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## Deadlines up to 2 July 2017

Upcoming deadlines

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000358	4 June 2017	<a href="#">Plural+ Youth Video Festival 2017</a>
EU0010000668	6 June 2017	<a href="#">EU Aid Volunteers Initiative: Deployment of EU Aid Volunteers</a>
EU0010000401	7 June 2017	<a href="#">Erasmus for young entrepreneurs</a>
EU0010000280	8 June 2017	<a href="#">Traineeship at the Joint Research Centre</a>
EU0010000181	11 June 2017	<a href="#">Traineeships and student summer jobs at the European Investment Bank</a>
EU0010000336	15 June 2017	<a href="#">International Essay Contest for Young People</a>
EU0010000404	25 June 2017	<a href="#">European Youth Capital</a>
EU0010000453	30 June 2017	<a href="#">European Photo competition - My Europe, my rights</a>
EU0010000485	8 June 2017	<a href="#">A Sea of Words - International Short Stories Contest</a>
EU0010000212	31 May 2017	<a href="#">Traineeships at the Court of Auditors</a>
EU0010000569	1 June 2017	<a href="#">Young Audiences Music Awards (YAMA)</a>
EU0010000631	1 June 2017	<a href="#">Training placements at the European Parliament</a>
EU0010000557	2 June 2017	<a href="#">WTO Essay Award for Young Economists</a>

## Documentation

### **Study on the impact of transnational volunteering through the European voluntary service**

The study analyses the impact of EVS on individuals, organisations and local communities. It describes how 5 different types of EVS volunteers - 'Standard students', 'Mediterranean students', 'Experienced workers', 'Disadvantaged jobseekers' and 'Western pupils' - benefit differently from EVS. The study shows measurable impact of EVS on the volunteers' learning and competence development e.g. as regards languages as well as career and work-related aspects while identifying several options to further improve its impact with a specific focus on the role of young people with fewer opportunities.

<http://bit.ly/2qVd7FK>

### **2017 Key Data on Teaching Languages at School in Europe**

Published by Eurydice, the report depicts the main education policies regarding teaching and learning of languages in 42 European education systems. It also answers questions about what foreign languages are learnt, how long students spend studying foreign languages, the level of foreign language proficiency students are expected to reach by the end of compulsory education and what kind of language support is provided to newly arrived migrant students. Although the main focus of the report is on foreign languages, some information about the regional/minority and classical languages in the curriculum is provided. The indicators are organised into five different chapters: Context, Organisation, Participation, Teachers and Teaching Processes. A variety of sources were used to build the indicators, and these include the Eurydice Network, Eurostat, and the OECD's PISA and TALIS international surveys. The data cover all countries of the European Union as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Turkey.

<http://bit.ly/2qucm7Y>

### **PISA 2015 Results (Volume IV) - Students' Financial Literacy**

The OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) examines not just what students know in science, reading and mathematics, but what they can do with what they know. PISA 2015 Results (Volume IV): Students' Financial Literacy, explores students' experience with and knowledge about money and provides an overall picture of 15-year-olds' ability to apply their accumulated knowledge and skills to real-life situations involving financial issues and decisions. According to the study, around one in four students in the 15 countries and economies that took part in the latest OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) test of financial literacy are unable to make even simple decisions on everyday spending, while only one in ten can understand complex issues, such as income tax. Beijing-Shanghai-Jiangsu-Guangdong (China) had the highest average score, followed by the Flemish Community

of Belgium, the participating Canadian provinces (British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Prince Edward Island), the Russian Federation, the Netherlands and Australia.

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

**Preventing violent extremism through education: A guide for policy-makers**

Published by UNESCO, the guide aims to support policy-makers within ministries of education to prioritise, plan and implement effective actions for the prevention of violent extremism through education, and contribute to national prevention efforts.

<http://bit.ly/2oR39G1>

**ERASMUS+Platform**

New platform to engage with the Erasmus+community. From here users, once registered, can get involved by sharing their views for the future Erasmus+30 programme.

They can post their stories, recommend projects, organise activities, events and create their own group.

<http://app.wetipp.com/erasmusplusgenerationn>

**Promoting Youth Rights**

European Youth Forum tool providing an introduction to young people's rights, focusing on the processes and mechanisms available to highlight violations of rights or shortcomings in the access to rights.

