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## Deadlines up to 1 January 2017

Upcoming deadlines

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EU0010000600	1 Dec 2016	<a href="#">Google Europe Scholarship for Students with Disabilities</a>
EU0010000456	1 Dec 2016	<a href="#">MEDEA Awards 2017</a>
EU0010000280	5 Dec 2016	<a href="#">Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre</a>
EU0010000302	12 Dec 2016	<a href="#">danceWEB - European Scholarship Programme for Contemporary Dance</a>
EU0010000084	15 Dec 2016	<a href="#">Support for information measures relating to the Common Agricultural Policy</a>
EU0010000387	23 Dec 2016	<a href="#">Traineeship at the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)</a>
EU0010000150	30 Dec 2016	<a href="#">Internship programme at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</a>
EU0010000301	31 Dec 2016	<a href="#">eTwinning - School partnerships in Europe</a>
EU0010002088	31 Dec 2016	<a href="#">Youth eParticipation Projects</a>

## Documentation

### **Education and Training Monitor 2016**

Published by the European Commission, the report presents a yearly evaluation of education and training systems across Europe bringing together the latest quantitative and qualitative data, technical reports and studies, as well as policy documents, and examples of policy measures from different EU Member States. The Monitor presents evidence-based policy messages, thereby contributing to the implementation of the ET 2020 cooperation framework. The Monitor is also a tool for educational authorities in Europe to compare their country to other EU Member States, and an occasion for peer learning. The Monitor reports on EU and Member States' performance on the ET2020 benchmarks, and elaborates on policy priorities for education systems (e.g. quality provision of ECEC, teacher education and continuing professional development, modernisation of vocational education and training and higher education, investment in education). Volume 1 of the Monitor provides an analysis from cross-national and thematic points of view. Volume 2 consists of 28 country reports on individual EU Member States. This year's edition explores societal challenges in more depth and addresses migration, demography and the key competences that education should help develop. The Monitor also analyses progress in raising educational outcomes by reducing early school leaving and underachievement and increasing tertiary educational attainment, at EU level and in individual Member States. Via the cross-national comparison of education systems and in the country analysis, the report presents and examines plenty of policy initiatives that can help make education more responsive to societal and labour market needs. The 2016 edition also shows progress towards important EU targets, but also highlights that Member States need to make their education systems more relevant and inclusive, in particular regarding the integration of newly arrived refugees and migrants.

<http://bit.ly/2fuwrq4>

### **Structural Indicators for Monitoring Education and Training Systems in Europe 2016**

The Eurydice report contains more than 30 detailed structural indicators, up-to-date figures, definitions, country notes and a short analysis of recent key policy developments and reforms in five areas: early childhood education and care, achievement in basic skills, early leaving from education and training, higher education and graduate employability.

The report provides background and complementary information on a number of structural indicators examined in the Education and Training Monitor 2016, the annual publication of the European Commission which describes the evolution of Europe's education and training systems based on a wide range of evidence.

<http://bit.ly/2f3tSag>

### **Validation of Non-Formal Education In The Youth Sector: Key Success Factors & Recommendations**

This publication presents the position of the European Youth Forum concerning the implementation of the 2012 Council Recommendation on Validation of Non Formal and Informal Learning. The report provides recommendations for the successful development and implementation of validation arrangements, together with good practice on recognition and validation in the youth field.

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

### **We are youth work**

Website of a new European Youth Forum campaign aiming to strengthen the visibility and recognition of the work and impact of youth organisations. The campaign is addressed not only to youth organisations but also institutional partners, external stakeholders and other partners. The website gathers publications, reports, videos and articles about youth work.

<http://www.weareyouthwork.eu>

### **Not Too Young To Run**

Website of a new campaign, recently launched launched by a partnership consisting of the Office of the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the European Youth Forum (EYF) and the Youth Initiative for Advocacy Growth & Advancement (YIAGA).

The campaign aims at promoting young people's right to run for public office and address the widespread issue of age discrimination.

The campaign emphasises young people's rights to engage fully in the democratic process, including the right of young people to run for office themselves.

<http://www.nottooyoungtorun.org>

### **Creative Tracks Platform**

The Online Platform connects existing networks of young entrepreneurs active in the cultural and creative sectors across the world.

