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## Documentation

### **Citizenship Education at School in Europe - 2017**

The Report, published by the European Commission's Eurydice network, aims to provide an overview of the main features of national fee and support systems as well as more detailed information on each individual country. Forty-two national sheets present the reality of fees and financial support available to students in public or government-dependent private higher education institutions in short cycle, first and second cycle students in 2017/18. In particular, the publication describes the range of fees charged to national, EU and international students and specifies the categories of students that are required to pay, and those that may be exempt. Similarly, it explains the types and amounts of public support available in the form of grants and loans, as well as tax benefits and family allowances where applicable. Information covers the 28 EU Member States as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Turkey.

<http://bit.ly/2zP02SZ>

### **European Quality of Life Survey 2016**

This Eurofound's publication documents people's living conditions and social situation, and explores issues pertinent to the lives of European citizens. The survey was carried out from September 2016 to March 2017, interviewing nearly 37,000 people in 33 countries (the 28 EU Member States and 5 candidate countries: Albania, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey). Its findings provide detailed information on a broad range of issues in three main areas: Quality of life, Quality of society and Quality of public services.

<http://bit.ly/2Cj5aj3>

### **OECD PISA Global Competence Framework - Preparing our youth for an inclusive and sustainable world**

21<sup>st</sup> century students live in a diverse and rapidly changing world. This environment presents an opportunity and a challenge. In the new handbook, OECD explores the meaning to have global competence for 15-year-old students.

<http://bit.ly/2D41X9U>

### **T-Kit 8 - Social inclusion (2017 edition)**

The revised T-Kit aims to equip youth work practitioners with broad knowledge of the concepts of social exclusion and inclusion, as well as things to consider when engaging in youth work with young people with fewer opportunities. The practical part includes a range of projects, approaches and activities to inspire youth workers, covering the five "A"s: 1. Awareness of the realities of social exclusion, 2. Access

to empowering and inclusive activities, 3. Action and support mechanisms for inclusion, 4. Accreditation and recognition of experience, progress and achievement and 5. Advancement, laying down supportive stepping stones towards inclusion.

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

### **Long-term unemployed youth: Characteristics and policy responses**

This Eurofound's study finds that, despite positive signs of improvement in the youth labour market across the European Union since 2014, concerns persist regarding the high levels of youth unemployment and long-term youth unemployment. The study presents a detailed examination of long-term youth unemployment in Europe. It seeks to identify the factors that increase the risk of a young person being jobless for 12 months or more and to analyse the scarring effects this has on well-being, as well as on income and employment prospects in the long term. In addition, the study examines policy initiatives from 10 Member States in order to shed light on successful approaches to addressing this policy issue.

<http://bit.ly/2AZAIu4>

### **Youth Wiki**

New Europe's online encyclopaedia in the area of national youth policies. The platform is a comprehensive database of national structures, policies and actions supporting young people. It covers the eight main fields of action identified in the 2010-2018 EU Youth Strategy: education and training, employment and entrepreneurship, health and well-being, participation, voluntary activities, social inclusion, youth and the world, and creativity and culture. The content of the Youth Wiki is shaped by the policy priorities established by the European Commission and the Member States in the framework of the European cooperation in the youth field. In particular, it is developed in view of supporting major European-level commitments and policy developments for the fields of action identified in the EU Youth Strategy. The information is provided and annually updated by National Correspondents (NCs), designated by the governments of each participating country. It is essentially qualitative, and allows for the analysis of reforms and trends in policy orientations in the participating countries.

<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/national-policies/en/youthwiki>

### **European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018**

Website dedicated to the European Year of Cultural Heritage that, throughout 2018, will be celebrating diverse cultural heritage across Europe at European, national, regional and local level. The year aims to encourage more people to discover and engage with Europe's cultural heritage, and to reinforce a sense of belonging to a common European space. The slogan for the year is "Our heritage: where the past meets the future". The website offer a space for collecting events celebrating the year all over Europe, resources and partners involved.