<http://www.youthforum.org/youth-rights-info-tool>

**The Torino Process**

New website from the European Training Foundation's (ETF's) flagship programme 'The Torino Process'. It allows users to easily extract and compare facts, figures and trends on vocational education and training (VET) reform in countries bordering Europe, including those of the Southern Mediterranean shore.

<https://www.torinoprocess.eu>

**Women in Sport Platform**

First international knowledge platform for Women in Sport launched by the International Sport and Culture Association together with its partners. The webpage collects initiatives that engage women in sport: guidelines, recommendations, studies, toolkits, events, inspirational campaigns, programmes and projects for women in the field of sport and physical activity.

<http://womeninsport.isca-web.org>

## Opportunities

### **EuroMed Exchange Programme**

Launched by the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF), the EuroMed Exchange Programme offers young talents and key actors, such as members of civil society organisations, traineeship opportunities across 42 Euro-Mediterranean countries, aiming to support knowledge exchange, strengthen dialogue and intercultural cooperation that are crucial for the stable and sustainable development in the Region. The programme is designed to support synergies, cross-disciplinary activities and new project ideas related to intercultural dialogue (ICD), involving young actors from both shores of the Mediterranean, giving them the spaces to gain new perspectives on how to drive development and make positive changes. Applications are welcome from key actors working on projects related to: Migration and Intercultural Cities, Anti-radicalisation and Gender and Translation and Publishing.

The Programme works on two modalities:

- **Twinning Exchange:** an organisation can send an ICD Actor and host another ICD Actor. The organisations have to be in different countries. The exchanges don't need to take place at the same time.
- **Sending Exchange:** an organisation can send an ICD Actor to be hosted by another organisation. The organisations have to be in different countries.

Priority will be given to North-South twinning exchanges between members and between members&non-members. However, South-South and West-East (Europe) patterns will also be supported.

Deadline: **15<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

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

### **Traineeship at CEDEFOP**

CEDEFOP, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, is offering one nine-month period of in-service training stage for young university graduates but also to PhD students, without excluding those who, in the framework of lifelong learning, have recently obtained a university diploma and are at the beginning of a new professional career. Trainees are selected only from nationals of the [Member States of the European Union and of candidate countries](#). The training period involves work experience in one of the departments of CEDEFOP and runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to end of June each year.

Trainees are awarded a monthly maintenance grant:

- EUR 919.4 per month for trainees from abroad (member states of the EU or candidate countries), as well as trainees residing in Greece who need to move to Thessaloniki for the duration of the traineeship.
- EUR 689.5 per month for trainees residing in Thessaloniki prior to the start of their in-service training.

Travel expenses (within certain limits) are also reimbursed. In order to facilitate equal participation, disabled trainees may receive a supplement of the basic grant.

Deadline: **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017**, at 15:00 Greek time (CET+1).

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1delowH>

### **Call for Proposals under LLL Week 2017**

The Lifelong Learning Platform (LLLP) and the European Youth Forum (YFJ) will be holding the 7<sup>th</sup> Lifelong Learning Week (LLLWeek) from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Brussels.

Activities and events will be organised around the three strands of the LLLWeek: Education and Democracy, Education and Social inclusion and Education and Innovative Pedagogy.

Participants can apply by **24<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

Find out more: <https://goo.gl/opgiCg>

### **Europe in my Region - Blog Contest**

Launched by the European Commission, the contest is inviting bloggers to write and publish posts about any EU funded project and take the chance to win a journalist training and a trip to Brussels, Belgium. Posts will be translated into English (if necessary), republished on the Commission website and promoted on social channels (Facebook, Twitter) using the #EUinmyRegion hashtag. All posts will be judged by an independent jury. Their scores will be combined with the amount of web traffic and social shares each post receives to choose three Wwinners. The web traffic and social shares will also be used to choose a fourth "People's Choice" winner. The four winners will be invited to Brussels to attend the European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC) from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 as fully accredited journalists. Travel and accomodation costs will be covered. They will also receive a Mobile Journalism and storytelling training session on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Deadline: **27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2ruXG72>

### **DepicT! 2017 - Can you do it in 90 seconds?**

Young filmmakers worldwide are invited to join the contest and get the opportunity to showcase their talent during the Encounters Short Film & Animation Festival, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Participants will get a chance of winning up to £ 2,500 prize money, invaluable industry exposure and other exclusive prizes. Short films should be 90 seconds long or less, of any production techniques (except for advertisements) and completed after September 2016.

