and characteristics of Europe's NEET population at both EU28 level and in each Member State. The report shows that the composition of NEETs varies greatly across Europe and argues that a comprehensive effort is needed to understand the diversity of NEETs as the various subgroups within the NEET category have very different characteristics and needs.

[Exploring the diversity of NEETs](#)

[Composition of NEETs in the 28 Member States](#)

### **Study on the Social value of youth organisations**

Published by the European Youth Forum, the publication aims to gather evidence from existing research on the role youth organisations play in both developing the potential of young people as members of society and in terms of the impact they make on society. It collects evidence that may support the work of the European Youth Forum in raising societal interest around the role of youth organisations; as well as evidence on the costs and benefits of investing in youth organisations and on the social impact of the educational role of youth organisations.

<http://bit.ly/29PLIkC>

### **OECD Employment Outlook 2016**

The OECD publication provides an in-depth review of recent labour market trends and short-term prospects in OECD countries. The report looks at recent labour market developments focusing on vulnerable youth who are neither working nor in education or training. The size of this group has grown in recent years in many OECD countries and governments will need to take vigorous policy measures if they are to meet the target, recently adopted by G20 governments, of reducing the share of youth who are vulnerable by 15% by 2025. The report looks at if countries are doing enough to assure that workers are able to make full use of their skills on the job. It examines the short-term effects of structural reforms on employment and identifies successful strategies for reducing transition costs. Finally it discusses how to close the labour market gender gap in emerging economies, proposing a comprehensive policy response to the problem. The Outlook's analysis and recommendations are complemented by a statistical annex.

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

### **Online Linguistic Support (OLS) for Refugees**

The Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support (OLS) helps Erasmus+ participants improve their knowledge of the language in which they will work, study or volunteer abroad, so that they can make the most of their experience.

The scheme has now been extended to refugees to facilitate integration into Europe's education and training systems and ensure their skills development. The OLS language courses include a variety of self-paced modules covering different linguistic areas, as well as "Live Coaching" interactive activities (online MOOCs, tutoring sessions and forums). It can be used at any time from a computer, tablet or smartphone with an Internet connection.

<http://erasmusplusols.eu/ols4refugees>

### **Erasmus+ Project Results**

The Erasmus+ platform for dissemination and exploitation of project results offers information and results of all projects supported by the European Commission under the integrated Erasmus+ Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport.

<http://bit.ly/29ypEFe>

### **"Going Abroad" mobile app**

With the European Commission mobile app check all important road safety rules across the EU before leaving on holiday or from wherever you are. And entertain your passenger(s) with two fun games about road safety. Here's what the app looks like.

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road\\_safety/going\\_abroad/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road_safety/going_abroad/index_en.htm)

### **NetBravo app**

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) has developed an application that will help EU citizens travelling abroad in Europe to see the quality of Wi-Fi, 4G, 3G, and GSM signals they can get in their surroundings. "NetBravo" allows the user to monitor different variables including signal strength, speed and channel usage, which are shown in different colours depending on their quality, on a map of Europe. The application has a strong privacy policy and does not collect any personal data. It is available for iOS and Android systems.

<http://www.netbravo.eu>

## Opportunities

### **Tvebiomovies 2016**

The competition invites anyone from any age and from any country to create a one-minute film about the environment. Films should address the issues outlined in one of the five categories looking at the different aspect of planetary boundaries: biodiversity, forests, family farmers, recycling, and oceans and seas. Films can be funny or serious, an animation, a drama or a documentary. Entrants will have to submit a [written proposal](#) about their films before **19<sup>th</sup> August 2016**, 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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Finalist films will be displayed on TVE's [Inspiring Change YouTube channel](#) between 24<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The film with the most views in each category will win a prize of US\$1500.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29UdF8l>

### **#BeActive Challenge Photo-Video Competition**

In the framework of the European Week of Sport starting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016 across Europe, the European Commission has launched the #BeActive Photo-Video Competition. In order to participate entrants will have to:

- sign up for the Challenge,
- engage in sport or physical activity,
- take a picture or video of themselves engaged in each of their activities,
- post at least one picture or a video, using the hashtag #BeActive, on Facebook, Instagram Vine, Youtube or Twitter (there is no limit to the number of posts), and
- challenge their friends to take part (participants will get an additional entry for every friend who signs up).

