# eurodesk **EBL** Bulletin

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#### **Documentation**

#### Mobility of young volunteers across Europe

The study aims to review the conceptual and practical issues hindering the mobility of young volunteers across Europe. The study was initiated as a result of the 'Opinion of the Committee of the Regions concerning the proposal for a Council Recommendation on the mobility of young volunteers across Europe'. The Committee highlighted that there was a lack of thorough research on volunteering that could supply the information needed to generate a new policy that would fit in well with the reality of youth volunteering in Europe. Such research would have to examine the different systems and laws and regulations which exist in various Member States with regard to volunteering, the wishes of (potential) young volunteers and the obstacles they encounter, and the benefit of volunteering for the young volunteers as well as the region of origin and the host region.

https://bit.ly/2mHl7ck

#### **Employment and Social Developments in Europe- Annual Review 2018**

The European Commission publication confirms the ongoing positive labour market trends as well as an improving social situation. The numbers of people in employment reached new record levels. With almost 238 million people having a job, employment has never been higher in the EU. In 2017 over three and a half million more people were in employment, compared with 2016. However, while the number of hours worked per person employed has grown in recent years, they are still below the 2008 levels. At the same time the study witness rising disposable incomes and lower levels of poverty. But, looking at the impact of technological developments, there are uncertainties about the future effects of automation and digitalisation.

https://bit.ly/2ujMmxM

#### **ONE 2 ONE. Supporting Learning Face-to-Face**

This publication directs the spotlight at the one-to-one relationship, in the case of Erasmus+: Youth in Action, between participant and youth worker or mentor. The nature of this relationship, and the way in which the partners work together, is an essential element when it comes to the recognition of nonformal and informal learning.

https://bit.ly/2zsjB6W

#### "Youth Friendliness Indicator: A critical assessment of the situation of young workers in **European labour markets**"

This research is an initiative of the ETUC Youth Committee, developed by the German consultancy company FIA with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. It analyses how youth-friendly the different European labour markets are. It is based on a survey to which trade unionists, officers from the public employment services, academic researchers and employers' representatives all contributed. It comprises eight chapters, each developing findings around a specific theme appertaining to youth employment and transitions. https://bit.ly/2I9LXIL

#### Time to move 2018

The updated version of the 2018 Eurodesk campaign Time to Move has been launched. The website aims to provide the different opportunities to study, volunteer and work abroad and all the latest information on the events and activities taking place all over Europe during the campaign.

https://timetomove.eurodesk.eu

#### **Updated EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals**

The EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals is providing a new module to users, offering the opportunity to select online courses, like massive open online courses (MOOCS). Based on their answers in the tool's questionnaire, users will receive recommendations of relevant online courses. For example, if a third country national states an interest in improving language skills or learning a new language (e.g. English), online courses for English will appear under "Recommendations". The user can have the same option when browsing through the "Courses" section. All courses are free to follow and available in several different Europeanand non-EU languages.

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

#### **European Year of Culture Heritage 2018 Interactive Story Map**

2018 is European Year of Cultural Heritage, the year to celebrate the diverse cultural heritage across Europe at EU, national, regional and local levels and to reinforce a sense of belonging to a common European space. The Story Map guides users to find out what the European Union and its partners are doing to protect, promote and raise awareness of cultural heritage in Europe.

https://bit.ly/2I5RAYO

#### **Green Driving Tool**

Developed by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, the interactive webbased tool helps drivers to estimate fuel costs and CO2 emissions of individual cars. https://green-driving.jrc.ec.europa.eu

## **Opportunities**

#### European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA) Awards 2018

The Awards recognise Apprenticeships EU companies, as well as their apprentices, for their achievements in the area of vocational education and training. The aim of the EAfA Awards is to identify candidates and showcase outstanding achievements in two categories:

- Companies: Big Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, being or representing an EAfA member;
- Apprentices: current or recent apprentices of companies under the EAfA.