The platform also offers opportunities, events, training and publication.

<http://www.creativetracks.org/home-community>

### **2016 Global Youth Development Index**

Composite index of 18 indicators that collectively measure multi-dimensional progress on youth development in 183 countries, including 49 of the 53 Commonwealth countries. It has five domains measuring levels of education, health and well-being, employment and opportunity, political participation and civic participation for young people. The YDI is guided by the Commonwealth definition of youth as people between the ages of 15 and 29, while recognising that some countries and international institutions define youth differently.

<http://youthdevelopmentindex.org>

## Opportunities

### **Traineeship at the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)**

Offered by the European Maritime Safety Agency, the traineeship programme aims to provide trainees with work experience in the field of maritime safety legislation, response to pollution at sea and cooperation among member states in safety at sea matters. It will also enable trainees to acquire practical experience by means of their work and put into practice the knowledge they have acquired during their academic studies or professional careers.

The traineeships will start on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and finish on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

Trainees will be awarded a monthly grant of €888.94 and a travel allowance.

Deadline: **23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016** (midnight Lisbon time).

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

### **eTwinning Prizes 2016**

The European eTwinning Prizes competition aims to highlight best practice in collaborative school projects using Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

This year the prizes will be awarded in three age categories (4-11; 12-15; 16-19) and several categories:

- Spanish Language Prize;
- French Language Prize;
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Prize;
- Mevlana Prize for Intercultural Understanding;
- English Language Prize;
- History and Remembrance Prize;
- Mediterranean Prize;
- Peyo Yavorov Prize - For a project that encourages a love of reading among young people.

To join the competition, projects must have been awarded the European Quality Label in any year of the project's lifespan.

Only the partners of a project who have received the European Quality Label can apply for and win a European Prize.

All projects must demonstrate that they have been active in the 2014-2015 school year.

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

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2fuje04>

### **YO!FEST 2017- Emerging Bands Contest**

In the framework of the YO!Fest 2017, the European Youth Forum and Jeunesses Musicales International, in cooperation with the City of Maastricht and Muziekgeiterij, are inviting all European emerging bands to apply and have the chance to perform at YO!Fest 2017. YO!Fest is the annual youth festival organised by the European Youth Forum that combines high-level political debates, thematic workshops, educational activities, live music and

artistic performances creating a unique, fun and meaningful experience of participation.

This year's edition will be held in Maastricht on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 under the motto "Let's YouthUP Europe!".

Eligible bands should have with maximum 6 members, coming from:

- European Union member countries;
- EU candidate countries (Albania, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey);
- EFTA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland);

The average age of the band members should not exceed 26 (no members may be over 30 years old). The band should play a genre that is accessible to a wide variety of people.

The winning bands will have a 30 minutes performance on the Main Stage at YO!Fest 2017. They will also get the travel to/from Maastricht (The Netherlands), local transport, accommodation and food covered plus a 50 Euro fee per band member.

Entries should be submitted by **4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, with band's info, music and links.

Find out more: <http://www.yofestebc.eu>

### **Erasmus+ KA3: Support for policy reform - VET-business partnerships on work-based learning and apprenticeships**

The call aims to invite the submission of proposals on VET-business partnerships to develop work-based learning and thus contribute to the Riga objective to promote work-based learning in all its forms, with special attention to apprenticeships. The call is organised in two lots, one for local and regional partnerships, the other for European umbrella organisations. The overall aim of the Call is to bridge the gap between the worlds of education and business, to improve the relevance of education and training for labour market needs, and to raise excellence. Public local and regional authorities; social partners (employers' and workers' organisations); relevant networks and organisations, relevant umbrella organisations at European level and their national members, VET providers and other stakeholders from EU Member States, EFTA/EEA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and candidate countries Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey are invited to apply by **17<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, 12:00 (midday, Brussels time).

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

### **College of Europe Scholarships for university graduates from ENP countries**

The College of Europe, founded in 1949, is a unique postgraduate institute specialising in European education and training. Intensive programmes are offered in European integration issues, with particular emphasis on law, economics, political and social sciences. The European Commission offers a large number of scholarships to university graduates coming from European Neighbourhood Policy countries for post-graduate studies at the College of Europe during the academic year 2017-2018. The scholarships will cover academic expenses, accommodation, meals and travel costs. Candidates should be university graduates

coming from: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine.