Participants will get the chance to win sport and fitness prizes.

Deadline: **27<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

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

**Call for tenders EAC/13/2016 - Erasmus+ Higher Education Impact Study**

The study has the objective to analyse how the Erasmus+ Programme, in particular its new measures compared to previous programmes, acts as a driver in the modernisation process of higher education by measuring the impact of higher education student mobility, staff mobility and cooperation projects. It will cover countries in Europe and beyond, representing diversity and geographical spread.

Deadline: **28<sup>th</sup> August 2016, 13:00 CET.**

Find out more: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/1316\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/1316_en.htm)

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> October each year. Trainees will receive a monthly grant of approximately €1,120 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: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016** (for the March 2017 traineeship session).

Find out more: [https://ec.europa.eu/stages/home\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/stages/home_en)

### **UNESCO Learning City Award 2017**

Many cities around the world are committed to developing innovative strategies that will help them transform themselves into learning cities. The Award aims to recognise and showcase good practice in building learning cities around the world. The Award is given to cities that have achieved outstanding progress in building learning cities by implementing the Key Features of Learning Cities, i.e. by:

- promoting inclusive learning from basic to higher education;
- revitalising learning in families and communities;
- facilitating effective learning for and in the workplace;
- extending the use of modern learning technologies;
- enhancing quality and excellence in learning; and
- fostering a culture of learning throughout life.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**

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

### **Lifelong Learning Awards (LLLAwards)**

Launched by the Lifelong Learning Platform, the awards aims to celebrate educational practices from all over Europe that can demonstrate the use of creative and inclusive learning methods with outstanding results and the potential to be replicated and/or of inspiring others. The Awards are not limited to a particular sector; lifelong learning covers education and training across all ages and in all areas of life be it formal, non-formal or informal. The aim of the LLLAwards is to give visibility to such practices in order to attract public attention as well as to inspire new practices and policies in the field. In 2016, the focus reflects the first priority of the Lifelong Learning Manifesto: "Building inclusive and democratic educational systems". This priority covers different important issues such as citizenship and global education, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, fighting prejudices and discrimination, educational institutions democratic governance and learner participation, learning mobility for all and the use of arts and culture to tackle social challenges and enhance personal development. The Lifelong Learning Platform will hand out awards to three outstanding initiatives during its Lifelong Learning Week 2016 to be held from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**, midnight CET.

Find out more: <http://lllplatform.eu/what-we-do/lll-awards>

### **EVS Film Festival - Video contest on Youth citizenship**

This year, the video contest is meant to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Voluntary Service. Organised by the French Erasmus+ Agency for Youth & Sport, the EVS film festival is inviting every person living in Europe, between 13 and 35 years old, to create a video lasting maximum 3 minutes, under the theme "To be 20, a part to play and get involved!". Current and former participants of the Erasmus+ programme are strongly encouraged to join in.

One special prize will be awarded to the best film sent by an EVS volunteer (EVS). The three winners will be invited to participate to a "special" weekend in Montreuil (France) from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 to celebrate the EVS 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Youth participation

Deadline: **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016**, midnight CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2a9o5is>

### **Promoting HEPA policy measures and actions for refugees**

The massive arrival of refugees is one of the major challenges Europe is facing. Even if housing, food and education must be considered as first

priorities, sport and physical activity can play an important role in the integration and well-being of refugees. Promoting sport and physical activity among the refugees population would fill a gap in the EU efforts to ensure better access to sport and physical activity for all socially excluded groups. This call for proposals aims to promote broader access to the practice of sport and physical activities for refugees.

The call intends to achieve:

- Awareness-raising among refugees about the health and social benefits of practicing sport and physical activity;
- Better well-being and integration of refugees in society through sport and physical activity;
- Increased knowledge among refugees of European values through participation in sport and physical activity.

The call is addressed to public or private organisation legally registered in one of the 28 EU Member States, whose principal activity is in the field of sport and physical activity.