The recommended candidates in the two categories must demonstrate outstanding achievements in the area of apprenticeships, in particular keeping in mind the focus areas of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships: the quality, the supply, the image and the mobility in apprenticeships.

The nominees will be invited to participate in the award nominees' celebration event on 8th November and the awards will be handed out during the closing event of the third European Vocational Skills Week on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Vienna, Austria.

Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/2N0UN82

#### Traineeships at the European Commission Administrative - Translation

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 1st March and 1st October each

Trainees will receive a monthly grant of approximately EUR 1,159.40 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: 31st August 2018 (for the March–July 2019 traineeship session).

Find out more: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/stages/home-en">https://ec.europa.eu/stages/home-en</a>

#### **UNESCO Learning City Award 2019**

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.

The award is open to all UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities member cities in UNESCO Member States across the five UNESCO regions.

Deadline: 31st August 2018.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/207EPu2

#### Music moves Europe - Training scheme for young music professionals

Launched by the European Commission, the Call for proposals EAC/S18/2018 aims to identify and to support up to 10 innovative and sustainable pilot training programmes for young professionals in the music sector testing small-scale models on how to improve the sector's capacity and resilience and to contribute to its professionalisation.

Activities providing training for young artists and other professionals in the music sector should include:

- Transnational and/or cross-sectoral training schemes using in-person teaching as well as e-learning methods, including seminars or workshops;
- Mentoring and peer learning schemes;
- Fellowship and residency schemes;
- Trainee schemes with paid placements;
- Activities aiming at the creation and improvement of networks and exchanges of good practices to increase the professionalisation of the sector.

Activities must start at the latest by 31st December 2018 and be completed by 31st December 2019. The maximum duration of projects is 12 months.

The maximum grant will be EUR 55,000 per supported proposal.

The maximum co-funding rate will be 80 %.

Non-profit organisation (private or public), public authorities (national, regional, local), universities, educational institutions and associations from EU Member States and Creative <u>Europe Programme Culture countries</u> can apply by **27**<sup>th</sup> **August 2018**, 13:00 CET.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/2K1Ad5U

#### **#NoCultureNoFuture Photo competition**

The European Commission is inviting instagramers to share pictures illustrating how celebrating cultural heritage contributes to happy and peaceful societies. Participants should be from all over the world, be over 16, and own a personal Instagram account. They will have to share as many pictures as they want, illustrating how celebrating cultural heritage contributes to happy and peaceful societies, as well as a description of their activity to achieve this. The participants have to tag EuropeAid's Instagram account (@europaid) in their pictures and use the hashtag #NoCultureNoFuture.

The winner will receive a GoPro Hero6.

Deadline: 3rd September 2018, 11:59 pm CET.

Find out more: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Nk3ytY">https://bit.ly/2Nk3ytY</a>

#### EaSI-EURES: Targeted mobility scheme - Your first EURES job

The objective of the call is to support the development of actions for the work placement, traineeship or apprenticeship of young EU citizens aged 18-35 in an EU EFTA/EEA territory country other than their country of residence and to help address mobility obstacles.

Jobseekers and employers (SMEs in particular) are the main target groups. Priority will be given to vulnerable sub-groups, notably unemployed young people, including long-term unemployed. Projects can cover all economic sectors and types of occupations, though specific sectors may be given priority in accordance with the demand side or the supply side needs in the countries covered by the action.

Support can be provided not only to candidates who wish to find work in a new country but also to those who may wish to return to their country of origin or former country of residence.

Proposals should focus on job placements and, also, on at least one of following types of placements:

- Traineeships
- Apprenticeships.

Deadline: 6th September 2018, Swim, Courier and Post: 24:00 Brussels time (CET) Hand

deliveries 16:00 Brussels time.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/2M4ndO8

#### **#BeInclusive EU Sport Awards**

Launched by the European Commission Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), the awards aim to recognise organisations using the power of sport to increase social inclusion for disadvantaged groups. Organisations established in Eramus+ programme countries, public or private, commercial or not-for-profit, that have successfully developed sport projects aimed at social inclusion of ethnic minorities, refugees, people with disabilities, youth groups at-risk, or any other group that faces challenging social circumstances. Organisations will have to submit their projects, including text, videos, images or other material indicating the year and country in which the work was produced. Projects that are still in the development phase and have not yet launched are not eligible.