Deadline to submit applications: **18<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

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

#### **Vulcanus in Japan 2017-2018**

EU/ COSME students of engineering or science in at least the third year of a course at an EU/ COSME University are invited to apply to the Vulcanus in Japan and get the chance to follow a one-week seminar on Japan, a four-month intensive Japanese language course, and then an eight-month traineeship in a Japanese company. The programme aims to study the range of advanced technologies used by a Japanese host company, to learn Japanese and to understand and appreciate Japanese culture with a view to an enriching one-year experience abroad. The selected students will receive a grant to cover the cost of travel to and from Japan and living expenses in Japan.

Deadline: **20<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

Find out more: <http://www.eu-japan.eu/vulcanus-japan-0>

#### **GoEuro European Study Abroad Scholarship**

GoEuro Travel Platform would like students to experience the best that Europe has to offer their own way, no matter what mode of transport they prefer. To allow students the chance to explore and travel the continent GoEurope is offering three individual scholarships worthing € 500, € 1,500 and € 2,000. Eligible participants should already be enrolled in a college or university programme for the 2016/2017 academic year and their university or college needs to be eligible for the scholarship. Only study abroad programs in EU countries and/or Schengen Area countries are qualified.

Deadline to apply: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**, midnight (GMT+1).

Find out more: <http://www.goeuro.com/travel/study-abroad>

#### **Framework Partnership Agreement with a European policy network on teachers and school leaders**

Launched by the European Commission, the call aims to support a Europe-wide network of relevant organisations to promote co-operation and policy development with regards to teachers and school leaders. The network will be expected to strengthen cross-European co-operation between public authorities and associations of stakeholders and practitioners, higher education institutions, research bodies, foundations and other organisations on policies in pursuit of quality and professionalism in the teaching professions, including teachers and school leaders. The network will be expected to represent a broad geographic scope and a balance of different education systems, and a variety of backgrounds of participating institutions and associations, from policy, practice and research. Focus is on the general education of children and young people (0-18 years).



Deadline: **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.**

Find out more: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/2016-eac-S29\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/2016-eac-S29_en)

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

## Highlights

### **Launch of the Youth Initiative**

On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 the European Commission will present its Youth Initiative. The Youth Initiative reflects the European Union's determination to cater well for its young generation and will set out new actions to step up support of young people by broadening opportunities. One of the main elements of the package will be the European Solidarity Corps, which has been announced by President Juncker in his 2016 State of the European Union address.

<http://bit.ly/2g8ch25>

### **EU budget 2017 approved**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, following the Council's formal approval of the conciliation agreement with Parliament on the 2017 budget, the European Parliament approved the budget. The 2017 EU budget contains € 157.86 billion in commitments and payments are set at € 134.49 billion, which is 1.6% lower than the 2016 EU budget. The budget commits almost 6 billion, 11.3% more than in 2016 to address migration. The money will help member states to resettle refugees, create reception centres, integrate persons who have the right to stay and return those who don't. It will also contribute to enhancing border protection, stepping up crime prevention and counter terrorism activities and protecting critical infrastructure. € 21.3 billion will be mobilised to boost economic growth and create new jobs. The Erasmus + will increase by 19% to € 2.1 billion and the European fund for strategic investments will rise by 25% to € 2.7 billion. Besides the significant increase for Erasmus +, the 2017 EU budget will also support a number of other measures benefiting young people in particular. This includes the youth employment initiative for which an additional € 500.00 million is available to help young people find a job. The 2017 EU budget will also allow the Commission to start an initiative to help young people travel and discover other European countries.

<http://bit.ly/2gbB0HU>

### **Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council Outcomes**

At the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS) Council, taking place in Brussels on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, EU Ministers adopted Conclusions on promoting new approaches in youth work. Youth work can help young people develop competences, skills and positive attitudes. The Conclusions highlight its importance for reaching beyond the formal structures to young people of different backgrounds, including marginalised and disadvantaged youth.

