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## Documentation

### **The European Union - What it is and what it does**

The guide to the European Union (EU) explains in brief what the European Union is and what it is doing in 35 different areas to improve the lives of people in Europe and further afield. It also describes how the European Union makes decisions and takes action, which are the institutions at the heart of the EU's decision-making process and how their decisions are translated into actions.

<https://bit.ly/2ED2gXK>

### **Tackling child poverty and social exclusion in the EU - How EU funding mechanisms can help**

Child poverty remains a challenge across many EU countries. As of 2016, 26.4 % of children in the EU were at risk of or experiencing poverty or social exclusion. This paper, prepared for the European Platform for Investing in Children (EPIC), sets out the different EU programmes and funds available to fight poverty among children in the EU and promote their social inclusion and general well-being.

<https://bit.ly/2HMbd1Z>

### **Learning mobility, social inclusion and non-formal education. Access, processes and outcomes**

Published by the Council of Europe and the European Commission, the book presents the state of the art of learning mobility in the very complex and heterogeneous European youth field, bringing together contributions from all over the continent. It presents empirical research findings exploring and analysing the experience of participants from a range of different backgrounds, in varied learning mobility settings: exchanges, volunteer service, camps and in diverse regions of Europe. The book addresses two interrelated questions: first, how learning mobility can be used as a tool for inclusion, providing disadvantaged and excluded people with opportunities and assets; and, second, how focusing on inclusion can become a more intrinsic part of learning mobility projects and initiatives. The book is divided into three parts, spanning the range of stages and dimensions of the learning mobility process: access, reach and target; processes, strategies and practices; and effects, outcomes and follow-ups.

<https://bit.ly/2jkVHPR>

### **European Youth Portal revamped website**

New interface and lots of new enhancements for the revamped website of the European Youth Portal, the European Commission portal offering European and national information and opportunities targeting young people who are living, learning and working in Europe. The information provided focuses around

eight main themes, covers 34 countries and is available in 28 languages. The new website has also a mobile version.

<http://europa.eu/youth>

#### **European Solidarity Corps - Occupational Strand**

Official website of one of the Italian consortia in charge of the occupational strand of the European Solidarity Corps. The consortium matches candidatures & vacancies in 6 productive sector related to solidarity. In order to access regularly paid job and/or traineeship opportunities published by public and private bodies in the social private sector and in the third sector, young people (between 18 and 30 years old) national and legally residing in a EU 28 Member State need to sign in the European Solidarity Corps portal. Employers in the solidarity area wishing to publish job and traineeship opportunities can contact the consortium to find out how to get involved.

<https://eusolidaritycorps.anpal.gov.it>

#### **Eurydice new website**

New design and new features for Eurydice European network based in all 38 countries of the Erasmus+ programme. It explains how education systems are organised in Europe and how they work, by publishing detailed descriptions of national education systems, comparative studies devoted to specific topics, indicators and statistics, as well as news and articles related to the field of education.

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

#### **#SheisWe**

Campaign organised by EuropeAid for the European Development Days, #SheisWe shows that when women are empowered, protected, trusted and invested in, there are benefits for all. The campaign emphasises striking stories of people everywhere in the world, and engages renowned personalities, activists, and members of the development community.

<http://sheiswe.eu>

#### **EU vs Disinformation**

Website of the EU vs Disinformation campaign which aims to better forecast, address and respond to pro-Kremlin disinformation. The 'EU versus Disinformation' campaign is run by the European External Action Service East Stratcom Task Force.

<https://euvsdisinfo.eu>

## Opportunities

### **European Heritage stories**

Launched by European Heritage Days (EHD), the call for European Heritage stories is a pilot initiative aiming to give a voice to passionate individuals, organisations and associations to tell their story of Europe in the heritage they cherish. EHDs communities from 50 European States signatory to the [European Cultural Convention](#) that have organised at least one EHD event in the last three years, [EU Prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Award-winners](#); and [European Heritage Label-sites](#) can submit up to three stories per call and up to one project proposal to be eligible for the grant procedure (maximum €10 000) connected with one of the submitted stories.

Deadline to submit stories: **20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**.

Find out more: <http://www.europeanheritagedays.com/European-Heritage-Stories>

### **Erasmus+KA3 - Support for Policy Reform - European Youth Together**

Launched by the European Commission, the Call for Proposals - EACEA/16/2018 aims to create networks promoting regional partnerships, and to be run in close cooperation with young people from across Europe (Erasmus+ programme countries). The networks would organise exchanges, promote training (for instance for youth leaders), and allow young people themselves to set up joint projects.