Three winners and six runners-up will be announced at a special awards ceremony on 28<sup>th</sup> November in Brussels, Belgium, where the projects will be presented to an audience of sport inclusion experts. The three winners will receive € 10,000 each and the 6 runners-up will receive €2,500 each.

Deadline: 6th September 2018, 13:00 CET. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2v4cmNl

#### **EESC Civil Society Prize 2018**

Launched by the European Economic and Social Committee, the prize rewards initiatives carried out by civil society organisations and/or individuals that have made a significant contribution to promoting European identity and integration.

The overall objective of the prize is to raise awareness of the contribution that civil society organisations and/or individuals can make to creating a European identity and citizenship in a way that underpins the common values that are the foundation of European integration. The theme for this year is "Identities, European Values and Cultural Heritage in Europe". The prize, which has a total value of 50,000 €, will be awarded on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 23:59 (CET). Find out more: https://bit.ly/2yr82g2

#### Youth Essay Competition 2018 - Time to get writing!

Organised by the European Commission Directorate General for Single Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, the youth essay contest invites young people between 18 and 25 year olds from European Member States and COSME partners countries to write an essay in English, of maximum 2,500 words, answering the question: "What steps should entrepreneurs and government take to become more innovative?". The three finalists will receive an allexpenses paid trip to the 2018 SME Assembly in Graz, Austria, in November, where they will present their essays to more than 500 Assembly delegates. They will also receive presentation training before delivering the essay live on stage at the SME Assembly 2018 and promotion of their essays across SME Week social media channels. The final winner will be chosen via a public vote.

Second and third prize winners will have their video presenting their essays streamed on. The competition is part of European SME Week, an annual pan-European campaign to promote entrepreneurship in Europe. The flagship events of the Week are the SME Assembly and the European Enterprise Promotion Awards Ceremony.

Deadline to submit entries: 16th September 2018.

Find out more: <a href="https://bit.ly/2JkVRp7">https://bit.ly/2JkVRp7</a>

#### **Access City Award 2019**

Launched by the European Commission, the Award recognises and celebrates efforts by cities to improve accessibility for all of their citizens, in order to ensure equal access to equal rights, and improve quality of life for everyone regardless of age, mobility or ability. The Award is open to all EU cities of over 50 000 inhabitants and to urban areas composed of two or more towns with a combined population of over 50,000 inhabitants. Cities with fewer than 50 000 inhabitants may participate in the category of the special cultural heritage awards.

The submitting body must be a government authority in one of the EU Member States.

Deadline to apply: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018, midnight CET.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/2KzjTOA

#### European Parliament call for grants for the cofinancing of communication actions in support of the 2019 European elections

The European Parliament has launched a call for proposals COMM/SUBV/2018/E to select specific projects contributing to fulfil the general objectives of the multi-annual work programme for grants with a special emphasis on the 2019 European Elections, which will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The grants support online and offline actions and products focusing on citizens' democratic engagement and participation in the context of the Elections campaign.

Activities may include events or series of events, debates, round-table discussions, town hallstyle meetings, large scale events such as festivals, fairs, concerts, sporting events, structured activities such as information stands, door-to-door canvassing, marches, rallies, flash mobs, series of information sessions, presentations, workshops, online discussion groups, fora and other social media activities, dedicated video channels, websites, apps, web tools and social media accounts producing original content directly related to the European elections campaign. The call is open to non-profit making entities registered as legal entity for at least one year at the time of application and based in one of the Member States of the European Union.

Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018, midnight CET.

All details are available on **Grants 2018 - Events**.