They also call for the use of innovative tools in youth work practice, in the fields of education and training, sport and culture, social services, information and communication technologies.

Ministers also exchanged views on how to reconnect young people with the European project, as a follow-up to the debates at the Bratislava informal summit in September.

EU Ministers adopted a Resolution on a New Skills Agenda, which highlights the main aspects that will guide Council work in this field, in response to the Commission's communication on the strategic importance of skills for sustaining jobs, growth and competitiveness. The Resolution covers areas such as skills development, mutual recognition of qualifications, support for both vocational education and training and higher education, as well as ways of exploring the full potential of the digital economy, with the aim of promoting 'lifelong investment in people'.

Ministers also reached political agreement on a Recommendation on New Opportunities for Adults, in the framework of the Commission's proposed Skills Guarantee, which aims to provide opportunities for low-skilled adults to acquire a set of skills, knowledge and competences relevant for the labour market and active participation in society.

EU Ministers adopted Conclusions on the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism, which are very timely in the context of the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Paris terrorist attacks. They underlined the need to undermine and challenge existing violent extremist ideologies and to counterbalance them with appealing non-violent alternatives and to support parents, siblings, peers youth workers and others in contact with young people who are at risk of violent radicalisation. They also emphasised the need to involve and cooperate with service providers in the fight against illegal hate speech online, whilst fully respecting of freedom of expression, in view of the role of the social media as a prime vehicle for targeting, grooming and triggering potential radicals to commit violent acts.

Furthermore, Commissioner Navracsics put the spotlight on two initiatives: the European Voluntary Service in the framework of Erasmus + and the European Solidarity Corps, part of the new European Youth Initiative, which will offer people under 30 in Europe the chance to support a non-governmental organisation (NGO), local authority or private company active in addressing difficult situations across the European Union. Both seek to promote core European values among young people and will build on current EU youth programmes.

At the meeting, the incoming Maltese Presidency presented its main priorities in the field of youth for the coming six months, which will be:

- The role of young people in the framework of the New Skills Agenda
- Implementation of the main recommendations of youth conferences
- 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of the structured dialogue
- Mid-term review of the Youth Strategy.

The Council also adopted a General Approach regarding the decision on a European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018). The general aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of the richness of European cultural heritage and the opportunities it can offer and to share the European values and ideals embedded in cultural heritage. At the same time, it seeks to draw attention to the challenges that cultural heritage is facing.

Ministers discussed how the EU and its member states can cooperate effectively to bring about a more strategic and global approach in this field. The Council adopted Conclusions on sports diplomacy, which refer to the use of sport as a means to influence diplomatic, intercultural, social, economic and political relations. The Conclusions invite member states to explore how the potential of sport can be better used at national level, in particular through education and the involvement of well-known athletes as messengers, to promote positive sporting and European values.

The Council took note of a progress report on the proposal for a revised Directive on audiovisual media services (AVMS). The proposal aims to align better the AVMS Directive with the digital age, taking into account the speed of technological progress, the emergence of new business models and changing consumption patterns. The major issues still under discussion in the Council are the extension of the Directive's scope to video-sharing platforms and the extent of their regulation, quantitative rules on TV advertising, obligations for on-demand service providers to promote European works, alignment of rules between linear and on-demand services, country-of-origin principle, and the role of European body of national regulators (ERGA).

<http://bit.ly/2fR86dR>

#### **EU Youth Ministers discuss proposals from young people**

On 21<sup>st</sup> November, EU Ministers in charge of Youth met in Brussels to debate the outcomes of the Structured Dialogue formulated during the EU Youth Conference in Kosice through a “High Level Policy Debate”. This is the second time that a high-level policy debate has addressed topics from the Structured Dialogue on youth, bringing the debates of youth policy makers in the Council into the public through a live stream.

The High Level Policy Debate is part of the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Structured Dialogue and is a unique participative process where young people contribute to EU youth policy, which is currently (for the trio Presidency: Dutch, Slovakian, Maltese) focusing on the theme “Enabling all young people to engage in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe. Ready for life, ready for society”. Most of the ministers or their representatives took note of the recommendations of the Structured Dialogue, which is based on the input of 65,000 young people from across Europe. They also acknowledged that youth participation is an objective but also a method, increasing the recognition of the process of the Structured Dialogue.