Deadline to apply: **9<sup>th</sup> September 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29Lvsi9>

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

## Highlights

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline to participate is **31<sup>st</sup> August 2016**.

<http://europa.eu/youth/asknavracsics>

### **Public Consultation on the Evaluation of the Youth policy cooperation in the EU**

Launched by the European Commission, the consultation is about how European Union (EU) countries work together on policy for young people. The consultation aims to know how useful and effective the EU youth policy is.

Respondents are invited to give their views about the EU Youth Strategy (2010-2018) and the EU Council Recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers in the EU and what they think about these initiatives, and how to improve cooperation on youth policy.

The results of the consultation will be used to plan future EU youth policy measures. A Staff Working Document, including a summary of the results of the consultation, will be published by the end of 2016.

The consultation is available [here](#), should take about 10 minutes to complete and will be open until **16<sup>th</sup> October 2016**.

<http://bit.ly/29LfIbt>

### **European Parliament assesses the EU Youth Strategy**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016, in a meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Culture and Education (CULT), MEPs adopted a report on the Assessment of the EU Youth Strategy 2013-2015.

The report stresses the importance of the Structured Dialogue as a tool for youth participation and the crucial role of youth organisations in policy making in view of the next Youth Strategy from 2019 onwards.

The report calls for investment in young people and youth policies, as well as more coherence between the various EU strategies and programmes in order to achieve a truly cross-sectoral mainstreamed European youth policy. It also asks for benchmarks to increase incentives for Member States to improve their national youth policies and implement the Youth Strategy.

On the same day, the CULT Committee also had an exchange of views on the Erasmus+ Implementation, in order to prepare for the European Parliament's Erasmus+ Implementation Report.

Two studies on the implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme were presented: the [Research for Cult Committee - Erasmus+: Decentralised Implementation - First Experiences](#) and [The Erasmus+ Programme European Implementation Assessment](#).

<http://bit.ly/2ac6ebP>

### **Lifelong Learning Platform Erasmus+ Survey**

Organised by the Lifelong Learning Platform, the survey aims to provide decision-makers with feedback from the programme's direct beneficiaries on what works and what could be improved. The survey collects feedback about application procedures, relations with the national and European agencies, financial rules and reporting processes.

The survey is available in English, French and German and will take between 15 and 30 minutes. The survey is open until **15<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. Results will be presented at the Erasmus+ Coalition Policy debate on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

<http://lllplatform.eu/what-we-do/erasmus-survey>

### **Galway and Rijeka to become European Capitals of Culture 2020**

Galway in Ireland and Rijeka in Croatia have been selected to become European Capitals of Culture in 2020. The selection has been made by a panel composed of 10 independent experts appointed by EU institutions

and bodies. European Capitals of Culture are one of the most recognised EU projects. They started in 1985 on the initiative of the then Greek Minister of Culture Melina Mercouri, to put cities at the heart of cultural life across Europe. Through culture and art, European Capitals of Culture will improve the quality of life in these cities and strengthen their sense of community. Citizens can take part in the year-long activities and play a bigger role in their city's development and cultural expression.

<http://bit.ly/29JjW6r>

### **Europeans in 2016: Perceptions and expectations, the fight against terrorism and radicalisation**

According to a special Eurobarometer, carried out by the European Parliament, on the perceptions and expectations Europeans have regarding the EU's action, the fight against terrorism and the mutual defence clause, the fight against terrorism should be the EU's number one priority followed by action on unemployment, the fight against tax fraud, migration, the protection of external borders and the environment. The survey was conducted in the 28 Member States of the European Union, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016, by TNS opinion.

<http://bit.ly/29so5xz>

### **Eurostat release on vocational education**

According to a new release from Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, of the 22 million pupils in the European Union (EU) studying at upper secondary level in 2014, almost 11 million (or 48%) were enrolled in vocational education. In twelve EU Member States, more than half of all upper secondary pupils studied vocational programmes. Vocational education at upper secondary level was somewhat dominated by men, who accounted for 56% of pupils, compared with 44% women. This pattern can be observed in almost all Member States. Across Member States in 2014, the highest proportion of pupils at upper secondary level enrolled in vocational education was registered in the Czech Republic. The majority of pupils following vocational upper secondary programmes were men in every EU Member State, except Belgium (52% were women), Finland and the United Kingdom (both 51%) as well as Sweden (where the gender distribution was balanced).