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

## Highlights

#### EU budget for 2019: Council agrees its position

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018, EU ambassadors agreed the Council's position on the 2019 EU draft budget in advance of negotiations with the European Parliament.

In total, the Council foresees €164.1 billion in commitments and €148.2 billion in payments for next year's budget. Compared to 2018, this is a +2.09% increase in commitments and +2.34% increase in payments. The Council wants to see increased support for key EU programmes in the areas of research and innovation, youth exchanges and targeted infrastructure investments. Horizon 2020 would receive +5.79% (€11.9 billion), Erasmus+ programme +10.37% (€2.6 billion) and the Connecting Europe Facility +26.46% (€3.5 billion) compared to 2018. The LIFE programme would also receive an additional 5.20% of funding, or €550 million, to support environment and climate action. The Council has also supported the Commission's proposal for funds to the European Solidarity Corps, which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects across Europe, to be more than doubled, to €103 million. The Council is expected to adopt formally its position at the beginning of September. This will then serve as a mandate for the Austrian presidency to negotiate the 2019 EU budget with the European Parliament

https://bit.ly/2L0oEA6

#### European Citizens' Initiative on "Permanent European Union Citizenship"

The College of Commissioners on 18th July decided to register a European Citizens' Initiative entitled 'Permanent European Union Citizenship' whose main objective is to guarantee that European citizenship and its associated rights cannot be lost once they have been attained. The organisers cite in particular the context of Brexit and the future loss of EU citizenship and rights of UK citizens. The Commission's decision to register the Initiative concerns only the legal admissibility of the proposal. The Commission has not analysed the substance at this stage. The registration of this Initiative will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, starting a one-year process of collection of signatures of support by its organisers. Should the initiative receive one million statements of support within one year, from at least seven different Member States, the Commission will have to react within three months. The Commission can decide either to follow the request or not, and in both instances would be required to explain its reasoning.

https://bit.ly/2JDblRl

#### **Spring 2018 - Standard Eurobarometer**

According to the European Commission survey, released one year ahead of the European elections, a majority of Europeans think the situation of the economy is good and are optimistic about the future. Trust in the Union is on the rise and support for the Economic and Monetary Union is at its highest level. More and more citizens feel they have benefited from key Union policies and two thirds of Europeans advocate a strong EU when it comes to trade. Finally, a majority of Europeans have a positive image of the EU and the proportion thinking that their voice counts has reached its highest level since 2004. The Survey was conducted through face-to-face interviews between 17th and 28th March 2018: 33,130 people were interviewed across EU Member States and the five candidate countries (the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania) and the Turkish Cypriot Community in the part of the country that is not controlled by the government of the Republic of Cyprus.

https://bit.ly/2sRPb8z

#### **Consultation on the Future of Europe**

On Europe Day, 9th May, the European Commission has launched an online public consultation addressed to all Europeans, asking them what direction they want the European Union to take in the future. The consultation was prepared on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May by a Citizens' panel of 96 citizens from 27 Member States, who came together to draft a 12-question online survey to put to their fellow Europeans. The two-day meeting was hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee. The consultation is part of the ongoing debate on the future of the EU at 27, launched with the Commission's White Paper of 1st March 2017.

The consultation will run in parallel to the ongoing Citizens' Dialogues being organised by the European Commission and by Member States. Almost 700 of these interactive public debates have been held in 160 cities since 2012, and the Commission will increase their frequency between now and the European elections in May 2019, with a target of organising 500 more events. In addition to the Commission's work, Citizens' Dialogues are now being organised by national governments in all Member States, following an initiative from France which received the support of the Heads of State or Government of the future EU27.

The Commission will present an interim report to Member States on the White Paper process at the December 2018 European Council. A final report will then be presented at the first EU27 Summit in Sibiu, Romania, on 9th May 2019, just a few weeks ahead of the European elections. The Consultation is available here until 9th May 2019.