If the original language is not English, the film must include subtitles. Each entrant can submit up to ten entries.

Deadline: **3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**, 17:00 (BST).

Find out more: <http://www.depict.org/competition>

#### **Pact Zollverein Residency Programme 2017**

From January to July 2018 PACT Zollverein is offering a residency programme for the development and realisation of projects and productions. The programme is open to professional artists from both Germany and abroad working in the fields of dance, performance, media arts or music. Awarded twice yearly by a jury, residencies provide artists a local space and accommodation. Residents will also receive technical support and advisory assistance with press and public relations and dramaturgy.

Deadline: **3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.**

Find out more: <http://www.pact-zollverein.de/en/artists-centre>

#### **Next Generation of Science Journalists Award 2017**

Young science journalists, at the beginning of their career with a maximum of five years' experience, should submit their article on the main topic of "Health", which must have been published after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. The article may be published in any form: print, digital, audible or visual. Audio and video content is to be made available via web-link. Submissions will be accepted from all countries; however the content should be in English. Translations will be accepted if the original article is attached. A short CV (one page) and a copy of a current passport must accompany the submission.

Five outstanding young science journalists will be invited to participate in the World Health Summit (WHS) 2017, held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Berlin, Germany. Additionally, each winner will receive € 500 to recompense travel expenses.

Deadline: **16<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2qG2YM5>

#### **Travel film scholarship 2017**

World Nomads is inviting aspiring travel filmmakers, from any nationality, to a 12-day filmmaking trip to capture the culture and communities of Kerala, India, under the mentorship of professional travel filmmaker Brian Rapsey.

In order to apply, entrants will have to make a 3-minute documentary film interview, in English or with English subtitles, about an amazing adventurer or inspiring traveller around one of the following themes:

- Courage
- Kindness
- Acceptance.

The video should be uploaded on YouTube or Vimeo, in order to have it publicly accessible. The application should also include a motivation statement of 1,500 characters or less, telling the reasons for being the ideal scholarship recipient and what winning this opportunity would mean. The winner filmmaker will win a 12-day day filmmaking trip assignment in India, including a 3-day post-production workshop to edit the film, with

mentorship of Brian Rapsey. The scholarships will cover airfare, accommodation and travel insurance.

Deadline to apply: **18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**, 11 PM EDT.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2r6bVkw>

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

## Highlights

### **European Solidarity Corps: Commission proposes more than €340 million**

On 30<sup>th</sup> May the European Commission proposed a budget for the next three years of the European Solidarity Corps and a dedicated [legal base](#).

The proposed €340.5 million budget plans to give 100,000 young people the chance to volunteer, train or work for solidarity projects by 2020.

Four kinds of activities are proposed to be supported by the European Solidarity Corps:

- Solidarity placements supporting young people in carrying out volunteering activities for up to 12 months, traineeship placements for usually 2-6 months, and job placements in compliance with relevant national legislation for 2-12 months.
- Volunteering teams allowing groups of 10-40 young volunteers from different countries to make an impact together, for 2 weeks to 2 months.
- Solidarity projects allowing small groups of at least five participants to set up and implement solidarity projects at the local level on their own initiative, for 2 to 12 months.
- Networking activities attracting newcomers to the European Solidarity Corps, allowing the exchange of good practices, providing post-placement support and establishing alumni networks.

All of these actions will give young people across Europe new opportunities to engage in solidarity activities addressing societal challenges and strengthening communities. In parallel, they will help improve the skills and competences young people need for their own personal and professional development at the beginning of their careers. The European Solidarity Corps is an inclusive initiative. Targeted measures, such as additional funding or placements of shorter duration, will promote the participation of disadvantaged young people.

The draft Regulation now needs to be adopted by the European Parliament and the Council of the EU before it can enter into force.

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

### **Youth initiative: Commission sets out strategy for high quality, inclusive, future-oriented education**

On 30<sup>th</sup> May the European Commission adopted new initiatives on school and higher education, including a proposal on graduate tracking to help Member States collect information on what graduates do after their studies.

The aim of these initiatives is to help Member States provide high quality and inclusive education for all young people through a series of concrete actions, so they acquire the knowledge and skills needed to participate fully in society, are able to respond to new opportunities and challenges opened up by, for

instance, globalisation and technological change, and can tailor their education to the needs of the labour market.