<http://bit.ly/29Of1Qi>

### **High Level Groups on sport diplomacy and grassroots sport presented their recommendations to Commissioner Navracsics**

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, the two High Level Groups established last year by Commissioner Navracsics delivered their final reports. Both documents include diverse recommendations addressed to the Commissioner. The report on sport diplomacy identifies how sport can play a more significant role in helping the EU reach its external policy goals as well as how sport

could be a tool to promote European values. The report and recommendations on grassroots sport deal with issues which are fundamental to the contribution grassroots sport can make to European societies: health, social inclusion, informal learning and skills development, volunteering, sustainable financing, urban planning and infrastructure.

During the handing-over ceremony, Commissioner Navracsics thanked the members of both groups for their work and for the high quality of the documents.

[High Level Group on Grassroots Sport](#)

[High Level Group on Sport Diplomacy Report](#)

### **YO!Fest 2017: debating a new vision for Europe**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of YO!Fest (Youth Opinion Festival), the annual political youth-led festival organised by the European Youth Forum, will be held in Maastricht, in the Netherlands, giving the chance to thousands of young people to debate with each other and politicians on how to change Europe for the better. The event will be run in partnership with the City of Maastricht and the Province of Limburg and will be a key event for the "Europe Calling" celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty.

The event will combine political debates, thematic workshops, educational activities, live music and artistic performances, creating a unique and meaningful experience for young people attending. European decision makers, such as Members of European Parliament and European Commissioners, will also be in attendance to discuss the future of Europe with young people. The event will be supported by a variety of European youth organisations, demonstrating how the festival is for and by young people in Europe and showing how vital youth organisations are to a functioning and participatory civil society. The event will also be supported by youth organisations, schools and universities from Maastricht and the province of Limburg.

<http://bit.ly/291o2FO>

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

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in May 2016, 4.197 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.885 million were in the Euro area. Compared with May 2015, youth unemployment decreased by 503 000 in the EU28 and by 270 000 in the Euro area. In May 2016, the youth unemployment rate was 18.6% in the EU28 and 20.7% in the Euro area, compared with 20.6% and 22.4% respectively in May 2015. In May 2016, the lowest rates were observed in Malta (6.9%), Germany (7.2%) and the Czech Republic (10.1%), and the highest in Greece (50.4% in March 2016),

Spain (43.9%), Italy (36.9%) and Croatia (31.4% in the first quarter 2016).

<http://bit.ly/297xdH2>

### **EU Employment and Social Situation - Quarterly Review - Summer 2016**

The summer edition of the Employment and Social Situation Quarterly review (ESSQR), published by the European Commission, confirmed an increase of the overall employment rate, for both the EU and the Euro area, an increase representing 3 million more employed people in the EU than one year before. The overall long-term unemployment rate, at the other hand, decreased by 0.6 percentage points compared to a year before and stands now at 4.3% of the labour force. This is the largest reduction since the first decline in long-term unemployment observed in 2014. In addition, for the first time since the start of the economic recovery, the number of long-term unemployed dropped more strongly than the number of people unemployed for less than two years. Finally, this season's edition also shows a continuous improvement and convergence among Member States regarding youth unemployment, which has decreased more strongly in countries most affected by the crisis.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=15736&langId=en>

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

## Upcoming Events

### **EURES Job Fairs**

Thinking about finding a job in another EU country?

EUR Job Mobility Portal organises job fairs all over Europe.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/EUREScalendar>

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

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

<http://www.eu2016.sk/en>

### **12<sup>th</sup> August 2016: International Youth Day**

The International Youth Day is celebrated every 12<sup>th</sup> August as declared by the United Nations General Assembly. The theme chosen for this year is "The Road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Production and Consumption". It focuses on the leading role of young people in ensuring poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development through sustainable production and consumption.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29mu18a>

### **10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2016: European Week of Sport, Europe**

The European Week of Sport aims to promote sport and physical activity across Europe. The Week is for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level. With a focus on grassroots initiatives, it will inspire Europeans to #BeActive on a regular basis and create opportunities in peoples' everyday lives to exercise more. The week will be headlined in Brussels from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September, and thousands of events will take place across Europe during national weeks until the end of month.