<https://europa.eu/cultural-heritage>

### **Transparency at work**

EU-funded ratings platform for early career work experiences, created by a broad coalition of European NGOs and universities (led by the European Youth Forum and social entrepreneurs InternGoPro) giving young people a space to anonymously rate their jobs, internships, apprenticeships. This is about more than just internships. It's built with a digital interface that can be embedded into other websites (newspapers, job listings, student unions), vastly increasing the scope for collecting and sharing job reviews and to empower young workers to make wise career choices, to embarrass employers who treat young workers badly or praise those who get it right, and to gather useful data about the reality of Europe's youth employment market.

<https://www.transparenciatwork.org>

### **Cascais: European Youth Capital 2018**

Cascais, the municipality in the suburbs of Lisbon, Portugal's capital city, is the European Youth Capital for 2018. The European Youth Capital (EYC) title is awarded to a different European city each year by the European Youth Forum. Under the theme "Glocal Youth", Cascais will focus on contributing to a more cohesive Europe, creating new opportunities for empowerment leading to enhanced global citizenship, with a focus on intergenerational dialogue.

<http://cascaisjovem.pt>

## Opportunities

### **JM Jazz World Orchestra 2018**

The JM Jazz World Orchestra is a project launched by Jeunesses Musicales International giving the opportunity to young musicians from all around the world to take part in training sessions, workshops and finally in a concert tour as a member of the JM Jazz Orchestra. This year JM Jazz World is organised together with Jeunesses Musicales Macedonia (JM Macedonia). The project will be under the artistic leadership of Luis Bonilla (USA), a California raised, Costa Rican trombonist, composer and arranger. The session will begin with rehearsals in Ohrid, FYROM, followed by a concert/festival tour of South East Europe which will end with a final concert in Groznjan, Croatia. The programme is open to musicians between the ages of 18 and 26 playing saxophone, trombone, trumpet, horn, tuba, guitar, bass, drums, percussion, piano and vocals. Applicants will have to submit videos with them performing at least 2 different pieces: a theme and an improvisation. They will have to be clearly heard, with an important soloist part.

Deadline: **8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2kWV1jZ>

### **Traineeships at the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Condition (EUROFOUND)**

The programme is addressed mainly to recent university graduates 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 will work in different units at Eurofound in Dublin (Ireland) with the exception of the traineeship at the Brussels Liaison Office, located in Brussels (Belgium). Eligible candidates should be nationals of the Member States of the European Union (28 Member States) and of candidate countries. However, a limited number of nationals of non-Member States may also be accepted according to available resources. Candidates from Member States must have a very good knowledge of at least two EU languages, of which one should be English; candidates from non-Member States must have a very good knowledge of English, as well as their mother tongue language. Trainees will be awarded a monthly grant of EUR 1,410 per month.

Deadline: **11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 23.55 (GMT).**

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

### **#EuropeForCulture Instagram Photo Competition**

Launched by the European Commission to celebrate 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage, the competition invites anyone resident in one of the countries participating in the [Creative Europe programme](#) to capture Europe's traditions in the festive



season. They will have to post a photo with the #EuropeForCulture hashtag on their public Instagram profile, tag @europeancommission in their post and tell what's in the photo, and why it's significant to them or their region.

Five winners will be selected and awarded with vouchers for a cultural event:

1<sup>st</sup> prize €200, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize €100, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> prize - €50.

Deadline: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2BMpQ5L>

### **Traineeship at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)**

Offered by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, the traineeship programme aims to provide recent university graduates who are at the beginning of a new professional career with an understanding of the Centre and its role within the activities of the European Union while also providing an opportunity to acquire practical knowledge and professional experience. Eligible candidates must have the citizenship of an EU member state, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, must have completed their studies and must have been awarded a full university degree by the closing date for applications. They also must have a very good command of English.