With regard to schools, evidence from Member States show three areas where action is needed and where EU support can help address important challenges:

- Raising the quality and inclusiveness of schools;
- Supporting excellent teachers and school leaders;
- Improving the governance of school education systems.

The Commission is proposing to complement actions taken by Member States in these three areas by supporting mutual learning, strengthening the evidence for what works in education and assisting national reforms for Member States that so wish. Examples of such support include boosting competence development and intercultural learning through school partnerships, mobility and e-Twinning projects under Erasmus+; strengthening peer learning on the careers and professional development of teachers and school leaders; and setting up a new support mechanism to help Member States seeking assistance in designing and implementing education reforms.

The renewed higher education strategy builds on the 2011 Modernisation agenda. In the Communication adopted today, the Commission sets out its plans for four key areas:

- Ensuring graduates leave higher education with the skill sets they and the modern economy need;
- Building inclusive higher education systems;
- Making sure higher education institutions contribute to innovation in the rest of the economy;
- Supporting higher education institutions and governments in making the best use of the human and financial resources available.

Finally, to ensure that higher education can help boost growth and job creation, universities need to tailor curricula to current and anticipated needs of the economy and society, and prospective students need up-to-date, solid information to help them decide what courses to choose. This is why the Commission is in parallel presenting a proposal for a Council Recommendation on graduate tracking, as part of the new Skills Agenda for Europe, which will also cover graduates from vocational education and training programmes in addition to higher education graduates. This will encourage and support Member State authorities to improve the quality and availability of information on how they progress in their careers or further education after finishing their studies.

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

#### **Eurostat release: April 2017 Euro area unemployment rate**

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in April 2017, 3.746 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.617 million were in the Euro area. Compared with April 2016, youth unemployment

decreased by 600 000 in the EU28 and by 419 000 in the Euro area.

In April 2017, the youth unemployment rate was 16.7% in the EU28 and 18.7% in the Euro area, compared with 19.0% and 21.4% respectively in April 2016. In April 2017, the lowest rate was observed in Germany (6.8%), while the highest were recorded in Greece (47.9% in February 2017), Spain (39.3%) and Italy (34.0%).  
<http://bit.ly/2smwEyy>

### **Education, Youth, Culture & Sport Council Conclusions**

On the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS) Council, which took place in Brussels, Belgium, on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, Ministers adopted a Resolution on the future development of the (structured) dialogue with young people in the context of policies for European cooperation in the youth field post-2018. The Resolution outlines the main priorities for the next cycle of the dialogues, which will have as its main theme "Youth in Europe: what's next?". The Resolution calls for a review on how to improve the dialogue and make it more effective in the future. It also calls for particular attention to be given to ways of developing a constructive dialogue and cooperation with young people from diverse backgrounds, youth researchers and policy makers and interested parties from other related sectors. Ministers also adopted Conclusions on the strategic perspectives for European cooperation in the youth field post-2018, which will provide guidance to the Commission as it carries out a mid-term evaluation of the key policy instrument in this area, the "EU Youth Strategy". The Conclusions underline the need for the future strategy to be cross-sectoral, flexible, responsive and transparent and take account of the rapidly changing political, social, cultural and economic situation in Europe. Ministers adopted Conclusions on the role of youth work in supporting young people's development of essential life skills to facilitate their transition to adulthood, active citizenship and working life.

In the field of education, ministers adopted a Recommendation on the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning. Its aim is to improve the transparency, comparability and portability of qualifications across Europe by establishing a common reference framework for national qualifications systems. The Recommendation also seeks to help modernise education and training systems and increase the employability, mobility and social integration of workers and learners. The Council took note of progress on Europass, which is intended to help increase mobility in Europe by providing a framework which will improve access to information on skills and qualifications for education and employment purposes.

In the field of Sport, the Council adopted a Resolution on the European Union Work Plan for Sport (2017-2020). The Work Plan has a limited number of policy initiatives tackling key issues such as the fight against doping, combating match-fixing and improving good governance in sports organisations. Emphasis is placed on combating corruption, safeguarding minors, developing

links between sport and the digital single market, including media rights, as well as on education within and through sport, the role of coaches and sport diplomacy. Ministers also adopted Conclusions on sport as a platform for social inclusion and, as a follow-up, they discussed how to develop a media policy that supports social objectives in sport.