<http://bit.ly/2g22CKA>

#### **EU Council backs young researchers**

On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016, the EU Council adopted Conclusions on measures to support young researchers and raise the attractiveness of scientific careers. The conclusions build on the Bratislava Declaration that was presented to EU research ministers last summer with the objective of supporting new generations of researchers and scientists who are called to be key drivers of Europe's prosperity.

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

### **EU boosts 2017 commitment to education for children in emergencies**

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, the European Commission announced a further increase of the share of its humanitarian aid budget to lead the way in supporting education projects in emergency situations around the world. The increase from 4% in 2016 to 6% in 2017 of the humanitarian aid budget puts the Commission well ahead of the global average. Education in emergencies is one of the most underfunded areas in humanitarian aid worldwide, with less than 2% of the global humanitarian funding being dedicated to this area. The contribution will support access to formal and non-formal education, including life skills and vocational training, recreational activities and psychosocial support. Children will also benefit from the provision of school material and the setting up of new education facilities. Teachers and parents will also be supported and benefit from training. The aid will be channelled through non-governmental organisations (NGOs), United Nations agencies and International Organisations to reach the most vulnerable.

<http://bit.ly/2gV9xte>

### **Novi Sad: European Youth Capital 2019**

Novi Sad, in Serbia, has been awarded the title of European Youth Capital for 2019. The announcement was made at the European Youth Forum's General Assembly in Varna, Bulgaria, on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The European Youth Capital (EYC) title is awarded to a different European city each year by the European Youth Forum. During an EYC year, the host city holds events and projects designed to demonstrate the active, essential role that young people and youth organisations can (and do) play in society. During the EYC year, Novi Sad will celebrate and empower young people under the "OPENS19" theme. It will work to create more opportunities for youth, including a newly-formed 'Local Youth Governing Forum', which will enable youth civil society to input on youth policies. The city's motto of 'opening doors' symbolises the creation of new opportunities for young people in the city itself, but also in developing bridges with other regions and countries. The Novi Sad EYC year is committed to working on diversity, developing specific projects in the areas of gender equality, LGBTIQ+ rights, and the inclusion of refugees. The other competing youth capitals were Amiens (France), Derry City & Strabane (UK), Manchester (UK), and Perugia (Italy). During its EYC year, the city will focus on the development of social entrepreneurship as a tool for increased youth participation, sustainable employment, creativity, networking, exchange and education.

<http://bit.ly/2gYX1Yx>

### **Eurostat quarterly data on employment**

According to quarterly labour market flows, published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, out of all persons in the European Union (EU) who were unemployed in the first quarter of 2016, 63.2% (12.6 million persons) remained unemployed in the second quarter 2016, while 19.5% (3.9 million)

moved into employment and 17.3% (3.5 million) towards economic inactivity. Economically inactive individuals are those neither employed nor unemployed. Examples are students, pensioners and housewives or -men, provided that they are not working at all and not available or looking for work either. Of all those initially in employment, 97.3% (170.8 million persons) remained in employment, while 1.2% (2.0 million) of those employed in the first quarter 2016 were observed to be unemployed in the second quarter 2016, and 1.6% (2.7 million) transitioned into economic inactivity. Of all those initially in economic inactivity, 93.3% (106.1 million persons) remained in inactivity, while 6.7% entered the labour market: 3.1% (3.6 million) of those inactive in the first quarter 2016 moved into employment in the second quarter 2016, and 3.6% (4.1 million) transitioned into unemployment.

<http://bit.ly/2fMBL4t>

### **Survey: New and Innovative forms of Youth Participation**

The Youth Department of the Council of Europe has launched a survey about new and innovative forms of youth participation in decision making for young people aged 16-30.

It is aimed at anyone who is active in the field of youth participation, particularly people supporting youth participation projects or programmes, such as youth workers, policy makers, youth representatives, public authorities at all levels and NGOs. The findings of the survey will be published as part of a research report. The research will be used to create a set of recommendations on how public authorities, at all levels, and other bodies can be open to new forms of participation, and will inform the future policy on youth participation of the Council of Europe Youth Department.