It will support initiatives from at least five youth organisations from five different Erasmus+ programme countries to share their ideas about the EU, encourage wider civic participation and help foster a sense of European citizenship.

Deadline: **25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 12.00 CET**.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2Heb0V0>

### **FARE Football People Event Grants**

The FARE network is supporting events across Europe to tackle discrimination and social exclusion as part of the 'Football People' action weeks between 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Applicants will be able to apply for €5,000 grants. However, they will have to cover at least 20% through other sources: the grants will not exceed 80% of the overall costs.

Projects should meet one or more of these objectives:

- Make football more inclusive by tackling exclusion and discrimination;
- Increase representation of minorities and women in football;
- Explore and discuss football as a tool for social change, empowerment, education or social inclusion;
- Educate and breakdown stereotypes.

Applicants might be organised fan groups, football clubs, human rights organisations, educational institutions, legislating

authorities, policy makers, think tanks, researchers, football authorities, groups of professionals.

All European formal or informal groups and organisations are invited to apply by **28<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2KBcYku>

### **Sport as a tool for integration and social inclusion of refugees**

Launched by the European Commission, the call EAC/S16/2018 aims at supporting local sport projects focused on the integration of refugees. Approximately 25 projects will be selected. Projects should involve local sport organisations, focus resources on activities where both women and men participate and involve refugees in mixed sport activities, especially at young age (up to 30 years old).

The call is addressed to public or private organisations, active in the sport field that have their registered legal office in one of the 28 EU Member States. Activities must have a proven gender balance methodology and include a balanced participation of men and women.

Activities must take place in the EU Member States between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. The maximum grant will be 60,000 Euros.

The Commission expects to fund approximately 25 proposals.

Deadline: **7<sup>th</sup> June 2018**, 12:00 noon CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2r3pyzP>

### **Global Cultural Leadership Programme**

The programme supports young cultural managers emerging on the international scene, and coming from the 10 Strategic Partners of the European Union as well as from EU Member States, in developing and strengthening their cultural leadership skills. The programme aims to improve the skills of cultural managers, as well as develop collaborative peer-to-peer learning and network building. It offers a set of learning modules, tools and manuals for practice-based learning, giving participants opportunities to build meaningful collaborations at the global level, and enabling them to develop fresh insights into international cultural collaboration practices. This year's edition is open to cultural managers from Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, India, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and the USA (3 participants from each of these 10 countries), as well as from the 28 Member States of the European Union (10 participants, each from a different EU country).

Deadline to apply: **14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2JYvxxV>

### **#CedefopPhotoAward 2018**

Launched by the CEDEFOP, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, the competition aims to mobilise groups of vocational education and training (VET) learners (either

initial or continuing vocational training later in life) from the European Union, plus Norway and Iceland, to showcase what vocational education and training means to them and illustrate their daily learning experience. The photos should tell a story. Entrants should form a team of up to four members and produce an original photo story consisting of three to five photos, and a narrative of up to 100 words.

Individual entries will not be accepted. Only one team per discipline from each VET school/institution can take part in the competition. Each team can only submit one photo story. There will be three awards for the three best photo stories. The first and the second prize will be a trip to Vienna, Austria, for the two winning teams and their teacher/tutor, to attend the European vocational skills week award gala dinner on 8<sup>th</sup> November and the award ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The third prize will be a trip to Thessaloniki for the winning team and a teacher/tutor for the opening of the Thessaloniki International Film Festival in November 2018. The photo stories of the winners and runners-up will be exhibited in both locations (Vienna and Thessaloniki).  
Deadline: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2HghiU2>

#### **Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition**

Launched by the Goi Peace Foundation and Stiftung Entrepreneurship, the competition provides a global platform for young entrepreneurs who aspire to create positive change in their communities. Young people from 15 to 35 years old, from all over the world, are invited to submit their innovative ideas and projects with a societal impact, championing and implementing one or more of the [17 Sustainable Development Goals](#).

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

Read more: <https://www.entrepreneurship-campus.org>

#### **Europe in My Region Facebook Photo Competition 2018**

Launched by the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy, the competition aims to highlight the work that projects across Europe are doing with the help of EU funding, and explore the meaning of these projects to local communities. EU residents or residents in a pre-accession country (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey), from 18 years old, are invited to join the competition and upload as many pairs of pictures as they wish, one portraying the project in a creative way and the second showing the information board about the funding. Photos must show the billboard or plaque with the EU flag somewhere in the picture showing that the project featured has received EU funding.