Trainees will be awarded a monthly grant of 1,477.13 EUR net and a travel allowance.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.**

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

### **Summer World Bank Internships**

Offered by the World Bank, the internship programme aims to provide highly motivated and successful individuals with an opportunity to improve their skills while working in a diverse environment. Candidates must have an undergraduate degree and be enrolled in a full-time graduate study program (pursuing a Master's degree or PhD with plans to return to school full-time). Successful candidates have usually completed their first year of graduate studies or are into their PhD programs. Fluency in English is required. Relevant work experience, computing skills, as well as knowledge of languages such as French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, and Chinese are advantageous. Candidates should come from the following fields: economics, finance, human development (public health, education, nutrition, population), social science (anthropology, sociology), agriculture, environment, private sector development, and other related fields.

Trainees will receive an hourly salary and, where applicable, an allowance toward travel expenses.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2y8gnCT>

### **Europe Calling - Idea Competition**

In view of the next edition of the European Youth Event (EYE2018), the European Parliament is looking for new ways to connect with young citizens. The competition invites young people between 18 and 30 years old (as of June 2018), EU citizens or resident in the EU, to find an answer to the following question:

"How can the European Parliament connect better with young people and engage them more in the European democratic debate?".

A jury will select the three authors of the best proposals, and will award them with a trip to the EYE2018 (travel and accommodation costs will be covered). Winners will also have the chance to take part as experts in a workshop focusing on engaging with young people.

In addition, the winning proposals will be published on the EYE2018 website and in a special edition of the European Youth Press' Orange Magazine.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2DpyR2y>

### **Traineeships at the European Commission**

The European Commission (or some executive bodies and agencies of the European Institutions like, for instance, the European External Action Service or Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) organises twice a year in-service training periods lasting five months for university graduates. The training periods start on 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> October each year. Trainees will receive a monthly grant of approximately EUR 1,176.83 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);
- A very good knowledge of English or French or German (C1/C2 level in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages);
- A very good knowledge of a second EU official language (required for nationals of EU countries).

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018** (for October 2018-February 2019 traineeship session).

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

### **Traineeships at the European Commission - Translation traineeships**

DG Translation of the European Commission offers a small number of paid traineeships each year. They last five months and are open to graduates looking to gain some professional translation experience within the European institutions. University graduates from all over the world should be able to translate into their main language (normally their native language) from two other official EU languages. Their main language must be one of the official EU languages, their 1<sup>st</sup>

source language must be English, French or German, and their 2<sup>nd</sup> source language can be any of the official EU languages. Trainees receive a grant of EUR 1,176.83 per month, and reimbursement of travel expenses. Accident and health insurance can also be provided.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2018** (for October 2018-February 2019 traineeship session).

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

**NON.NO.NEIN. Say No! Stop Violence against Women - Video Concept Competition**

As part of its NON.NO.NEIN. Say No! Stop Violence against Women campaign, the European Commission is inviting young professionals and students in creative schools to pitch a short video raising awareness of violence against women and encourage people to speak out against it. The video should be in English and be used on social media. Entrants can participate individually or in group. The winning entry will be awarded a trip to Brussels, Belgium (flights and subsistence costs included for up to 4 persons). They will be invited to meet the European Commission team working with gender equality to discuss the project, visit the EU institutions and get a taste of the great cultural scene in the city.

Deadline: **10<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, 12h00 CET.

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

**European Researchers' Night call 2018-2019**

The European Researchers' Night, funded under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions, is a Europe-wide public event to enhance researchers' public recognition and to stimulate interest in research careers, especially among young people. It takes place each year on the last Friday in September. Around 30 countries and over 300 cities are involved.

Any legal entity in the EU and in the 16 countries associated to Horizon 2020 may apply. As 2018 is the European Year of Cultural Heritage, applicants are encouraged to include activities related to cultural heritage.

The total budget has increased from €8 million to €12 million.

It is possible to fund pre-events during spring and summer.

The pre-event(s) may be new or based on science dissemination events organised by the coordinators in the past. However, in the latter case, they need to be fully integrated in the proposal.