In the field of culture, ministers reached a General Approach on the proposal for a revised Directive on audiovisual media services (AVMS). The proposal aims to make this legislation better fit to the digital age, for instance, by extending its scope to video-sharing platforms. The proposal also establishes stricter obligations for the promotion of European works for on-demand services. Ministers also adopted Conclusions on a EU strategy for international cultural relations, in the follow-up to the Commission and the EU High Representative joint Communication on a EU strategy for international cultural relations.

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

#### **2017 Charlemagne Youth Prize Winners**

The Polish project [Erasmus Evening](#), an online radio show for students considering to study for a period abroad as part of the Erasmus programme, has been awarded this year's Charlemagne Youth Prize. The prize is given out by the European Parliament and the International Charlemagne Prize Foundation every year to young people aged between 16 and 30 who have been involved with projects helping to promote understanding between people from different European countries. The ceremony took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, in Aachen, Germany. The other winning projects are "[Re-discover Europe](#)", an event that took place in Aalborg (Dk), featuring a parade with EU flags, talks about the future of Europe, a multicultural village about the city's rich diversity and a street party and "[Are We Europe](#)", a Dutch online multimedia platform where young people can submit their stories portraying what it is like being European.

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

#### **Eurobarometer survey: Attitudes of Europeans towards tobacco and electronic cigarettes**

According to the European Commission survey on the "Attitudes of Europeans towards tobacco and electronic cigarettes", there is no decrease in the overall smoking rate in the EU (26%) since 2014. Amongst people aged 15 to 24 the rate has increased from 25% in 2014 to 29% in 2017. Significant differences exist between EU countries, with the highest smoking rates in Greece (37%), Bulgaria, France (both 36%) and Croatia (35%). At 7%, Sweden has the lowest smoking rate in the EU. Regular e-cigarette use remains stable at 2%, with 15% having tried such products at some point. With regard to attitudes to tobacco and e-cigarette control measures, the majority of those surveyed (63%) think e-cigarette use should be banned in places where there are smoking bans; and 46% are in favour of plain packaging for cigarettes.

<http://bit.ly/2rAh9Xb>

**European Commission Survey on Education, Training & Employment**

The survey aims to better understand end users' needs for online tools in the field of skills and qualifications. It will help shaping the future developments of existing European tools and services related to education and employment. The survey is addressed to individuals, organisations and other stakeholders such as job-seekers, pupils/students, workers, employers, education or training providers and guidance and counselling advisors. It is available [here](#) in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German and Romanian and is open until **18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

**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 contains questions on various aspects related, for instance, to the application procedures, to the relations with the national and European agencies, financial rules and the reporting processes. The survey is available [here](#) until **30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. It will take not more than 10 minutes to fill it in. Results will be presented at the launch of the LLLWeek2017, in November 2017.

**EU-CoE youth partnership Survey on Youth work and young refugees in Europe**

Launched by the EU-CoE youth partnership, the survey aims to strengthen the knowledge and awareness on the added value of youth work and serve as an inspiration for policy makers, researchers and practitioners working towards inclusion and integration of young refugees. The survey looks for a wide variety of practices that will allow to map the diversity and richness of the contribution of the youth sector for the inclusion of young refugees and their access to rights, and integration initiatives in the hosting community. The survey is available [here](#) until **27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

**Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on youth work adopted**

On 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)4 to Member States on youth work. Drawing on the Declaration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Youth Work Convention (2015), the document encourages Member States to develop their youth work policy and practice within their sphere of competence and invites them to adopt a range of measures that will strengthen the necessary support for youth work at local, regional, national and European levels. As participation is one of the key principles of youth work, young people, youth workers, youth and other organisations providing youth work are recognised as active partners in the development, implementation and evaluation of youth work policy and practice. Member States are encouraged to secure the active participation of all these stakeholders when taking forward the recommendations.

Among the recommendations, Member States are invited to promote the role of youth work by informing young people of their rights and of the opportunities and services available to them; strengthening the active citizenship, participation and social inclusion of all young people, especially those who are at risk and marginalised; broadening intercultural competences, European identity and international understanding among young people; encouraging young people to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in their living environment; addressing and preventing discrimination, intolerance and social exclusion; enhancing non-formal and informal learning; respecting the freedom and autonomy of youth organisations and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) doing youth work; fostering knowledge-based youth work that can respond to the changes and trends in our societies and the emerging challenges faced by young people; encouraging the use of research, evaluation and continuous follow-up in developing knowledge-based, quality youth work ensuring that mechanisms are in place to measure its outcomes and impact.