The survey takes around 20 minutes to complete.

The survey is available [here](#) and will be open until 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 midnight CET.

### **Parlemeter 2016**

According to the latest "Parlemeter" survey, published by the European Parliament, what brings EU citizens together is more important than what separates them. This is what 71% of Europeans say, while 53% believe that being an EU member is good for their country. A majority of Europeans interviewed in the poll believes that being a member of the European Union is a good thing for their country (53%, -2 compared to 2015). The share of respondents who believe EU membership is a good thing for their country varies widely, from 74% in Ireland to only 31% in Greece. Polls show that this EU support indicator has remained roughly stable since 2009, when it was also 53%. As in 2015, 60% of respondents overall said their country benefits from being part of the Union. This percentage has also remained stable in "Parlemeter" surveys, from 56% in 2009, down to 52% in 2011 and up again to 60% in the past two years. In addition, according to 71% of respondents, there are more issues uniting Europeans than dividing them.

Europeans feel that their voices count less and less, in particular at national level. Only 53% of respondents said that

their voice is heard in their own country (-10 compared with 2015). People do not have a positive view of the future, both in the EU, where 54% of respondents said “things are going in the wrong direction” (+13 compared with 2015), and in their own country (58%, +14 compared to 2015).

Concerning the European Parliament in the media, the institution has a neutral image for 44% of Europeans (-2 compared to 2015), while 46% want it to play a more significant role (+2 compared to 2015). 60% of respondents said they had heard about the European Parliament in the media and only 32% considered themselves informed about its activities. This 2016 Parlemeter survey was conducted in the 28 Member States of the European Union from 24<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 by Kantar Public (formerly TNS opinion).

The full Eurobarometer survey is available [here](#).

Maps on key questions are available [here](#).

*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 focuses on economic growth, digital Single Market, the creation of an Energy Union, migration, and the EU enlargement.

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

### **5<sup>th</sup> December 2016: International Volunteer Day (IVD)**

Each year, this day offers an opportunity for volunteer organisations and individual volunteers to concretely show their contributions to peace and development. IVD 2016's theme "#GlobalApplause - give volunteers a hand" recognises volunteers worldwide and all they do in making peace and sustainable development a reality.

Find out more on: <https://www.unv.org/international-volunteer-day-2016>

### **7<sup>th</sup> December 2016: Webinar "Pact for Youth webinar: SME engagement in apprenticeships"**

Organised by the European business network for Corporate Social Responsibility, as contribution to the European Pact for Youth and the 2016 European Vocational Skills, the webinar will bring together a variety of key stakeholders to discuss common challenges and examine the role of small and medium size (SME) companies in combatting youth unemployment and their engagement in apprenticeships.

The webinar will last from 15:00 to 16:00 CET.

In order to attend to the webinar participants should register [here](#)

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2g1TR2c>

### **7<sup>th</sup> December 2016: Webinar on Engaging Youth in the Implementation of Agenda 2030**

Organised by the NGO Branch, at the office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination in UN DESA, the session will provide information on available platforms to engage Youth/Youth Led Organisations in the works of the UN, upcoming major UN Youth events in 2017, including the ECOSOC Youth Forum on 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January 2017, step by step instructions on how to apply for ECOSOC Consultative Status and the main components of the application package. After the presentation, the floor will be open to answer questions from participants.



In order to attend to the webinar participants should register [here](#).

The webinar will last from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm EST.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2gkrJd3>

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2016: Citizens' Dialogue with Commissioner Tibor Navracsics, Nicosia, Cyprus**

European Commissioner Tibor Navracsics will have a debate with citizens focussing on topics important to young people, in particular issues related to education and culture and their roles in fostering innovation and job creation.

The debate will be webcast live [here](#) from 13:00 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2fPf2o8>

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2016: ENCATC Research Award on Cultural Policy and Management, Brussels, Belgium**

The ENCATC Award aims to encourage and enable young cultural policy researchers to take a step from evaluative (descriptive) to comparative applied research that can inform policymaking and benefit practitioners active in the field. The Award is devoted to PhD theses which shed light on contemporary cultural issues and challenges by analysing them and offering policy solutions. The Award is open to European and non-European researchers.