Thirty winners will be selected by a jury. The thirty selected photographs will be part of a photo exhibition that will travel across Europe and will be promoted on the European Commission's website and social media.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/2HLYMad>

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

## Highlights

### **DiscoverEU: new EU initiative to support 15,000 young people 18 years old to travel in Europe**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> of May Eurodesk attended the stakeholders' meeting on DiscoverEU at the presence of the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics, and Member of the European Parliament, Manfred Weber. DiscoverEU is a new EU initiative that from this summer will offer 18 year old EU citizens the opportunity to discover their continent. With a budget of EUR 12 million in 2018, this action, based on a proposal from the European Parliament, is expected to give 15,000 young people the opportunity to travel around Europe to have the opportunity to discover the continent's rich cultural heritage, get in touch with other people, learn from other cultures and as such discover what unites Europe. Participants will be able to travel up to 30 days and visit between 1 and 4 foreign destinations. As 2018 is the European Year of Cultural Heritage, travellers will also have the chance to participate in the many events that are taking place all over Europe. In an application round to select the first 15,000 travellers, those interested will have to apply over a two-week period in the month of June 2018 via the European Youth Portal. Applicants must be 18 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, EU citizens, and prepared to travel this summer. A jury will make the final selection of the first 15,000 recipients. A second round of applications in the second half of 2018 may be organised based on the remaining budget and feedback from participants travelling this summer.

<https://bit.ly/2HmGcFK>

### **Commission proposes long-term budget 2021-2027**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, the European Commission proposed a long-term budget for the 2021-2027 period. The EC sees it as a response to today's reality in which Europe is expected to play a greater role in providing security and stability in an unstable world, at a time when Brexit will leave a sizeable gap in the budget. The Commission's proposal aligns the Union's budget to its political priorities as reflected in the agenda set out by President Jean-Claude Juncker in his State of the Union address on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and agreed by the EU27 Leaders in Bratislava on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and in the Rome Declaration of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Concerning youth, the Commission proposes a stronger focus on youth. This will be achieved by doubling the size of Erasmus+ to €30 billion and the European Solidarity Corps to €1,26 billion to give opportunities to more young people to study, train and volunteer abroad, and by earmarking funding for addressing youth unemployment within the European Social Fund. This comprehensive instrument will form, together with the Erasmus+ programme, the European Solidarity Corps, the new Creative Europe and the new Justice, Rights and Values Programmes, a new cluster dedicated to Investing in People, Social Cohesion & Values with a budget of €139,5 billion.



Building on its successful 30-year history, the Commission proposes a substantially strengthened, inclusive and extended Erasmus+ programme, further promoting learning mobility across the EU. A reinforced European Solidarity Corps will integrate the existing EU Aid Volunteers programme. This will offer European citizens a unique opportunity to engage in solidarity activities within and outside Europe.

Existing actions supporting European culture and creativity will be integrated into a new Creative Europe Programme (including MEDIA). The aim is to promote European culture and values that contribute to the identity of the Union. The new programme will also empower citizens through the promotion and protection of fundamental rights and values and the creation of opportunities for engagement and democratic participation in political and civil society. This programme will include a strong MEDIA strand with funding to further promote European cinema and creative and audiovisual sectors in general.

<https://bit.ly/2JKDuX6>

<https://bit.ly/2rgnVjb>

### **Outcomes of the Bulgarian EU Youth Conference**

More than 250 young people, youth policy makers and other stakeholders from the youth field gathered in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018, for the EU Youth Conference. The EUYC was part of the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle of the Structured Dialogue that will continue until the end of 18-month Trio Presidency (Estonia, Bulgaria and Austria) titled "Youth in Europe: what's next?". The participants worked together inspired by young people's opinions and willingness to shape the European youth policy and presented the so called "European Youth Goals". The goals represent the ideas and opinions of 49,389 young people from all over Europe who participated in consultations, debates, discussions and events on the topic "Youth in Europe: What's next?". The Youth Goals are divided into eleven main topics related to the main issues that concern young people: young people ask for ensuring equal access to quality impartial and youth-friendly information, the inclusion of all young people in society, the promotion of social inclusion of all young people, the creation of quality jobs for all young people.