Deadline: **14<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, 17:00 CET.

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

**Framework Partnership Agreement with a European policy network in the field of the key competences**

The call aims to support an EU-wide network of relevant organisations from Erasmus+ programme countries (policymakers, practitioners, researchers and stakeholders) to promote co-

operation and the development and implementation in the field of key competences, including the improvement of basic skills. The network will be expected to strengthen cross-European cooperation between public authorities and associations stakeholders and practitioners, higher education institutions, research bodies, foundations and other organisations on the promotion of competence-oriented education. The Commission intends to support the network through a four-year framework partnership agreement, which will set out the conditions governing annual grants for an action.

Deadline: **11<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

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

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

## Highlights

### **Erasmus+ Generation Declaration: 30 proposals on the future of Erasmus+**

On 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, at the closing event of the Erasmus+ 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign, representatives of the Erasmus+ Generation presented the Erasmus+ Generation Declaration to EU decision makers in Brussels. The document contains 30 concrete proposals for a larger, simplified and more ambitious Erasmus+ programme that will not only help Europe tackle the most pressing societal challenges, but also bridge the skills gap, increase civic engagement, shape society around shared values, reach out to the most disadvantaged, and foster cooperation with the rest of the world. The proposals reflect the Erasmus+ Generation's vision and priorities for the future of the programme beyond 2020 in six key areas: societal challenges, skills gap, civic engagement, inclusion, global dimension and simplification. The proposals are based on the ideas poured into the Erasmus+ Generation Online Meeting Point, where thousands of former Erasmus+ participants were active this year between 19<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

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

### **Erasmus+ 2018: extra funding and new opportunities**

In 2018 Erasmus+ will build on positive achievements from the last 5 years. The Erasmus+ budget will increase to more than €2.7 billion, enabling more participants to fully enjoy the opportunities offered by the programme. This amount corresponds to a 5.8% increase compared to 2017. Recent policy developments in the fields of education, training, youth and sport had an important impact for the programme in 2018. In particular, some of the activities supported until now by the European Voluntary Service will now fall under the umbrella of the recently created European Solidarity Corps.

In addition, some of the main novelties for 2018 are:

- A new activity labelled 'ErasmusPRO' will support long-duration mobility (between 3 and 12 months) of VET learners in vocational institutes or companies.
- The 'Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange initiative' will support virtual exchanges between young people from EU and non-EU countries (in the Middle East and North Africa regions), building upon the pilot developed in 2017.
- In the field of higher education, additional support will be provided for traineeships in digital skills.
- Following up on the Paris Declaration and the success of a similar call in 2017, there will be a special call to support transnational cooperation projects in the field of social inclusion, values and fundamental rights.
- In the field of Sport, the programme will contribute to cooperation with the Council of Europe, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the National Football Information Points (NFIP) network,

through dedicated projects that tackle priorities such as gender equality, match-fixing and violence in sport.

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

### **Social issues, education and culture on EU Leaders' Agenda**

On 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018, EU leaders exchanged views on social issues, education and culture. Their discussion built on the Leaders' Agenda debate on culture and education as well as the Social Summit, which took place in Gothenburg in November 2017.

EU leaders highlighted priorities to further develop the EU's social dimension, such as:

- implementing the European pillar of social rights at the EU and national level;
- facilitating a well-functioning social dialogue at all levels;
- making progress on pending social files at EU level;
- following up on the priorities of the EU action plan to tackle the gender pay gap.

They also agreed to do more in the field of education and culture, including the following priorities:

- making the Erasmus+ programme broader and more inclusive;
- enabling students to obtain a degree by combining studies in several EU countries;
- ensuring that more young people speak at least two foreign European languages;
- promoting cooperation on mutual recognition of higher education and school leaving diplomas at secondary education level.

They also invited the European Commission to present, where relevant, proposals in Spring 2018 with a view to adoption by the Council as soon as possible.

