# eurodesk EBL Bulletin

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EUROPEAN Youth Portal

#### Documentation

#### Eurodesk Annual Overview 2017

Annual Eurodesk Overview on youth work best practices from all over Europe. The booklet collects Eurodesk projects from local, regional, national and European level carried out in 2017. https://bit.ly/21BPUXw

### Study on the impact of the Internet and social media on youth participation and youth work

The study examines the impact of the Internet, social media and new technology on youth participation and looks at the role of youth work in supporting young people to develop digital skills and new media literacy. It is based on an extensive collection of data, summarised in an inventory of 50 good practices and 12 case studies reflecting the diversity of youth work from across the EU. It confirms that youth work has an important role to play, but more has to be done by policy makers at both EU and national level to respond to the challenges and adapt policies in order to foster engagement and active citizenship of young people.

https://bit.ly/2sIbJYf

### Education Policy Outlook 2018: Putting Student Learning at the Centre

Taking the students' perspective, the OECD report analyses the evolution of key education priorities and key education policies in 43 education systems. It compares more recent developments in education policy ecosystems (mainly between 2015 and 2017) with various education policies adopted between 2008 and 2014. The report includes around 200 policies spanning from early childhood education and care (ECEC) to higher education and lifelong learning on topics such as improving the quality and access to ECEC, promoting education success for all students, reducing the negative impact of some system-level policies and practices, increasing completion of upper secondary education, developing quality vocational education and training, enhancing the quality of tertiary education, supporting transitions across education pathways and the labour market. https://bit.ly/2sLnBca

#### Effective Teacher Policies - Insights from PISA

Teachers are the most important resource in today's schools. In every country, teachers' salaries and training represent the greatest share of expenditure in education. And this investment in teachers can have significant returns: research shows that being taught by the best teachers can make a real difference in the learning and life outcomes of otherwise similar students. The OECD report, building on data from the Indicators of Education Systems (INES) programme, the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) and the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), explores three teacher-policy questions: How do the best-performing countries select, develop, evaluate and compensate teachers? How does teacher sorting across schools affect the equity of education systems? And how can countries attract and retain talented men and women to teaching?

https://bit.ly/2MrggaM

#### Living and working in Europe 2017

The Eurofound report provides a snapshot of the working lives, employment circumstances and living conditions of people living in Europe in 2017. It analyses the progress that has been made so far as well as the challenges that remain. It describes trends and transitions in the areas of labour market change, industrial relations, working conditions and sustainable work, quality of life and public services, the digital age, and convergence in the European Union. It also highlights the contribution that the Eurofound's 2017-2020 work programme will make to well-designed policies in these areas to support upward convergence of living and working conditions.

https://bit.ly/2JUwScJ

#### Perspectives on youth - "Young people in a digitalised world"

Published by the EU-CoE youth partnership, the publication aims to bring new perspectives and varied visions to the key questions of understanding how young people interact with all the opportunities the digital space has to offer, and how they can use this space for causes relevant not only for themselves, but also for the democratisation of the societies in which they live. Furthermore, the publication illustrates how the digitalisation of contemporary European societies simultaneously offers significant opportunities and poses considerable challenges. https://bit.ly/2Hyp7nb

#### #DiscoverEU- there's more than you know

Website dedicated to the selected young people who have been awarded one of the free travel tickets to explore Europe with the DiscoverEU, an initiative of the European Union allowing around 15,000 young people to receive a travel pass for this summer.

The site offers plenty of practical information and interesting tips for planning trips across Europe. https://www.start-discover.eu

#### Ideas for initiatives

European Commission website to discuss ideas for specific European Citizens' Initiatives. The website allows users to propose an idea and other users to give feedback on it, propose themselves as potential partners and/or discuss the specific issue.

https://bit.ly/2JCuqrR

### Opportunities

#### James Dyson Award 2018

The aim of the award is to support current and recent graduates of design or engineering who have a problem-solving idea. The award is open to product design, industrial design, and engineering university students or graduates within the past 4 years, who have studied in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States. Teams are also encouraged to enter, provided at least the team leader has studied one of the qualifying subjects, and all team members are (or have been within the last four years) enrolled for at least one semester in an undergraduate or graduate programme.

Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 11:59 EST. Find out more: http://www.jamesdysonaward.org

#### #BeActive Photo-Video Competition

The competition is organised by the European Commission in the framework of the European Week of Sport 2018 to take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September across Europe. In order to participate entrants will have to: 1. complete the challenge and take a photo or a video of it; 2. share it on one of the following social media platforms: Instagram or Twitter; 3. add the hashtag #BeActive.

In total there will be 5 challenges in which participants can take part: 1: The Haka - from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 midnight CET. 2: The Fruit Lift - from 9<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 midnight CET. 3: The Race -16<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 midnight CET. 4: The Selftree - 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 midnight CET. 5: The Green Shot - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 midnight CET.

Winners will get the chance to win amazing prizes. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2u7yfwc

## Call for Tenders - (EAC/19/2018) Network of experts on the social dimension of education and training

The overall objective of this contract is to contribute to the improvement of European-level policy development and cooperation in education and training.

The Network of experts on the social dimension of education and training will, through its advice, support the European Commission in the analysis of education and training policies and reforms, and of their implications. It will provide access to key knowledge and evidence from the most relevant European and international research on the social dimension of education and training. The Network will also contribute to the dissemination of policy-relevant knowledge and evidence on the social dimension of education and training..

The Network of experts on the social dimension of education and training will be the direct successor to NESET II (2015-2018).

Deadline: **24<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, 14:00 CET. Find out more: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/eac-19-</u>2018 en

#### Roma Education Fund Scholarships Programme 2018-2019

The Programme offers open merit-based competition academic scholarships for Roma students pursuing Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate degrees at state-accredited universities in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Deadlines:
- first stage application: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- second stage application: Autumn.
Find out more: http://bit.ly/2sxweK8

#### World Bank Youth Professionals Programme

The Young Professionals Programme is a unique opportunity for young people who have both a passion for international development and the potential to become future global leaders. The Programme is designed for highly qualified and motivated individuals skilled in areas relevant to the World Bank's operations such as economics, finance, education, public health, social sciences, engineering, urban planning, agriculture, natural resources and others; as well as to the World Bank's corporate areas such as communications, information technology, human resources and corporate finance. Candidates need to have at least three years of relevant professional experience related to development or continued academic study at the doctoral level. They need to demonstrate a commitment to development, proven academic success, professional achievement, and leadership capability. Selected candidates are offered a 5-year term contract, will spend 24 months in a structured training program, and will enjoy a wealth of benefits and opportunities. Candidates should have a citizenship of a member country of the World Bank, be 32 years of age or younger (i.e. born on or after October  $1^{st}$ 1986), have a PhD or <u>Master's degree</u> and relevant work experience, be fluent in English and have a specialisation in a field relevant to the World Bank.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**, midnight EST. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2sDGTS1

#### WaterPIX Photo Competition

Organised by the European Environment Agency (EEA), the competition invites European citizens and citizens of the EEA

member countries and West Balkan cooperating countries, from 18
years old, to share the importance of water for them. The photos
must be taken in the countries mentioned above.
Participants can submit photographs depicting any of the
following three categories:
- Water and us;
- Water and nature;

- Water and the economy.

Competition winners will receive a cash prize of EUR 1,000 in each category and EUR 500 for the Public Choice award and the Youth Prize. The Youth Prize will be awarded to the winning entry, selected among those submitted by persons aged between 18 and 24 (born between calendar years 1994 and 2000) to any of the competition categories. All the finalists will be put forward for the Public Choice Award and may also feature in future digital and print material from the EEA and its European partners.

The public vote will run from 15<sup>th</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Entrants may submit up to five entries by  $15^{\rm th}\ August\ 2018,\ 23:59$  CEST.