<http://www.youthconf.at/youthgoals>

### **10x More Funding for Erasmus+**

Eurodesk, the LLLPlatform and the European Youth Forum have released a new piece to the Erasmusx10 campaign. To raise awareness and bring a human face to the Erasmus+ programme, they have created 10 fictive personas, from 10 countries, with 10 different backgrounds. All in all, 10 different stories with 10 different reasons why Erasmus+ matters to them. Meet [Dominik](#), the first character, and listen to his story on why it is necessary to raise the Erasmus+ budget by ten times! Read more about the [campaign](#) and sign the [petition](#).

### **ESN #ErasmusUpgrade Manifesto**

Following over 2 years of consultations, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, the Erasmus Student Network released the #ErasmusUpgrade Manifesto which contains 13<sup>th</sup> recommendations to improve the successor of the Erasmus+ Programme. The manifesto targets all those involved in the conceptualisation and implementation of the Erasmus+ programme, specifically the European Institutions, National Authorities, higher education institutions, and the participants. Its results are the base of ESN's stands on the international and national level in the context of upcoming discussions on the funding and shape of the Erasmus + successor programme. The Manifesto calls for an increase of the outreach, both in Europe and throughout the world, through the use of mass media and new digital tools. It recommends implementation of reinforced and inclusive support services to face societal challenges and equip participants with the skills they need to face the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The implementation and management of the programme should also be improved by standardising mobility processes and introducing digital tools to counter-bureaucracy and reduce paperwork. Furthermore, it demands full recognition of mobility outcomes through better communication, implementing mobility windows and an "integrated Erasmus+ approach" to study and work. Finally, it asks for an increased budget for more quality, outreach, and transparency to improve the inclusion of students from disadvantaged backgrounds, national support towards mobility, and monitoring and levelling incoming and outgoing students.

<https://bit.ly/2whmSoc>

**Making skills and qualifications more visible across the EU: adoption of the revised Europass framework**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April, EU Member States adopted the Commission's proposal to revise the Europass framework. The revision, which aims at simplifying and modernising the Europass CV and other skills tools for the digital age, will enable people across the EU to make their skills and qualifications more visible, and will help policy makers to anticipate labour market needs and trends. For over a decade, Europass has been a key tool to support better communication and understanding of skills and qualifications. It has served as a crucial bridge between the worlds of work and education and training. There are over 55,000 visits a day to the Europass portal and over 100 million downloads of the Europass CV since 2004. Europass has clearly demonstrated its added value as a vehicle to communicate skills across the EU, but it has to evolve in parallel to challenges and opportunities in the digital age. With the adoption of the Commission's proposal to modernise Europass, the framework will offer an e-portfolio for storing and sharing information, tools for people to self-assess their skills and tools for describing formal and informal learning as well as qualifications.

For the first time, Europass will also offer information to support career management including information on trends and demands in the labour market and on guidance and learning opportunities across Europe.

<https://bit.ly/2quk1Tw>

**Long-term unemployed youth: characteristics and policy responses**

A recent release of EUROFOUD 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 shows that in 2016 5.5% of the active population of young people aged 15-24 years were long-term unemployed in Europe, compared to 3.9% of prime-age workers (25-49 years) and older workers (50-64 years). This translates to almost 1.3 million young people in the EU who were out of work and actively seeking employment for more than 12 months. These young people are more difficult to reach and often lack education and work experience. They are also more likely to face additional challenges such as care responsibilities, poor health and, lower levels of well-being than their peers. They are not the low-hanging fruit that will be plucked up by the economic recovery alone; they will need a holistic, individualised and young-people-centred approach if they are to be re-integrated into the world of work. Practically, this often means counselling, mentoring, referral to specialised help, tailor-made training and job placements, as well as flexible and sustained support. The study finds that this solution can be costly, and is unlikely to reap short-term political dividends, but this is not an issue that can be put off indefinitely.

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

**Public consultation on the European Heritage Label action**

Launched by the European Commission, the consultation aims to gather the views of interested citizens and organisations on the role of the European Heritage Label. All citizens and stakeholders interested in culture and the history of Europe are welcome to take part in the survey which is available in English, French and German until **24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**.

<https://bit.ly/2HoCSX1>

**Survey on "Vocational Education and Training 2035"**

The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) is currently working on a project focusing on the 'Changing Nature and Role of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Europe'. This research supports the European Commission and the EU Member States in setting objectives for post-2020 European cooperation in this area.

As part of the study, an online survey has been launched addressing VET experts and stakeholders all over Europe. It will take around 15<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> minutes to complete the survey which is anonymous and open until **15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. It will be possible to access some interim results of this survey, once users start completing the questionnaire. More results will become available at the European Vocational Skills Week in November 2018.

<https://bit.ly/2qBSK0H>

**Eurostat release: March 2018 Euro area unemployment rate**

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in March 2018, 3.5 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.449 million were in the Euro area. Compared with March 2017, youth unemployment decreased by 409 000 in the EU28 and by 305 000 in the Euro area. In March 2018, the youth unemployment rate was 15.6% in the EU28 and 17.3% in the Euro area, compared with 17.3% and 19.4% respectively in March 2017. In March 2018, the lowest rates were observed in Germany (6.1%), the Czech Republic (6.8%) and the Netherlands (7.0%), while the highest were recorded in Greece (42.3% in January 2018), Spain (35.0%) and Italy (31.7%).

<https://bit.ly/2HM2ixx>

*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](https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/citizens-dialogues_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>

### **Europe Day 2018**

To celebrate Europe Day, the EU institutions will open their doors to the public on 5<sup>th</sup> May in Brussels, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May in Luxembourg and 10<sup>th</sup> June in Strasbourg.

On this occasion local EU offices in Europe and all over the world will organise a variety of activities and events for all ages such as visits, debates, concerts and other events to mark the day and raise awareness about the EU.

Find out how to get involved: <http://bit.ly/2lwF83J>

### **7<sup>th</sup> May-11<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on ERASMUS+ Funding Opportunities for Youth**

The MOOC on Erasmus+ will provide participants with the basic knowledge and understanding of how to use various funding opportunities and fulfill the funding requirements for international youth exchanges, international volunteering activities, mobility of youth workers, strategic partnership and structured dialogue projects funded through Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme. Furthermore, participants will learn how to start developing youth exchange and volunteering activities, strategic partnership and youth participation projects.

They will discover good practice examples, tips and hints for developing good quality projects and have the opportunity to

network with other participants of the course and share their knowledge and ideas with them. The course is organised by SALTO-YOUTH Participation Resource Centre.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/1DqTdE8>

**21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2018: EU Green Week**

European Commission's annual event to debate and discuss European environmental policy with policymakers, leading environmentalists, stakeholders and other interested parties from across Europe and the globe. This year's edition will explore ways in which the EU is helping cities to become better places to live and work. Showcasing policy developments on air quality, noise, nature and biodiversity, waste and water management, it will promote participatory approaches to urban development, networking schemes, and tools for sharing best practices, engaging local authorities and citizens, and encouraging them to share their vision of a sustainable future. The week will officially open on 21<sup>st</sup> in Utrecht, The Netherlands, and will close on 25<sup>th</sup> in Madrid, Spain. The high level EU Green Cities Summit will take place in Brussels, Belgium, from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The programme will also feature a series of partner events and actions taking place across Europe.

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

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018: Makerstown, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised by ThinkYoung in partnership with Google, LEGO Education, Martens Center, TCS, MSD and Burson-Marsteller, the tech event will bring together top European Makers, business leaders and European policy-makers to discover and debate what the Town of the Future will look like.

Guests interested to the conference can register [here](#).

Find out more: <http://makerstown.eu>

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018: Eurodesk Awards 2018, Brussels, Belgium**

Established in 2011 to celebrate the day-to-day work of Eurodesk local multipliers, who support young people to discover the numerous opportunities Europe offer them, the 2018 edition will give winners the opportunity to introduce their projects and to receive their well-deserved prizes in the European Parliament under the patronage of MEP Jeroen Lenaers (EPP, NL), and with the support of the Youth Intergroup.

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

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2JWGMGP>

**22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018: Education, Youth, Culture & Sport Council, Brussels, Belgium**

The Education, Youth, Culture and Sport (EYCS) Council brings together the education, youth, culture, communication and sport

Ministers of the EU Member States around three or four times a year.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2rc1r2D>

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> June 2018: European Development Days, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised by the European Commission, the European leading forum on development and international cooperation will aim at bringing together the European Union's commitment to gender equality and women's empowerment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The event will focus on the vital role of women and the need for their full and equal participation and leadership in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Find out more: <https://www.eudevdays.eu>

**18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018: Entrepreneurship School, Brussels, Belgium**

The course is addressed to young people interested in widening their business horizon and developing their own entrepreneurial ideas. During the 5-day programme participants from all around the world will have the opportunity to meet and challenge the most successful entrepreneurs, discuss and compete against participants, share opinions and have the chance to contribute towards developing a new business start-up idea in an interactive way. A special focus will be given to social entrepreneurship.

There are participation fees for all selected participants.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2wiVdmM>

**29<sup>th</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018: Vienna International Model United Nations, Vienna, Austria**

Students and young people from all continents are invited to participate to this five-day event characterized by intense negotiations, getting to know the working procedures of the United Nations, as well as by cultural exchange, gaining experience and making new friends.

Interested applicants should send their registration by **1<sup>st</sup> July 2018** (or **31<sup>st</sup> May** if they are in need of a visa for Austria).

There are participation fees.

Find out more: <http://afa.at/vimun/index.html>

**12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August 2018: European Rally, Perth, UK**

The European Rally 2018 will empower rural young people to promote diverse, responsible and peaceful societies; raise the awareness of the importance of joint decision-making; as well as encourage cooperation between young people from different countries all over Europe. Participants should come from member organisations of Rural Youth Europe. They must be between 18 and 25 years old (26-30 years old for group leaders) and be able to communicate in English and be active within their own youth organisation.

Registrations should be sent [here](#) by **1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**. There are participation fees.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2FQ94R7>

**29<sup>th</sup> August-2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018: AGORA, EWL's Feminist Summer School, Brussels, Belgium**

Organised by the European Women's Lobby, the summer school will gather young women from 18 to 30 years old (at the time of the AGORA), living in the EU or EU Candidate countries, to reflect, exchange ideas and support each other to become confident feminist leaders and activists.

Deadline to apply: **11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, 23:00 CET.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2vqvkrM>

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> September 2018: International Youth Reporter Training, Vienna, Austria**

The training is addressed to young reporters from 16 to 24 years old from the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries. The training will provide participants with a place to gain new skills focusing mainly on use of Social Media for journalism and mobile (video) reporting to share their knowledge on different projects and to network. Further to gaining practical skills, participants will be invited to the European Union Youth Conference in Vienna and practice their acquired skills.

Deadline to apply: **4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2JM3h14>

**15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> October 2018: 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEF Young Leaders Summit, Brussels, Belgium**

Forum for students and young professionals from all 51 ASEM partner countries focusing on Ethical Leadership, the human-centred form of responsible leadership. The forum addresses young people who are willing to critically reflect, re-imagine and shape the notion of leadership, starting from themselves, within their communities and on an Asia-Europe scale.

Travel, accommodation costs and meals will be provided by the organisers.

Deadline: **20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, 23:59 GMT.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2FyiRN2>

**Salto-Youth: Training Calendar**

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

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





## Eurodesk Brussels Link Activities

10-14 April 2018	Eurodesk Network Meeting. Location: Göteborg, Sweden. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Grazia, Safi, Zsolt.
11 April 2018	Executive Committee Meeting. Location: Göteborg, Sweden. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
16-19 April 2018	EU Youth Conference. Location: Sofia, Bulgaria. Participant from EBL: Audrey.
17 April 2018	Eurodesk Awards Jury meeting. Location: EBL. Participants from Eurodesk: Eurodesk President Reinhard Schwalbach, Zsolt Marton.
18 April 2018	European Youth Portal Meeting. Location: EAC. Participants from EBL: Gheorghe, Zsolt.
18 April 2018	Discover Europe - Eurodyssey. Location: AER. Participant from EBL: Cecilia.
19 April 2018	Eurodyssey Conference "Regional Challenges at stake for youth mobility" Location: AER. Participants from EBL: Cecilia, Grazia, Safi.
23 April 2018	EU Solidarity Corps - User sounding board meeting. Location: EAC. Participant from EBL: Gheorghe.
24 April 2018	YouthMetre Final Conference. Location: EU Committee of the Regions. Participant from EBL: Safi.
24 April 2018	Google Cloud on board training. Location: Brussels, Belgium. Participant from EBL: Gheorghe.
25 April 2018	EU Personalities Jury Meeting. Location: EAC. Participant from EBL: Safi.
26 April 2018	EU Solidarity Corps - User sounding board meeting. Location: EAC.

Participant from EBL: Grazia.

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27 April 2018	Eurodesk Germany Network Meeting. Location: Bonn, Germany. Participant from EBL: Zsolt.
27 April 2018	Release of #ErasmusUpgrade Manifesto. Location: ESN. Participants from EBL: Grazia, Safi.
30 April 2018	Meeting with Darko Markovic, Eurodesk Learning and Development Plan. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.