<http://bit.ly/2C4OonB>

### **Kosovo joins COSME, an EU funding programme for SMEs**

SMEs and entrepreneurs from Kosovo will now be able to participate in [COSME](#), the EU Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Programme, under the same conditions as their counterparts from EU Member States and other associated countries. COSME, the first EU programme that Kosovo has joined, will bring new possibilities to Kosovo entrepreneurs. Kosovo is the eleventh partner outside the EU to join and contribute to the programme, after Iceland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Turkey, Albania, Serbia, Armenia and Ukraine.

<http://bit.ly/2BOEt5S>

### **Combined EU School Fruit, Vegetables and Milk Scheme operational in European Schools**

The EU School Fruit, Vegetables and Milk Scheme has become operational for the 2017-2018 academic year. The €250 million scheme, which is delivered under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), provides funds to Member States to subsidise

activities relating to the distribution of milk, fruit and vegetables to school children in EU Member States.

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

**European Commission #EUEducationEmpowers campaign**

New European Commission campaign aimed at raising awareness about the EU's role in providing access to education for children caught up in humanitarian crises. The campaign features a short film projected in cinemas, outdoor advertising, and social media activities, to highlight the crucial role of education in giving children in emergencies a sense of normalcy and safety. As part of its humanitarian assistance, the EU has allocated over €200 million globally to education in emergencies between 2012 and 2017. Over 4.7 million children in 52 countries benefited from this funding, enabling them to access education, as well as learning materials and helping to train teachers and caregivers. In 2018, the EU will dedicate a 8% of its humanitarian aid budget to education in emergencies.

<http://bit.ly/2Dfb5WC>

<http://bit.ly/1q6AvOz>

**Call for Input: UN study on youth and human rights**

The UN Human Rights Office is conducting a detailed study on youth and human rights, following a Resolution at the UN Human Rights Council in June 2017 (Resolution 35/14).

The study will focus on:

- the implementation of human rights with regard to young people;
- identification of cases of discrimination against young people in the exercise of their human rights;
- best practices in the full and effective enjoyment of human rights by young people;
- highlighting the contribution of empowered youth to the realisation of human rights in society.

Input should be sent to Imma Guerras-Delgado, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (e-mail: [registry@ohchr.org](mailto:registry@ohchr.org), cc: [iguerras-delgado@ohchr.org](mailto:iguerras-delgado@ohchr.org)) by **12<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

<http://bit.ly/2ji26fb>

**Public consultation on Europeana**

The European Commission is inviting all organisations and members of the public with a personal or professional interest in digital cultural heritage, or in Europeana, Europe's digital platform for cultural heritage, to express their opinion, experience and expectations with Europeana and the various aspects of the platform.

The consultaion is avialble [here](#) until **14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

*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>

### **1<sup>st</sup> January-30<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Bulgarian EU Council Presidency**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, Bulgaria is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the first time since the country joined the EU ten years ago. It will be the second of a Trio Presidency, composed of Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria. Under the motto "United We Stand Strong", the Bulgarian Presidency will focus on the Future of Europe and young people, the Western Balkans, security and stability and the digital economy.

Find out more: <https://eu2018bg.bg/en/home>

### **Leeuwarden-Fryslân and Valletta European Capitals of Culture 2018**

Leeuwarden-Fryslân in the Netherlands along with Valletta in Malta are the two European Capitals of Culture for 2018. From January 2018 they will officially start a year of music, theatre, dance, film and literature events showing their culture to the world.

Further information on their celebrations and events can be found at:

Leeuwarden-Fryslân 2018: <https://www.friesland.nl/en/european-capital-of-culture>

Valletta 2018: <http://valletta2018.org>

### **10<sup>th</sup> January 2018: Investment in Youth, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised by the European Parliament Youth Intergroup and the European Youth Forum, the panel discussion will look on how to mainstream youth in the future EU budget from a budgetary angle. In a pitching session ideas will be presented by civil society on increased investment in youth employment, Erasmus+, development and research.