Find out more: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Hvj9I6">https://bit.ly/2Hvj9I6</a>

#### Lifelong Learning Awards (LLLAwards)

Launched by the Lifelong Learning Platform, the awards aim to celebrate educational practices from all over Europe that can demonstrate the use of creative and inclusive learning methods with outstanding results and the potential to be replicated and/or of inspiring others. The aim of the LLLAwards is to give visibility to such practices in order to attract public attention as well as to inspire new practices and policies in the field. The focus of the 2018 LLLAwards edition is the potential of European culture to boost the major transformation we seek in our society, tackling different aspects on how this technological development is affecting and transforming education practices.

The LLLPlatform will reward three outstanding initiatives or projects under the following three categories:

- Learning environments;

- Validation, recognition and accreditation;

- Holistic approaches to active citizenship through education and culture.

Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Find out more: http://lllplatform.eu/lllaward-2018

#### Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change

Young people worldwide, from 18 to 30 years old (on  $31^{st}$  August 2018), are invited to create a three-minute video in one of the following categories:

- Responsible production & consumption;

- Green and climate friendly jobs.

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The video file must be sent to <u>biomovies@tve.org.uk</u> using the <u>WeTransfer.com</u> website. The videos may be recorded in any language, but English subtitles must be provided. The winner in each category, the film which receives the most views on tve's Inspiring Change YouTube channel, will win a round trip to Conference of Parties (COP 24) in Katowice, Poland, in December 2018 and a place as a youth reporter to assist the UNFCCC Newsroom team with videos, articles and social media posts. All films will remain available online for viewing as the tvebiomovies competition continues to run.

Deadline to submit films: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**, 23.00 GMT. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2KKebpz

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

### Highlights

#### European Parliament bans unpaid internships

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July, the Bureau of the European Parliament decided that all interns in the European Parliament will be paid. This decision is a victory for campaigners on interns' rights. The Youth Intergroup in the European Parliament has long been calling for fair internships.

Around one quarter of interns in MEP offices in the European Parliament are currently paid less than  $\in$  600.

The Bureau of the European Parliament has adopted key principles to revise the framework regarding trainees in MEP offices. In the future interns would be hired directly by the European Parliament and their conditions would be in line with the traineeship in the Parliaments' administration: those 'Schuman trainees' are paid approximately  $\in$  1,250 per month and have health insurance covered. Both graduates and students will have the possibility to undertake internships with MEPs for a period of up to six months. MEPs will only be allowed to have one intern at a time.

These principles will now be turned into specific rules. https://bit.ly/2MMjhSy

#### Agreement reached on new EU Solidarity Corps

On 27<sup>th</sup> June, the creation of a "European Solidarity Corps" was informally agreed by the European Parliament and the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of EU Ministers, becoming the main entry-point of solidarity activities in the EU and offering opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects that can benefit communities.

During the negotiations, the Parliament's delegation negotiated for 20% ( $\in$ 76 million) of the funding for this initiative to be fresh money and 80% drawn from redeployments from other programmes, without major cuts for Erasmus+. The EUR 375,6 million budget will be made available between 2018 and 2020, and the Parliament succeeded in securing 90% financing of the budget for volunteering activities and 10% for traineeships and job placements. This will help participants to gain skills and knowledge for their future long-term prospects.

Parliament negotiators also secured in the programme a wide range of activities, such as solidarity, education, health, environmental protection, disaster prevention, provision of food and non-food items as well as reception and integration of migrants and asylum seekers. Priority will be given to nonprofit activities. Following the informal agreement, the text will first have to be confirmed by the Culture and Education Committee. A vote in plenary to endorse the new rules is likely to follow in September .

https://bit.ly/2KypPqa

#### DiscoverEU: 15,000 young people ready to travel around Europe

Under the first round of the DiscoverEU initiative launched by the European Commission, 15,000 young people have been selected

and soon be contacted to travel, either alone or in groups of a maximum of five people, for up to 30 days, visiting between one and four European destinations outside their home country. More than 100,000 young people from all Member States applied during a two-week period which closed on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 12:00. As 2018 is the European Year of Cultural Heritage, those travelling will have the chance to participate in the events being organised in the framework of the Year during the summer period. https://bit.ly/2Ke95Fs