#### **European Qualifications Passport for Refugees**

Launched in 2017 as a pilot initiative, the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees is a document providing an assessment of the higher education qualifications based on available documentation and a structured interview. It also presents information on the applicant's work experience and language proficiency. The document provides reliable information for integration and progression towards employment and admission to further studies. It is a specially developed assessment scheme for refugees, even for those who cannot fully document their qualifications.

Starting from January 2018, a new phase of the project that will last three years (2018-2020) is being implemented. In 2018, five assessment sessions will be held in Greece, Italy and the Netherlands.

https://bit.ly/2yH9ev3

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

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **EURES Job Days**

Thinking about finding a job in another EU country? EURES Job Mobility Portal organises job days all over Europe.

Find out more: https://www.europeanjobdays.eu/en

#### Citizens' Dialogues

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

https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/citizens-dialogues en

#### 1<sup>st</sup> July-31<sup>st</sup> December 2018: Austrian EU Council Presidency

As of 1st July 2018 Austria took over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the third time after 1998 and 2006. Austria shares the Trio Presidency with Estonia (second half of 2017) and Bulgaria (first half of 2018). Under the motto "A Europe that protects" the Austrian Presidency will focus on security and the fight against illegal migration, securing prosperity and competitiveness through digitalisation, and stability in the European neighborhood. In the youth field, the Presidency will focus, inter alia, on the regulation on Erasmus+, a recommendation on mutual recognition of higher education and school-leaving diplomas, and a recommendation on enhancing the learning of languages.

Find out more: https://www.eu2018.at

#### 12th August 2018: International Youth Day

The International Youth Day is celebrated every 12th August as declared by the United Nations General Assembly. The theme chosen for this year is "Safe Spaces for Youth". Youth need safe spaces where they can come together, engage in activities related to their diverse needs and interests, participate in decision making processes and freely express themselves. While there are many types of spaces, safe spaces ensure the dignity and safety of youth. On 3rd September, participants of the EU Youth Conference will meet with EU youth ministers. In a participatory format they will discuss the future of the EU Youth Strategy post 2018.

Find out more: <a href="https://bit.ly/2wFhZWg">https://bit.ly/2wFhZWg</a>

#### 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2018: Atlantic Games, Saint-Nazaire, France

The Atlantic Games are part of the events which, each year, highlight the maritime and nautical assets of the regions of the European Atlantic Area.

All young Europeans are invited to join and register by 1st August 2018.

There are fees.

Find out more: http://www.atlanticgames.eu

### 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018: European Union Youth Conference, Vienna, Austria

250 youth representatives, policy makers and experts from the youth field will attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final conference of the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Structured Dialogue with the overall topic "Youth in Europe: What's next?" in order to discuss how to make the best use of the Youth Goals at different levels (local to European) and for different sectors (youth sector and other sectors relevant to youth).

Find out more: http://www.youthconf.at

#### 11th-14th September 2016: Annual Conference of the European Association for International Education (EAIE), Geneva, Switzerland

Under the theme "Facing outward", 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: 24th August 2018, 17:00 CEST. Find out more: https://www.eaie.org/geneva.html

#### 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2018: 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. This year, the European Week of Sport will kick off in Vienna, Austria.

Find out more: http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/index en.htm

#### 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2018: UNCTAD Youth Forum "Youth Entrepreneurship: A Force Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Growth", Geneva, Switzerland

Every two years, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) organises a Youth Forum. This year's Forum will take place as part of a larger event, the UNCTAD 2018 World Investment Forum.

The 2018 theme is "Youth Entrepreneurship: A Force Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Growth". Students, young entrepreneurs and young professionals from around the world, between the ages of 18 and 30, who are passionate about trade and development issues, and in exchanging local and global focused experiences, ideas and best practices are invited to apply.

They will have write a motivation letter (max 300 words) and a max 2 minutes video in mp4 demonstrating their motivation for participation. The video should be uploaded either on Youtube or Vimeo.

Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018, 17:00 Geneva Time (UTC+2).