Find out more: [http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/index_en.htm)

### **12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2016: Seminar on Social Innovation for Refugee Inclusion, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised by the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), in collaboration with the U.S. Mission to the European Union, the Council of Europe and the European Economic and Social Committee, the seminar will discuss how social innovation and social innovators can contribute to

the integration of refugees in European societies. Speakers will range from refugee groups to civil society organisations, cities, tech companies, start-ups, and private sector representatives.

Participants need to register [here](#) by **5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29gH78x>

**13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2016: Annual Conference of the European Association for International Education (EAIE), Liverpool, UK**

Under the theme "Imagine", higher education professionals from around the world will meet at Europe's largest international higher education conference to exchange ideas, learn from best practices and debate policies and hot topics in the field.

Deadline to register: **24<sup>th</sup> August 2016**, midnight CEST.

Find out more: <http://www.eaie.org/liverpool.html>

**21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016: International Symposium VISION:INCLUSION - Strategies for a more inclusive international youth work, Mainz (Germany)**

Organised by IJAB, the symposium will look into strategies for a more inclusive international youth work and tackle how youth work activities and learning mobility can be made accessible for all young people, including those with disabilities. The event is addressed to practitioners working in youth services and youth work dealing with or having a strong interest in inclusive approaches and international exchange and experts engaged in research, policy and practice related to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities or to the inclusive design of non-formal education.

Deadline to [register](#): **20<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29xK9rq>

**13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October 2016: 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Learning Forum on the definition and writing of learning outcomes for VET qualifications, Thessaloniki, Greece**

The second edition of the Forum, will build on the positive experiences from the 2015 PLF on the same topic, further deepening the exchange of experiences between national experts in this area. The Forum will take into account the findings of the ongoing comparative study of learning outcomes based on VET qualifications (carried out in a cooperation between Cedefop, ETF and UNESCO) and will invite participants to discuss the first draft of the new Cedefop 'Handbook on writing learning outcomes'. The Forum will also provide a platform for European

cooperation on the application of learning outcomes allowing for the identification of common challenges as well as solutions.

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

### **16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, Global Cultural Leadership Programme, Malta**

The Programme is a component of the Cultural Diplomacy Platform which aims to support the European Commission with the implementation of a new 'Strategy for international cultural relations'. The programme specifically aims to improve the skills of cultural managers, enhance collaborative peer-to-peer learning and network building and to develop fresh insights into international cultural collaboration practices. The programme is addressed to cultural managers from the ten Strategic Partners of the EU (three participants from each of these ten countries: Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, India, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and the USA), as well as from EU Member States.

Deadline: **1<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29TgC7F>

### **20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2016: Skills, jobs and sustainable development: global trends, local challenges, Paris, France**

The conference will look into the implications of global economic trends and market forces for anticipated skill needs and mismatches and the responses of education and training systems building on labour market intelligence.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/29Hft2n>

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

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

Find out more:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar>

### **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/european-festivals.html>

Music Festivals Europe 2016

<http://bit.ly/1Z2KrUL>

The World's Best Festivals

<https://www.fest300.com/festivals/where/europe>

Music Festivals

<https://www.festicket.com/festivals>

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

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock\\_festival](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_festival)

## Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities

<b>11 July 2016</b>	Brainstorming on the 30 year anniversary of Erasmus in 2017. Location: EAC. Participant from EBL: Grazia.
<b>13 July 2016</b>	EYP Editorial Board meeting. Location: EAC. Participants from EBL: Gheorghe.
<b>15 July 2016</b>	Euroclasses online meeting. Participant from EBL: Grazia.
<b>26 July 2016</b>	Meeting with DG EAC. Location: DG EAC. Participants Eurodesk President Reinhard Schwalbach, EBL Director Audrey Frith.