#### European Commission reinforces the European Solidarity Corps

For the next long-term EU budget 2021-2027, the European Commission has proposed a new programme for the European Solidarity Corps beyond 2020, with  $\in 1.26$  billion to broaden the opportunities it offers. The new programme will allow at least 350,000 young Europeans to support communities in need between 2021 and 2027 through volunteering, traineeships and job placements. The new programme will include volunteering activities in support of humanitarian aid operations in non-EU countries and targeted measures. Complementarity with existing Union level networks pertinent to the activities under the European Solidarity Corps, such as the European Network of Public Employment Services, EURES and the Eurodesk network, are also ensured and referred to in the legal basis. https://bit.ly/2LGUuPa

#### New EU rules for holidaymakers this summer

As of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July, travellers booking package holidays will enjoy stronger consumer rights. Not only will traditional package holidays be covered, the new rules will also protect consumers who book other forms of combined travel, including self-customised packages, where the traveller chooses different elements from a single point of sale online or offline. The new rules will also introduce protection for 'linked travel arrangements' when the traveller purchases travel services at one point of sale, but through separate booking processes, or, after having booked one travel service on one website, is invited to book another service on a different website. https://bit.ly/21EY14i

#### Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor Survey

The Joint Research Centre, the in-house research centre of the European Commission, has launched a survey on the Cultural and Creative Cities Monitor, a tool developed by the Joint Research Centre to monitor and assess the performance of more than 160 'Cultural and Creative Cities' in Europe. The survey aims to identify the needs and collect helpful suggestions about the functionalities of a new web-based application that will enable users to explore cities and communicate the importance of culture and creativity. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

https://bit.ly/2Jz7lX4

#### Eurobarometer - The end of roaming charges one year later

According to the new Eurobarometer survey on roaming, 82% of people who have travelled to another EU country in the last year say they have benefitted from the new rules. Moreover, 62% of Europeans are aware that roaming charges have ended and 69% think that they, or someone they know, will benefit. Especially young people recognise a clear benefit of the new rules, with 80% of those aged 15-24 seeing the advantages. The survey shows that many travellers have started changing their mobile phone use. Respondents are less likely to restrict their mobile use while travelling (e.g. by switching off the phone or data roaming). The share of travellers who used their mobile data while roaming as often as at home has increased to 34% from 26% in 2017. The first year without roaming charges shows that in general mobile operators comply with the new rules well. National regulators are ensuring their implementation in Member States. The Commission continues its cooperation with national regulators to monitor the developments on mobile markets all over Europe and to guarantee compliance.

https://bit.ly/2HRCNKb

### Eurostat release - First quarter of 2018 Euro area job vacancy rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the job vacancy rate in the Euro area (EA19) was 2.1% in the first quarter of 2018, up from 2.0% recorded in the previous quarter and from 1.9% in the first quarter of 2017. In the Euro area, the job vacancy rate in the first quarter of 2018 was 1.9% in industry and construction, and 2.4% in services. In the EU28, the rate was 2.0% in industry and construction, and 2.4% in services. Among the Member States for which comparable data are available, the highest job vacancy rates in the first quarter of 2018 were recorded in the Czech Republic (4.8%), Belgium (3.5%), Germany and Sweden (both 2.9%), the Netherlands and Austria (both 2.8%). In contrast, the lowest rates were observed in Greece (0.7%), Spain and Portugal (both 0.9%), Bulgaria and Ireland (both 1.0%). https://bit.ly/2JYAo2b

#### Eurostat quarterly data on employment

According to national accounts estimates published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the number of persons employed increased by 0.4% in both the Euro area (EA19) and in the EU28 in the first quarter of 2018 compared with the previous quarter. In the fourth quarter of 2017, employment increased by 0.3% in the Euro area and by 0.2% in the EU28. These figures are seasonally adjusted. Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 1.4% in both the Euro area and the EU28 in the first quarter of 2018 (after +1.6% and +1.5% respectively in the fourth quarter of 2017). In the first quarter of 2018, 237.9 million men and women were employed in the EU28, of which 157.2 million were in the Euro area. These are the highest levels ever recorded in both areas. https://bit.ly/2t8pgIP

#### The John Lennon educational bus is touring Europe

The John Lennon educational bus is touring Europe. The bus is a state-of-the-art audio and HD video recording and production facility. Lennon Bus Europe, with a crew of three producers/engineers, will provide young people all over Europe with free hands-on opportunities to produce original music, video, photo, game app and broadcast projects showing their ideas, values, and creativity.