Find out more: <a href="https://bit.ly/2NZLvKC">https://bit.ly/2NZLvKC</a>

#### 28th-30th October 2018: Seminar "Brain drain or brain gain?", Zagreb, Croatia

The Seminar aims at exploring the "brain drain", the "brain gain" and other related emerging phenomena (e.g. the "brain circulation"), their reasons, consequences, current forms and aspects and the role which the European Youth Card could play in this respect, notably by providing opportunities for young people at home and abroad. The seminar is addressed to governmental representatives of the Council of Europe member states, researchers, EYCA member organisations, partners and networks, international organisations, youth organisations and civil society organisations.

The accommodation, meals and international travel of the selected participants will be covered by the organisers.

Deadline to apply: 9th September 2018, midnight CET.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/2LmyWf3

#### 29th-30th October 2018: Our Ocean, Our Legacy Youth Leadership Summit, Bali, Indonesia

The youth summit is a parallel event to the Our Ocean Conference 2018, and will draw highlevel ocean leaders, who will interact with student participants, facilitate breakout sessions, and provide youth with insights for their ocean projects and commitments. Additionally, youth leaders will have the opportunity to join the main conference on the second day of the event. The event is open to young people between 18 and 35 years old, students or young professionals. They will have to submit a video or a Power Point presentation detailing their ocean commitment by 17th August 2018, 11:59PM PST.

Selected participants are responsible of their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Find out more: <a href="http://soalliance.org/our-ocean-2018">http://soalliance.org/our-ocean-2018</a>

#### 19th-24th November 2018: Cross-sectoral seminar "Building young people's resilience against violent radicalisation" Tirana, Albania

The seminar will offer a space for reflection, sharing practices and exploring their interdependencies, between youth workers and other kinds of practitioners working in the field of building resilience against young people's violent radicalisation. The seminar is part of a strategy on the topic of 'Youth work against violent radicalisation', which has been developed by a consortium of several National Agencies for Erasmus+, youth field, four SALTO Resource Centres and the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership since 2016. The focus is to strengthen the role of youth work in building young people's resilience in the context of increasing religious and political radicalism in today's societies in Europe and its neighbouring regions. The event is addressed to youth workers, project managers, youth policy makers, practitioners working with young people in the framework of public institutions, formal education, social work or other professional contexts. Participants should come from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries, Partner Countries Neighbouring the EU.

Deadline: 9th September 2018, 24:00 CET. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2NtUuD3

#### **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

#### **Coming up: European Festivals**

European and worldwide Rock Festivals: although the layout is simple, the website has an extensive list of festivals.

https://www.britishrock.cc/portal/festival/index.php

A general site, with links to cultural events and festivals, not only rock festivals, in Europe. https://www.bugbog.com/festivals

Europe Music Festivals 2018 <a href="https://www.musicfestivalwizard.com/all-festivals">https://www.musicfestivalwizard.com/all-festivals</a>

Searching for more background information on festivals? Have a look at Wiki. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock\_festival">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock\_festival</a>

# **Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities**

2 July 2018	Meeting with Louis Sorlat – Weelingua for the TTM board game. Location: EBL. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia, Safi, Zsolt.
3 July 2018	Meeting with the European Commission. Location: EAC. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi and Eurodesk President.
4 July 2018	EYP editorial meeting. Location: EAC. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Grazia.
6 July 2018	Online meeting on Eurodesk Programme Database with Eurodesk Norway. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Grazia.
9 July 2018	The Next EU Youth Strategy. Location: EESC. Participant from EBL: Safi.
9-10 July 2018	Working Group TTM board game meeting. Location: EBL. Participant from EBL: Audrey, Grazia, Safi, Zsolt.
10 July 2018	Erasmus Student Network summer reception. Location: ESN. Participant from EBL: Safi.
12 July 2018	Online Quality meeting. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe.
12 July 2018	UK training webinar for multipliers. Participant from EBL: Gheorghe.
13 July 2018	Meeting with the European Parliament on the upcoming EU elections. Location: EP. Participant from EBL: Audrey