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

#### **Council of Europe Action Plan on protecting refugee and migrant children adopted**

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Nicosia, Cyprus, during the 127<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Ministers, 47 European states adopted an Action Plan on protecting refugee and migrant children (2017-2019). Coordinated by the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Ambassador Tomáš Boček, the Council of Europe-wide Action Plan aims at addressing the main concerns identified in the Special Representative's Thematic Report on migrant and refugee children. The Action Plan proposes concrete support to member states at all stages of the migration process, with a special focus on unaccompanied children, and has three main pillars: ensuring access to rights and child-friendly procedures; providing effective protection and enhancing the integration of children who would remain in Europe. The measures to be taken in protecting the refugee and migrant children include: new guidelines regarding age assessment and guardianship, alternatives to detention and a handbook on promoting child-friendly information and training on child-friendly procedures. Different sectors of the Council of Europe will contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan, including those dealing with children's rights, education, sports, youth participation and the media.

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

#### **Over 1,300 Erasmus Mundus Scholarships Awarded for 2017**

1,345 students from around the world have been awarded EU-funded scholarships to begin Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees this autumn. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees are prestigious, international study programmes, jointly delivered by a consortium of higher education institutions. Scholarships have been awarded to students from all 6 continents with the top 5 sending countries being Brazil (79), India (63), Iran (59), Bangladesh (58), Mexico (49). The scholarships will cover all

the costs of the students' study programmes taking them to two or more higher education institutions in pursuit of a joint or double Master's degree. Most programmes last two years.

The 100 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programmes offering EU scholarships in 2017 cover a wide range of subjects, from astrophysics and nanotechnology to cartography and sports ethics. The selected students will also be able to join and benefit from the Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association, which supports and provides a network for students before, during and after their studies. Each Master's programme also provides EU grants to guest academics to come and contribute to the programme through teaching or research. Some 40 new Master's programmes will be added to the Erasmus Mundus catalogue this summer, making an even wider range of programmes available for scholarship applications for the next selection round. This application period, for students who wish to start their programme in autumn 2018, will be open from October 2017 until January 2018.

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

*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> January-30<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Maltese EU Council Presidency**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 Malta is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first time since the country joined the EU in 2004. Malta has taken over the six-month rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU from Slovakia, as part of the Dutch-Slovak-Maltese 'Trio Presidency'. The Maltese EU Presidency priorities in the youth field are: the role of young people in the framework of the New Skills Agenda; the implementation of the main recommendations of youth conferences, the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of the structured dialogue and the mid-term review of the Youth Strategy.

Find out more: <http://www.eu2017.mt/en>

### **7<sup>th</sup> June 2017: European Solidarity Corps-a real opportunity for young people?, Brussels, Belgium**

The Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats is organising a seminar on the European Solidarity Corps at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium.

The event will be an occasion to discuss the opportunities the European Solidarity Corps is offering to young people with MEPs, youth organisations and young people.

The seminar will be webcast live from 15:00 to 18:00 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2rhyFQ3>

### **26<sup>th</sup> June 2017: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cedefop Brussels Seminar - Addressing and preventing low skills, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised in cooperation with the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU, the seminar will focus on addressing and preventing low skills, a driving force of the core skills strategies in the EU. It will serve as a platform for policy-makers, social partners and other VET and labour market stakeholders to discuss factors which impact on the average skills level of workers, such as early leaving from E&T, long-term unemployment, ageing, skills mismatch, socioeconomic background, migrant status and gender.

Discussions will also focus on how to encourage the development of systems to address the issue of low skills, a key objective of the Recommendation 'Upskilling Pathways: New Opportunities for Adults'.

Registration to the forum is by invitation only.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2qy7JGM>

**26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Civil Society Days 2017, Brussels, Belgium**

Under the theme "The Europe we strive for", this year's edition of the Civil Society Days will focus on:

- Populism, and how to develop a counter-narrative through education and culture;
- Technological revolution: transforming work, minds and society;
- Empowerment of civil society organisations, rights and the shrinking space for civil society;
- Urban and rural dimensions, moving towards more social and territorial cohesion.