The bus will stop at local schools, colleges, concerts, festivals and professional trade shows. All projects created on board will be available for viewing on <u>www.lennonbus.org</u>, YouTube, and Facebook.

http://europe.lennonbus.org/schedule

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 decision-makers, 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 1<sup>st</sup>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 <u>Trio Presidency</u> 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

# $9^{\rm th}$ July 2018: Public Hearing on The Next EU Youth Strategy, Brussels, Belgium

The EESC is currently drafting an opinion on the next EU youth strategy and is organising a public hearing to share ideas on the subject. Participants to the public hearing will include young people, social partners, representatives of the European Commission and members of the European Economic and Social Committee.

Deadline to register: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2z4BZCT

## $30^{\rm th}$ July-3^{\rm rd} August 2018: Entrepreneurship School, Hong Kong, Singapore

The course is addressed to young people interested in widening their business horizon and developing their own entrepreneurial ideas. During the 5-day programme, focusing on social entrepreneurship, 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.

There is an application fee. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2I4NGst

8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August 2018: 26<sup>th</sup> Sziget Festival, Óbudai Island, Hungary For an entire week in August the Óbudai island, in the middle of the Danube just outside Budapest, will become a self-contained party city, a temporary home of a multitude of international stars, Hungarian bands, performers, DJs, theatre groups, acrobats, humorists, dancers, puppeteers and thousands of young people from around the world. The aim of this multi-cultural event is to provide a variety of cultural programmes for the many European and international visitors who will attend the week-long festival.

Find out more: http://szigetfestival.com

## $5^{\rm th}-7^{\rm th}$ September 2018: RAY Triangular Summit 2018, Vienna, Austria

"Maximising potential: key insights from research for the renewed EU Youth Strategy and Programme" is organised by the research network RAY: research based analysis of Erasmus+: Youth in Action. The summit is held under the auspices of the Austrian EU Presidency 2018 and will take place right after the EU Youth Conference to facilitate a high involvement of stakeholders from the European youth field. As a starting point, the latest research findings of the network will be presented, including a comparison of survey data from 2009 onwards, aiming to inform the implementation of the renewed EU Youth Strategy 'Engaging, Connecting and Empowering young people' and the next generation of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme. The conference will bring together 150 researchers, practitioners and policymakers from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries to reflect the diversity of Europe's youth sector.

Deadline to apply: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, 24:00 CET. Find our more: https://bit.ly/21jKVdA

## 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September 2018, LIFE platform meeting "Volunteering for Nature Conservation" Tartu, Estonia

The main objective of the meeting is to share experience between LIFE projects and to identify what is most important for increasing the impact of volunteers in nature conservation. The three-day event will include plenary sessions, thematic workshops and a poster session presenting and discussing the experiences of projects from several EU countries. Invited experts will highlight the work of other programmes involving volunteers and providing lessons on attracting and motivating volunteers. The meeting will also explore the social aspects of volunteering and make links with other policy areas. It will also provide excellent opportunities for networking and feature the possibility to work as a volunteer for a day helping to build dams in a mire.

For further information contact luule.sinnisov@neemo.eu

# $26^{th}-30^{th}$ September 2018: EuroPeers Training Course, Hannover, Germany

A training course for youth leaders who took part in European Solidarity Corps/Erasmus+:Youth in Action projects and want to share their experiences with others and encourage them to participate.

Participants should come from Belgium - DE, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, United Kingdom, Western Balkan countries.

Deadline to apply: **14<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, 24:00 CET. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2tajtTU

#### 1st-6th October 2018: Training Course for Facilitators of Study Sessions held by Youth Organisations in Cooperation with European Youth Centres, Budapest, Hungary

The training course will support the quality of the study sessions held by youth organisations in cooperation with the Council of Europe's Youth Department by developing the competences of participants to act as facilitators or course directors on the basis of the quality standards for intercultural non-formal learning activities.