Participants need to register [here](#).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2g512J4>

**9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Global Youth Ag-Summit, Brussels, Belgium**

The 2016 Youth Ag-Summit will be an opportunity for young leaders worldwide to explore and discuss solutions on global food challenges to "Feed a Hungry Planet".

Participants will have to be between 18 and 25 years old, be legally able to travel internationally, holding a valid passport, with at least six months validity after 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and be able to communicate orally in English. Furthermore, they should be interested on agriculture, environmental stewardship, food, world hunger, biotechnology, and/or farming and/or animal husbandry. In order to apply, entrants will have to submit an essay outlining their ideas on the causes, impacts and possible solutions to global food security in an essay of 1,500 words maximum.

The winners will be invited to attend the Summit. The Youth Ag-Summit organizers will pay for airfare, accommodations, meals provided at the Summit and travel insurance for the Summit and may reimburse visa fees, where applicable.

Deadline to apply: **13<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 11:59 pm, (GMT).**

Find out more: <https://www.youthagsummit.com>

**2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017: European Migration Forum, Brussels, Belgium**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> European Migration Forum, the civil society dialogue platform on migration, asylum and migrant integration, will focus on the theme of ACCESS: migrants' access to Europe, to rights and to services. The meeting will include a discussion on safe legal alternatives to the perilous journeys migrants undertake, as well as a reflection on the way migrants can access services upon their arrival, together with the rights to which they are entitled to, and how to ensure continuation of such provisions to facilitate their integration process. The participants will include NGOs, practitioners from local and regional authorities, representatives of the Member States and members of the EESC Permanent Group on Immigration and Integration.

Deadline to apply: **12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2gc4wIG>

**27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March 2017: Europe@DJHT - Creating a social and fair Europe for all young people, Düsseldorf, Germany**

The German Child and Youth Welfare Congress (DJHT) provides a central meeting place for Germany's youth work / child and youth welfare community. The participants, professionals from all areas of youth work and child and youth welfare, come from projects and initiatives, associations out of the NGO sector, public bodies at local, regional, national and international levels and the realms of academia and research.

Youth workers and other experts in the field from Russian Federation, Eastern Partnership countries, Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries are invited to apply by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

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

**European Citizenship Training Courses 2017**

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

List of proposed Courses:

• Training Course: ECTC-Spain (12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2017)

Deadline: to be announced.

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

Deadline: to be announced.

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

**Salto-Youth: Training Calendar**

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

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

## Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities

2-3 Nov 2016	Eurodesk Online Training for Slovak Partner. Participants from EBL: Gheorghe, Grazia, Zsolt.
8 Nov 2016	European Youth Hearing - Culture and Education (CULT). Location: European Parliament. Participant from EBL: Noemi.
14 Nov 2016	Erasmus+ 30th Anniversary - Meeting with NAs and Stakeholders Location: European Commission. Participant from EBL: Grazia.
16 Nov 2016	Meeting with Graeme Robertson, update on the network meeting and on Eurodesk support to the European Solidarity Corps Location: European Commission. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
17-18 Nov 2016	European Platform on Learning Mobility Steering Group Meeting: adoption of the Quality Learning Mobility Charter and planning the November 2017 Conference in France. Location: Bonn, Germany. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
22 Nov 2016	Eurodesk Training for Belgian Partner from the French community. Location: BIJ. Participants from EBL: Gheorghe, Grazia.
24 Nov 2016	Meeting with Tony Geudens, Salto Youth Inclusion, to discuss their training pool system for Eurodesk training plan. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Denise.
25 Nov 2016	Trieste Preteam online meeting: evaluation of the Multipliers' Seminar in Trieste and recommendations for the future seminars. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Grazia.
25 Nov 2016	Meeting Stefan Jahnke from the European University Foundation to discuss about the Erasmus App to be developed in the framework of the Erasmus+30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Location: Brussels, Belgium. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
29 Nov 2016	Eurodesk Executive Committee Online meeting. Participant from EBL: Audrey.

30 Nov 2016

Meeting with Safi Sabuni and Rasmus Aberg,  
Erasmus Student Network, to explore  
cooperation agreements  
Location: Brussels, Belgium.  
Participant from EBL: Audrey.