The Civil Society Days are a symbol of the cooperation between the European Economic and Social Committee and the members of the Liaison Group representing European civil society organisations and networks.

Deadline to register: **21<sup>st</sup> June 2017.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2qnSeD4>

**5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Antiracist World Cup, Bosco Albergati, Italy**

The International antiracist football tournament is an annual project offering five days of football but also concerts, debates and other cultural and sporting events designed to fight racism and discrimination.

Find out more: <http://www.mondialiantirazzisti.org>

**10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> July 2017: Entrepreneurship School, Brussels, Belgium**

The course is addressed to young people interested in widening their business horizon and developing their own entrepreneurial ideas.

During the 5-day programme participants from all around the world will have the opportunity to meet and challenge the most successful entrepreneurs. They will meet, discuss and compete against participants, share opinions and experiences with successful entrepreneurs and will also have the chance to contribute towards developing a new business start-up idea in an interactive way.

Participation is free for all selected participants.

Find out more: <http://www.entrepreneurshipschool.com/belgium-2017>

**11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July 2017: EU - Western Balkans Forum on Youth "Connecting Youth - Moving Forward" Trieste, Italy**

Organised by the European Commission and the Italian Government and supported by the European Youth Forum and SALTO SEE Resource Centre, the Forum aims to build on previous discussions among young people, youth workers, youth leaders and other relevant stakeholders involved in youth policy and further stimulate youth presence in the Western Balkans. The conference will stress the importance of youth to the European integration process. The main focus will be on:

- 1) Mobility/ Exchanges/ Broadening of Horizons;

- 2) Social Inclusion/ Overcoming of Stereotypes;
- 3) Entrepreneurship and
- 4) Youth Participation.

Youth workers, youth leaders and youth policy makers from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries and Western Balkan countries are invited to apply by **5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. Participants coming from member organisations of the European Youth Forum will be selected by the European Youth Forum.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2rv9DwK>

**28<sup>th</sup> July-6<sup>th</sup> August 2017: International Culture Week-Debate summer Academy, Pécs, Hungary**

Intensive debate training series including a youth forum conference, discussions, lectures, debate trainings, and a debate tournament. This year the main theme of the academy is "University Education and Student Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". Participating students can discuss the questions of today's major challenges, discover the possible threats and outcomes of the most relevant and timely issues and talk over connecting critical questions.

The key lectures are going to be held by acclaimed scientists and young professionals.

Deadlines: **10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (Early bird application) and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**.

There are participation fees:

<http://icwip.hu/experience/summer-school>

**8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August 2017: Seminar "Be border-free", Frankfurt, Germany**

Organised by the International Young Naturefriends, the seminar focuses on the understanding of challenges and opportunities that migration brings to the youth work sector and international cooperation, to increase solidarity within socio-cultural diverse groups of young people, migrants, and refugees, and to provide participants with knowledge and skills to use in their own projects and organisations.

Food and accommodation will be fully covered.

At least 80% of travel costs will be reimbursed.

Deadline to apply: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Find out more: <http://www.iynf.org/events/seminar-border-free>

**5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2017: 12<sup>th</sup> Economic Forum of Young Leaders, Nowy Sącz, Poland**

More than 350 young leaders from 43 countries will meet in Poland to debate with prominent representatives of political, social and business life of the modern world to create ideas for the future of Europe. The forum will focus on: global security, future of Europe, economic growth, youth entrepreneurship, business management, leadership and the role of young generation in the contemporary world. Participants should come from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries, 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, be between 18 and 35 years old, able to speak good English and be active in political, social and economic life in an NGO or other institution/organisation.

There are application fees of 40 EUR for participants from countries other than Poland and Ukraine, and 10 EUR for participants from Ukraine.

Deadline to apply: **18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

Find out more: <http://www.forum-leaders.eu>

**8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2017: M100 Youth Media Workshop, Potsdam and Berlin, Germany**

The M100 invites young journalists from 18 to 27 years old, from the Eastern Partnership countries Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, as well as Russia, to join the workshop under the theme "How to finance independent journalism - education, platforms, business models". Participants will have to submit a text in English (6,000 characters maximum, including spaces) on this theme.

Application form, including the text, a CV (with a photo), and a brief motivational statement, stating the reasons for applying for this particular workshop, should be sent by **12<sup>th</sup> June 2017** (midnight) to [application@m100potsdam.org](mailto:application@m100potsdam.org)

Find out more on: <http://bit.ly/2r9LRUa>

**11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2017: Mirrors training course on combating antigypsyism through Roma youth participation, Strasbourg, France**

Organised by the Youth Department of the Council of Europe within the framework of the Roma Youth Action Plan project, the training aims at developing the participants' competences in understanding and countering antigypsyism and its impacts on Roma youth in Europe today and developing youth participation projects and initiatives for Roma young people's access to rights at all levels. The course is designed for youth activists, educators, youth leaders and representatives of organisations working with Roma young people. Participants should be aged between 18 and 30 years old and be able to work in English.

Deadline to apply: **15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**, 14:00 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2r9vXw1>

**12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September 2017: Seminar and Tool Fair on Youth Information, Guidance & Counselling, Helsinki, Finland**

The aim of the seminar is to try to see into the future of young people: what are the future mega trends and how the world and our lives are likely to change, what are the challenges young people will meet and how youth work and youth information work can help young people to overcome those challenges. Participants will share and shape the best practices of delivering information, guidance and counselling concerning the future life of young people. The seminar is addressed to experienced and

committed youth workers and youth information, guidance and counselling professionals from Belgium - FL, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, and Turkey. They need to be over 18 years old and able to communicate in English.

Deadline: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2qsB4Dm>

**Training of Trainers in Human Rights Education with young people June-December 2017**

The 2017 edition of TOTHRE will build on the experiences with human rights education of the past years and incorporate the achievements of the No Hate Speech Movement, the revised Compass and developments related to the implementation of the Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education and its on-going evaluation. The training course will develop the competences of trainers for acting as trainers or multipliers for human rights education, in the context of regional, national or local training courses organised by partner organisations of the Youth Department, making use of the revised version of COMPASS, and also in the context of online and youth activism for human rights and human rights education. The training process will consist of three phases:

- 1<sup>st</sup> phase: e-learning (23<sup>rd</sup> June - 31<sup>st</sup> July and September 2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase: residential training seminar to be held at the European Youth Centre Budapest from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase: follow-up activities, including e-learning (25<sup>th</sup> October - 15<sup>th</sup> December).

Deadline: **9<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 13:00 CET.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2r1Z4Qx>

**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 May 2017	<p>Eurodesk-European Youth Forum Seminar: Youth Information - Backbone of a Successful EU Youth Strategy. Location: EBL All EBL participated.</p>
3 May 2017	<p>Conference "Overcoming youth marginalisation. Best practices to prevent radicalization and criminalisation of youth in state of vulnerability". Location: European Economic Social Committee. Participant from EBL: Alicia.</p>
3-4 May 2017	<p>European Youth Week 2017 Stakeholders Conference on the future of the EU Youth Strategy Location: Brussels, Belgium. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Elena, Grazia.</p>
8 May 2017	<p>Uniplaces Scholarship Jury Meeting. Location: ESN Participant from EBL: Grazia.</p>
10 May 2017	<p>European Court of Auditors Online Conference Youth Employment. Participant from EBL: Grazia.</p>
17 May 2017	<p>Online Prepteam Meeting for the Multipliers' Seminar. Participant from EBL: Audrey.</p>
17 May 2017	<p>Conference "Civil society support for refugees and migrants". Location: European Economic Social Committee. Participant from EBL: Alicia.</p>
22 May 2017	<p>Online Meeting regarding Eurodesk participation in the Ukrainian Youth Stakeholders' Forum. Participants: Audrey, Gheorghe, Marita, Reinhard</p>
22 May 2017	<p>Online Meeting about Eurodesk cooperation with the National Youth Council of Ukraine. Participants from Eurodesk: Audrey, Marita.</p>
23 May 2017	<p>Coordination meeting with Mihaelis Moschovakos, policy officer in charge of Eurodesk, DG EAC, European Commission. Location: EBL. Participant from EBL: Audrey</p>
24 May 2017	<p>Erasmus+ Coalition meeting organised by LLLPlatform and European Youth Forum. Location: LLLPlatform. Participant from EBL: Audrey</p>

30-31 May 2017      International Forum "From Initiative to  
Action.  
Location: Chernihiv, Ukraine.  
Participants from EBL: Gheorghe, Marita.

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