Deadline to register: **3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.**

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



**23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January 2018: iLearning Forum 2018, Paris, France**

The Forum will be the place for all the demonstrations and presentations of the latest international innovations in e-learning (simulations, interactive video, serious games, skills and management applications, the development of contents tools, social networks of learning). The access to the forum is free.

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

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2018: European Education Summit, Brussels, Belgium**

Hosted by Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, the first European Education Summit will focus on the theme 'Laying the foundations of the European Education Area: for an innovative, inclusive and values-based education'. Participants will discuss the importance of the European Education Area 2025, of basic skills and inclusive education and the skills that will be needed in the decades to come. The Summit will explore how to capture the latest knowledge and insights into education and how to turn our aspirations into a reality, as it is only through education that citizens can be equipped with the skills to actively contribute to today's societies. The event is by invitation only.

Find out more: <https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-summit>

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2018: Sport Infoday, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised by the European Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), the event will be opened by Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport. The day will focus on Erasmus+: Sport programme and its funding opportunities. Speakers will discuss the policy, give advice and tips on preparing and submitting proposals, and provide support with the financial aspects of funding.

The event will also webcast live from 09:30 to 17:30 CET.

Deadline to register: **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.**

Find out more: <http://sportinfoday.onetec.eu/index.html>

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2018: International Conference: Measuring the Effectiveness of Children's Rights - Make all children count!, Brussels, Belgium**

International conference for practitioners, policy makers, researchers, and child advocates focusing on best practice in

measuring the effectiveness of children's rights and developing concrete elements for guidelines on this subject. The event is co-hosted by the by the National Commission on the Rights of the Child (Belgium) and ChildONEurope.

Deadline to register: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2BV9yrb>

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2018: EU Studies Fair 2018, Brussels, Belgium**

The EU Studies Fair 2018, organised by Politico, is an education and networking event bringing together universities, prospective students and representatives of EU institutions. World-class academic institutions will showcase their graduate and postgraduate programmes in EU Studies, international relations, economics, business, public policy and law.

Find out more: <http://www.eustudiesfair.com>

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Seize the Summer with EURES**

Online event gathering in the same place jobseekers from all EU/EEA countries with employers from southern Europe looking for motivated staff with diversified language skills and different backgrounds, willing to work during the 2018 summer season.

Jobseeker can register online prior to the event and apply for vacant positions. They might be invited for one or more online interviews on the event day. The event will focus exclusively on tourism, hospitality and catering job opportunities in Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain.

The event will take place online only, from 10:00 to 18:00 CET.

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

**1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018: European Youth Event, Strasbourg, France**

The European Parliament is inviting young people aged between 16 and 30 (as of June 2018) from any EU member State or another European country to make their voices heard and to come up with innovative ideas for the future of Europe.

Participants will get the chance to discuss with political decision-makers and inspiring personalities on the European stage. EYE2018 will include a wide range of activities in English, French and German run under the motto "The plan is to fan this spark into a flame." (Hamilton, My Shot).

The activities will focus around five main themes:

- Young and old: Keeping up with the digital revolution
- Rich and poor: Calling for a fair share

- Apart and together: Working out for a stronger Europe
- Safe and dangerous: Staying alive in turbulent times
- Local and global: Protecting our planet

EYE participants need to register as a group, with a minimum of 10 participants, by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018** or until the maximum number of registrations (8,000) has been received.

Groups can only be registered by the group leader, who must be at least 18 as of June 2018 and can be older than 30. No individual registrations will be accepted.

The event is completely free, but participants will need to cover their own costs for transport, accommodation and meals.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2slpM89>

### **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/1ppGluS>

## Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities

4-6 December 2017	Eurodesk Advanced Training-Train the Trainers. Location: Budapest, Hungary. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.
13 December 2017	EPLM Meeting on the Handbook, Quality Charter on Learning Mobility. Location: Brussels. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
13 December 2017	EYE18 Webinar Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia.