

eurodesk

EBL Bulletin

October 2018

1. Documentation
2. Opportunities
3. Highlights
4. Upcoming Events



Documentation

Eurodesk Social Media Guidebook

The publication provides useful tips on how digital tools can improve youth information. Designed to serve the needs of the Eurodesk network, it can be useful to other organisations.

<https://bit.ly/2Onz0f8>

Compulsory Education in Europe – 2018/19

Published by Eurydice, the publication provides concise information on the duration of compulsory education/training in 43 European education systems covering 38 countries participating in the EU's Erasmus+ programme (28 EU Member States, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Switzerland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia and Turkey).

Full-time compulsory education/training refers to a period of full-time educational/training attendance required from all students.

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

The Structure of the European Education Systems 2018/19: Schematic Diagrams

Published by Eurydice, the report provides information on the structure of mainstream education in European countries from pre-primary to tertiary level for the 2018/19 school and academic year. It includes national schematic diagrams, an explanatory guide and a map showing the main organisational models of compulsory education. The information is available for 43 European education systems covering 38 countries participating in the EU's Erasmus+ programme.

<https://bit.ly/2OWR7pc>

Education at a Glance 2018

The OECD report provides key information on the output of educational institutions; the impact of learning across countries; the financial and human resources invested in education; access, participation and progression in education; and the learning environment and organisation of schools. The 2018 edition presents a new focus on equity in education, investigating how progress through education and the associated learning and labour market outcomes are impacted by dimensions such as gender, the educational attainment of parents, immigrant background, and regional location. The publication introduces a chapter dedicated to Target 4.5 of Sustainable Development Goal 4 on equity in education, providing an assessment of where OECD and partner countries stand in providing equal access to quality education at all levels. Finally, new indicators are introduced on equity in entry to and graduation from tertiary education, and the levels of decision-making in education systems. New data are also available on the statutory and actual salaries of school heads, as well as trend data on expenditure on early childhood education and care and the enrolment of children in all registered early childhood education and care settings. More data are available on the OECD educational database.

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

STEP-by-STEP together - Support, Tips, Examples and Possibilities for youth work with young refugees

The publication offers practical tools for youth work on the inclusion and participation of young refugees at local level. It focuses on youth participation and inclusion as key dimensions

to build inclusive societies and, at the same time, to create an enabling environment for young refugees to become fully fledged actors in their personal and community development. It tackles the following themes: intercultural learning; access to social rights; young women refugees; youth participation; and mental health and trauma.

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

T-kit 13: Sustainability and youth work

Published by the Council of Europe and the European Commission, the manual is a practical tool, designed primarily for youth workers and educators, to introduce the topic of sustainability to young people in a non-formal setting. The manual includes information about the issues related to sustainability and educational activities that will familiarise learners with some of the problems facing the globe and encourage them to discuss solutions. The T-Kit also offers information about how youth groups can make a difference in their locality, and perhaps beyond.

<https://bit.ly/2Jft7y5>

Youth & Political Parties

European Youth Forum's new study including concrete recommendations on what political parties can do to improve their appeal among young people, and improve youth turnout in the elections. It can serve as a toolkit for political parties that wish to be better at including young people, promoting youth interests, and campaigning for young people.

[Toolkit Youth and Political Parties - w Key Recommendations](#)

[Key Recommendations Youth and Political Parties](#)

World Inequality Database on Education

The UNESCO World Inequality Database on Education (WIDE) highlights the powerful influence of circumstances, such as wealth, gender, ethnicity and location, over which people have little control but which play an important role in shaping their opportunities for education and life. It draws attention to unacceptable levels of education inequality across countries and between groups within countries, with the aim of helping to inform policy design and public debate.

<https://www.education-inequalities.org>

Opportunities

European Academy on Youth Work Calls for 3 facilitators (including 1 digital facilitator), a rapporteur and contributions

The European Academy on Youth Work (EAYW) is an initiative of the National Agencies of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme of Austria, Belgium-FL, Finland, Germany, Italy, Lithuania and Slovenia, as well as SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres and the Partnership between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of youth.

The EAYW aims to support innovation in youth work and youth work policy and to promote the development of quality youth work. The first edition of the European Academy on Youth Work will be taking place from 21st to 24th May 2019 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, hosted by MOVIT Ljubljana: 140 participants will be invited to discuss "Innovation, Current Trends and Developments in Youth Work" as well as their transformation into practice.

For this first edition a call for 3 facilitators (including 1 digital facilitator), a rapporteur and contributions has been launched.

Facilitators are expected to have sound experience in moderating/facilitating large-scale events, in English language, in European youth work and/or related fields. They should have some knowledge and/or understanding of digital tools to be used in the moderation in order to support communication among the participants or their participation during the event. For the digital facilitator, additional knowledge and experience with digital tools and media (internet, social media, streaming) are required to be able to foresee, propose and adjust parts of the contents and processes accordingly.

The *rapporteur* should have experience in analysing, summarising and drafting reports of a complex nature. Links to examples of former work should be provided in the application form.

Preparation team meeting and meeting with the Steering Group of the EAYW in Ljubljana will last 2 – 2 1/2 days in the week of 21st – 25th January 2019 and before the start of the event on 20th-21st May 2019 (arrival of preparation team including facilitators on 20th May 2019).

Submission of the draft report is due by the end of June 2019.

Travel costs and full board & lodging related to the preparatory meeting in Ljubljana in January 2019 and to the EAYW will be covered by the organisers.

Selected facilitators and rapporteur will each receive a fee of 3,600 EUR (based on an estimated working time of 12 days) upon completion of all tasks.

All details are available [here](#).

Contributions should come from youth work practice, research or policy as well as from other sectors of relevance for youth. They should focus on:

- trends and developments in youth work in terms of concepts, strategies and approaches;
- current pilot projects and experimental practices in youth work at all levels;
- new educational resources and material, curricula in non-formal learning schemes;
- latest developments with regard to competence-building and in particular in training of trainers or training of youth workers;
- new practices in education of youth workers;
- results from latest / current research projects, insights from studies;
- new developments within different youth work policy frameworks and measures within such frameworks at all levels (local, regional, national)

- easily accessible youth information and communication strategies.

Contributions can be speech or lecture, project presentation, workshop, lab or other formats and should last between 60 and 90 minutes.

Travel costs and full board & lodging of the selected contributors will be covered by the organisers. They will also receive a fee of 1,000 EUR.

All details are available [here](#).

Deadline: **30th October 2018**.

Read more: <http://www.movit.si/index.php?id=419>

Become EU Parliament Facebook editor for a day competition

The European Parliament is inviting all citizens, from 18 years old, living in a EU country, to join the competition. Participants will have to post on the [Facebook wall](#) of this EU Parliament event a short video, of maximum 1 minute, sharing a moment of their life when they felt the impact of the EU, when they really felt European, before **31st October 2018**, midnight CET. They can also share it on their Instagram feed using the hashtag #myEUMoment and tagging the Parliament's account @europeanparliament.

Then they will have to join the "This Time I'm Voting" communication campaign by subscribing to the EP newsletter here: <https://www.thistimeimvoting.eu>.

Parliament's Facebook and Instagram team will select three winners from the ten most liked submissions on these two platforms and will announce the winners on 9 November 2018.

The three winners from Facebook and the three winners from Instagram will be invited for a three-day trip to Strasbourg, France, from 11th to 13th December. They will follow the debates in Parliament's plenary chamber and help the EP social media team create content for Facebook and Instagram.

Accommodation and travel expenses will be arranged and covered by the European Parliament. The six winners will be announced on the event page and contacted via Facebook mail.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2BV7cYV>

EU prize for Cultural Heritage/Europa Nostra Awards 2019

The Prize celebrates and promotes best practices related to heritage conservation, management, research, education and communication. In this way, it contributes to a stronger public recognition of cultural heritage as a strategic resource for Europe's society and economy. The Prize honours every year up to 30 outstanding heritage achievements from all parts of Europe. Up to seven are selected as Grand Prix laureates and one receives the Public Choice Award, chosen in an online poll. All the winners will receive a certificate as well as a plaque or trophy. The Grand Prix laureates will also receive € 10,000 each.

Deadline: **15th November 2018**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/24CLbBQ>

European Human Rights Moot Court Competition

Launched by the European Law students' Association (ELSA), in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the 7th edition of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition is taking place between 15th and 18th of April 2019, and will provide law students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in the field. The competition is open to students from ELSA countries as well as from countries that are members of the Council of Europe. The simulation of a court trial is often divided into two phases: the written phase and the oral phase. In the

written part students draft submissions or memorials on behalf of the applicant and the respondent. The written phase leads to the oral phase, which means simulations of court hearings where students represent the applicant and the respondent. The teams will examine a fictive case and draft written submissions for each party. The teams will be evaluated based on their written admissions and the best 20 teams will compete in the European final at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. For the teams that are qualified to the final, there will be a participation fee that covers accommodation and meals. The winning team will be awarded with a one month traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. The Best Overall Orator will be awarded with a traineeship at the Council of Europe Liaison Office with the European Union in Brussels and with cash prizes. For those who will win the Council of Europe prize and the prize for the Best Overall Orator, ELSA will cover up to 400 EUR of the accommodation costs per person.

Deadline for teams to register: **18th November 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Deadline for sending questions (up to 3): **21st November 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Deadline for written submission: **23rd December 2018**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <https://ehrmcc.elsa.org/participation>

UNESCO/Japan Young Researchers' Fellowship Programme (UNESCO/Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme)

Young researchers from developing countries are invited to apply for a series of grants under the UNESCO-Keizo Obuchi Research Fellowships Programme (UNESCO/Japan Young Researchers' Fellowships Programme) funded by Japan.

The aim of the programme is to impact on capacity building and research activities in one of four fields:

- Environment, with particular attention on disaster risk reduction (DRR);
- Intercultural dialogue;
- Information and communication technologies;
- Peaceful conflict resolution.

Post graduate researchers, already holding either an M.A. or M.Sc. degree (or equivalent), no older than 40 years, can apply through their country's National Commission.

Priority will be given to women, candidates from the least developed countries and African researchers. Each Member State may nominate a maximum of two candidates. No applications will be considered from individuals.

All applications must be sent to the National Commission for UNESCO of the country of origin of the candidate that will then decide whether they will submit the application to UNESCO.

Deadline: **30th November 2018**.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2yxr843>

Google Europe Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

The scholarship is addressed to students with disabilities who are pursuing university degrees in the field of computer science, computer engineering, informatics, or a closely related technical field at a University in Europe or Israel. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time or part-time students for the 2018-2019 academic year and must intend to be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student at a university in Europe for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Applicants must be 18 year of age or older as of 17th September 2018.

The best candidates will each receive a 7,000 EUR (or equivalent) scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Deadline to apply: **6th December 2018**, 11:59 pm GMT.

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

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

Highlights

Eurodesk Survey 2018

The Eurodesk survey for young people aims to create a better understanding of how young people engage with different channels and structures in society to learn about mobility opportunities. It explores through which channels they prefer to receive information and what kind of support they find valuable in motivating and guiding them to take the step and go abroad. It evaluates how they perceive the information landscape today and whether they believe information about opportunities abroad are accessible to them. Young people and young adults between 15 and 35 years old, with and without mobility experience, from Erasmus+ programme countries, Western Balkan countries, Eastern Partnership Countries, Russian Federation and/or Switzerland are invited to take the survey and get the chance to win nice prizes.

The survey is available in different languages and will be open until 25th November 2018.

<https://bit.ly/2xBLOA2>

European Solidarity Corps: EU Council adopts Regulation

On 27th September 2018, the Council adopted a Regulation on the European Solidarity Corps. This follows an agreement reached with the European Parliament in June. The Regulation establishes a legal framework for young people to volunteer or work in beneficial projects across Europe under the auspices of the European Solidarity Corps (ESC).

The Council and the European Parliament now need to sign the adopted Regulation. On 4th October, the signed text was published in the EU Official Journal and has now entered into force on the day following that of its publication.

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

EU Budget 2019: MEPs increase funding on youth, migration and research

On 25th and 26th September, budget MEPs voted through a budget totalling €166.3 billion in commitments, which is €717 million more than the original European Commission proposal. MEPs increased the Erasmus+ programme by €362 million and fully restored the pre-EFSI budgets of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), which funds infrastructure projects, and the Horizon 2020 programme, which backs research projects, adding €256.9 million. Both programmes had faced cuts as part of measures to help finance the EU guarantee for the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI). MEPs further increased Horizon 2020 by another €65 million and climate-related spending under Horizon 2020, CEF and Heading 2 programmes by another €97.3 million.

The whole Parliament will vote on its position on the Draft Budget 2019 on 24th October.

This will kick off three weeks of “conciliation” talks with the Council, with the aim of reaching a deal between the two institutions in time for next year's budget, to be voted on by Parliament and signed by its President at the end of November.

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

EYE2018 Hearings

From 10th October until the end of November, participants in the European Youth Event (EYE2018) will present some of the most impactful ideas from the event to a number of Parliament's committees. EYE participants presenting the ideas are not “experts” in the field of the ideas they present, but rather rapporteurs, expressing key ideas proposed during the EYE. The format of the hearings is an “Ideas Check” a special format developed for the EYE. In a 45-60 minutes hearing, three participants play the role of “idea givers”, pitching each two

ideas, and the MEPs are "idea catchers" giving feedback on the ideas. Both idea givers and idea catchers have two minutes' time to speak. The Hearings kick off on 10th October with a committee meeting of Culture and Education (CULT). The Hearings will be streamed live on the [European Youth Event Facebook](#) page.

The debates can be followed also using hashtag #EYE2018.

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

Education in the Digital Era

On 24th September, European Parliament Committee on Culture and Education organised a public Hearing on Education in the digital era. The Hearing focused on basic digital life skills necessary to meet the challenges of the digital age and on how digital technologies enrich learning in a variety of ways and offer a broad range of learning opportunities (e.g. citizenship and media literacy, including visual literacy). As technological change continues to accelerate; the digital economy is rapidly permeating the whole of the world economy, making digital skills key for almost everyone. In everyday life, basic administrative practices and social interaction often presuppose basic levels of digital competence. In the workplace, automation, robotisation and digitalisation will have an impact on existing jobs. Therefore, schools need to prepare students for more rapid economic and social change than ever before, for jobs that have not yet been created, to use technologies that have not yet been invented, and to solve social problems that we do not yet know will arise. In fact, all forms of education and lifelong learning may need to be adjusted to take advantage of new digital technologies.

<https://bit.ly/2E7Lfj1>

#CedefopPhotoAward 2018 winners

Teams of vocational education and training (VET) learners from Italy, Hungary and Lithuania are the winners of this year's #CedefopPhotoAward competition.

In total 100 teams consisting of 304 VET learners and 81 teachers/trainers took part, representing 78 learning providers from 18 EU Member States. The teams were asked to tell a story of their VET experience. The winners from Italy ('This is me' team, from the Institute of Higher Education Einstein Nebbia, Loreto) and Hungary (C.Force team from the CSZC Bem József Technical Secondary and Vocational School) have been nominated for the top award at the third European vocational skills week (#EUVocationalSkills) in Vienna (5th-9th November).

<https://bit.ly/2xZ0KgB>

Eurostat release: August 2018 Euro area unemployment rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in August 2018, 3.315 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 2.367 million were in the Euro area. Compared with August 2017, youth unemployment decreased by 431 000 in the EU28 and by 275 000 in the Euro area. In August 2018, the youth unemployment rate was 14.8% in the EU28 and 16.6% in the Euro area, compared with 16.6% and 18.5% respectively in August 2017. In August 2018, the lowest rates were observed in Germany (6.2%), the Czech Republic (6.3%) and the Netherlands (7.7%), while the highest were recorded in Greece (39.1% in June 2018), Spain (33.6%) and Italy (31.0%).

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

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

1st July-31st December 2018: Austrian EU Council Presidency

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

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

1st-31st October 2018: Time to Move Eurodesk Campaign

Organised by Eurodesk all over Europe, the "Time to Move" campaign will offer for the fifth consecutive year a collection of hundreds of events about ways to experience Europe. The activities range from information sessions to concerts, online and on-site events that will introduce young people to European opportunities about study, volunteer and work abroad. The site of the campaign includes an interactive map with all the activities. Depending on the event, pre-registration may be needed.

Find out more: <http://timetomove.eurodesk.eu>

4th-10th October 2018: World Space Week, Worldwide

The World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The week is coordinated by the United Nations with the support of World Space Week. Government agencies, industry, non-profit organisations, teachers and even individuals can organise events to celebrate space. This year's theme is "Space Unites The World".

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

6th-21st October 2018: Europe Code Week, Europe

EU Code Week is a grass-roots movement that celebrates creativity, problem solving and collaboration through programming and other tech activities. The idea is to make

programming more visible, to show young, adults and elderly how you bring ideas to life with code, to demystify these skills and bring motivated people together to learn.

Find out more how to get involved: <http://codeweek.eu>

12th October 2018: Conference on the future of EU finances, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Commission, the conference will bring together high-level members of European institutions, representatives of EU governments and other stakeholders to discuss how the EU budget should be shaped to maximise EU added value.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/2gcQdZ9>

24th-31st October 2018: Global Media and Information Literacy Week

Under the theme "Media and Information Literate Cities: Voices, Powers, and Change Makers", the week celebrates the progress achieved towards the process of "MIL for all" and unites diverse actors committed to promoting MIL as a way to foster social inclusion and intercultural dialogue.

Find out more: <https://en.unesco.org/globalmilweek2018>

28th October-25th November 2018: Online course "The Intercultural Dimension of Global Education"

Free online course organised by the North-South Centre in collaboration with The Network University. The course is designed for education practitioners working in formal and non-formal education, social workers, civil society, youth activists, as well as policy and decision makers and local authorities. At the end of this four-week course learners will be able to:

- understand the relation between global education and learning with an intercultural dimension;
- understand intercultural learning as an educational practice;
- initiate intercultural dialogue in policy making;
- practice intercultural education as part of social and political action.

Deadline to apply: **22nd October 2018.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2R9q23L>

8th-9th November 2018: 9th European Public Communication Conference, Brussels, Belgium

EuroPCom is an annual forum for communication experts from local, regional, national and European authorities, as well as private communication agencies, NGOs and academia to discuss public communication and how to raise awareness among citizens on EU policies.

The 9th edition will focus on "Campaigning for Europe" providing a unique connecting platform in preparation for the election year ahead. The conference is organised by the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), in cooperation with the European Parliament, the Council of the EU, the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Deadline to [register](#): **26th October 2018.**

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2M4D7lu>

3rd-4th December 2018: World Bank Group Youth Summit, Washington, DC, USA

The Youth Summit is an event organised by the World Bank Group (WBG), to engage with youth globally on the most pressing topics facing their generation. This year's theme is "Unleashing the Power of Human Capital". Young people from 18 to 35 years old, from around the world are invited to attend the event. Attendance is free of charge. Interested youth will have to find sponsors to pay for their transportation tickets and accommodation for the two days of the event. The event will also be webcast live.

On site participants need to register by **15th October 2018**, 11:59 pm EST.

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

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

3-4 Sept 2018	EU Youth Conference. Location: Vienna, Austria. Participant from EBL : Audrey.
5 Sept 2018	Ray Triangular Summit. Location: Vienna, Austria. Participant from EBL : Audrey.
5 Sept 2018	European Parliament Hearing on European Solidarity Corps. Location: European Parliament Participant from EBL: Safi
6 Sept 2018	EYP preparation working group meeting. Location: DG EAC. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Safi.
10-11 Sept 2018	EYP Working Group. Location: DG EAC. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Grazia, Safi, Zsolt, Kevin.
13-14 Sept 2018	Meeting of the Steering Group of the European Platform on Learning Mobility in the youth field (EPLM). Location: Brussels, Belgium. Participant from EBL: Safi.
19 Sept 2018	Executive Committee Meeting. Location: Riga, Latvia. Participant from EBL : Audrey.
19-22 Sept 2018	Eurodesk Network Meeting. Location: Riga, Latvia. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia, Pedro, Safi, Zsolt.
25 Sept 2018	Eurodesk Webinar on European Solidarity Corps. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Grazia.
26 Sept 2018	EURES Stakeholder Meeting, Anniversaries campaign 50 years of Freedom of Movement and 60 years of Social Security Coordination. Location: Brussels, Belgium. Participant from EBL: Audrey
27 Sept 2018	EYP Editorial Board Meeting. Location: DG EAC. Participants from EBL: Audrey, Gheorghe, Kevin.
27-28 Sept 2018	Inclusive Mobility Alliance Meeting. Location: Brussels, Belgium. Participants from EBL: Safi, Grazia.