The course consists of three stages:

- September: e-learning phase

- 1-6 October 2018: residential seminar
- October-December: e-learning phase, evaluation.

The course is open for volunteers or staff members in youth organisations and who are intending to act as facilitators in study sessions or similar activities to be held in cooperation with the European Youth Centres in 2019 or beyond, aged between 18-30 years old, resident in a state signatory of the European Cultural Convention, able to work in English.

Deadline to apply: **10<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, 13:00 CET. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2MKWw1i

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## $11^{\rm th}-12^{\rm th}$ October 2018: Gender equality and you - Young voices Joint initiative, Vienna, Austria

Hosted by the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union together with the Austrian National Youth Council and the European Youth Forum, the conference will offer a space to young people and youth representatives to meet and discuss the future of gender equality with ministers and political representatives as well as experts from NGOs, public administration, international and EU bodies. Young people from all EU Member States, EFTA and Western Balkans countries are invited to participate. Travel and accommodation costs for up to two young people per EU Member State will be funded by the Austrian Presidency and the European Commission.

Interested candidates should apply for funding <u>here</u> by **12 August 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: https://bit.ly/2McJ0mT

# $23^{\rm rd}-26^{\rm th}$ October 2018: Professional exchange about Youth Work around the target group young people in "NEET" situation, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

This transnational exchange between professionals from youth work will focus on proved and new practices of youth work in reaching out young people in "NEET" situation.

The event is addressed to youth workers, youth leaders, project managers, youth policy makers, professionals working actively with NEETs and experts (all coming from Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries) who conceive, support and/or accompany projects in which young people in NEET situation are targeted.

Deadline: **26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**, 24:00 CET. Find out more: https://bit.ly/2Nnjyft

#### 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

https://www.musicfestivalwizard.com/all-festivals

Searching for more background information on festivals? Have a look at Wiki. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock festival

#### 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, nongovernmental 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: <u>http://bit.ly/1ppGlus</u>

### Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities

31 May -2 Jun 2018	European Youth Event 2018. Location: Strasbourg, France. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia, Pedro.	
5 June 2018	PrepTeam online meeting - AD Training Writing with/for young people. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia.	
5-7 June 2018	Europe Goes Local. Location: Cascais, Portugal. Participant from EBL: Safi.	
6 June 2018	European Youth Portal technical meeting. Location: EAC. Participant from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Zsolt.	
7 June 2018	Value of values: CSO financing in the next MFF EESC - Voluntary Sector Category. Location: EESC. Participant from EBL: Cecilia.	
7 June 2018	Webinar: Connecting the Dots - Young people and digitalization. Participant from EBL: Grazia.	
8 June 2018	Webinar: Connecting the Dots - Advantages and risks of digitalization. Participant from EBL: Grazia.	
11 June 2018	Webinar: Connecting the Dots - Social inclusion and digitalization. Participant from EBL: Grazia.	
12 June 2018	Webinar: Connecting the Dots - Smart youth work. Participant from EBL: Grazia.	
18 June 2018	Conference on the future of Erasmus+ Location: Brussels Participants from Eurodesk: Eurodesk President and Safi.	
20 June 2018	Erasmus+ Coalition Meeting. Location: EBL. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.	
21-22 June 2018	Eurodesk Executive Committee Meeting. Location: EBL. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.	
25 June 2018	ERYICA, EYCA and EURODESK Directors' meeting. Lovation: EBL.	

Participant from EBL: Audrey.

25 June 2018	Eurodesk Online Training. Participant from EBL: Gheorghe.		
25-28 June 2018	Symposium "Connecting People, Social Digitalisation". Location: Estonia, Tall: Participant from EBL: G	Inclusion and	
27 June 2018	Eurodesk Webinar on TTM Campaign 2018. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Zsolt.		
28 June 2018	Stakeholder Meeting on Erasmus Youth. Location: European Parliament. Participant from EBL: Safi.		