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Peer-learning seminar on youth work and its relevance for youth policy in South-East Europe Call for participants

Deadline for applications: 5 September 23:59 CEST

Following its objective on regional co-operation in the youth field and building upon recent processes of strengthening the youth field in South East Europe (SEE), the EU-CoE youth partnership organises a peer-learning seminar on the state of youth work and its relevance for youth policy, in co-operation with the Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth, with SALTO SEE Resource Centre and with the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO).

Background

Increasing knowledge and supporting the development of youth work and youth policy in SEE has been for several years one of the objectives of the **EU-CoE youth partnership**. In this framework, the EU-CoE youth partnership organised in 2016 the peer-learning seminar 'Getting Across', which brought together 55 participants involved in youth policy and youth work, particularly in the Western Balkans. The event reaffirmed the role of youth work in supporting young people in exclusion situations and generated guidelines for increasing the quality and impact of cross-sectoral youth policies and youth services.

From 2017 onwards, EU-CoE youth partnership has carried out a **research project on the educational paths of youth workers**, which aims to collect data and analyse the formal and non-formal education paths and career steps of youth workers, as contribution to the quality development in the youth work field.

Moreover, youth work is today very prominent in the priorities and processes of the Council of Europe and of the European Commission:

- **The Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers adopted in 2017 a recommendation** for its member states on youth work, which calls for the development of quality youth work to be

‘safeguarded and pro-actively supported within local, regional or national youth policies, as appropriate’.

- At the same time, the project **‘Quality Label for Youth Centres’** of the Council of Europe represents a good practice example of supporting youth work in Europe, with five youth centres in SEE that received the label so far.
- The **European Commission** recognises and foresees an ever-increasing role of youth work and youth policy in its new youth strategy and new programme on and for youth, in addition to its specific Western Balkans strategy.
- The Erasmus + programme and its predecessors have offered support for youth projects in the SEE region, supporting activities aiming at capacity building for youth workers, exchange of practices, competence building, intercultural understanding and partnerships.
- The structured support offered by the network of SALTO Resource Centres, and particularly by SALTO SEE, has made an important contribution to the development of youth work in the region.

At regional level, the Berlin process aims from 2014 to foster stability and security in Europe through stronger links with and support for the Western Balkans region. In the youth field, it led to an increased importance of the youth sector in relation to the policy agenda and more opportunities for youth work in the region.

The four events that stemmed from the Berlin process (Vienna 2015, Paris 2016, Trieste 2017, and London 2018) pointed to the relevance of the youth field and to the need for its support and development. **In the 2016 Paris meeting**, the role of youth work was reaffirmed in relation to developing young people’s civic competences, media literacy, non-formal education and, generally, the development of young people’s skills. In the **2017 event in Trieste**, a crucial role of youth work was identified in relation to youth information, mobility and the need for improved capacities of youth organisations to reach out to vulnerable groups. In **London, this year**, the Chair’s Conclusions ‘welcomed the role young people and civil society had played in shaping the London Summit and strongly agreed that young people are the region’s biggest asset. They also agreed that more needed to be done to harness the potential of the young people. Moreover, they remained concerned about the high levels of brain drain and youth unemployment in the region’¹.

The Berlin process, finally, led to the **creation of RYCO for enhancing youth mobility in the Western Balkans region**. RYCO offers today support for the development of youth work in the region and represents a unique reality stemming from international youth co-operation.

In addition to these events, an Action Plan for youth work and youth policy was defined at the first Europe-Western Balkans Youth Meeting in Ljubljana in 2016². The meeting emphasised the **contribution of youth work to support European integration and especially to promote youth participation, civic engagement and youth mobility**. Such **action plan** included the topics European citizenship, youth participation, social inclusion, youth employment, combatting radicalisation and extremism, and dealing with the past.

¹ <http://www.rycowb.org/?p=5029> 01/08/2018 14:45 CEST

² The Youth Meeting was organised by MOVIT, the Slovenian National Agency for Erasmus+, youth field, and, as part of it, the SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre, in partnership with the Austrian, German and Turkish National Agencies for Erasmus+, youth field, in close communication with the European Commission and with the support of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia.

During the second Europe-Western Balkans Youth Meeting, Podgorica, 23-25 May 2018, participants put together messages and recommendations to decision makers, European institutions and actors of the youth work field. They highlighted the role of youth work in relation to youth participation and engagement, social inclusion, mobility and civic/citizenship education, and reaffirmed the need for a European dimension in youth work in the region.

Furthermore, there are several recent tools available for youth work, such as those developed by experts groups coordinated by the European Commission (the toolkit on preventing violent radicalisation of young people and the handbook 'Improving youth work – your guide to quality development'), those developed by the EU-CoE youth partnership (e.g. the recent study on youth work combating violent radicalisation, the revised T-kits European citizenship and Intercultural learning; the handbook for youth work with young refugees) and the tools on quality in learning mobility developed in the framework of the European Platform on Learning Mobility (EPLM). The seminar will be an opportunity to disseminate these tools to the youth work sector in SEE.

Slovenia, furthermore, has established, over the years, a strong youth sector and a well-developed cooperation within South-East Europe in different policy areas affecting youth, while its **Office for Youth** has been fond of deepening regional cooperation in the field of youth, contributing to the implementation of the Council of Europe Recommendation on youth work.

The seminar

While the situation of young people has specificities at different levels in each of the societies in SEE, some challenges are present across the entire region; namely, high levels of youth unemployment and inactivity (due to both the economic context and the education system), intolerance, xenophobia and hate speech, the lack of awareness of other cultures, the demographic changes and the youth 'brain drain', lack of access to information and opportunities, as well as disengagement with institutions.

Regional co-operation is seen as an important and necessary step to developing opportunities for young people in SEE and youth work is mentioned often as one of the core means of reaching out to young people and engaging them in personal and social development activities, fostering their civic engagement, participation and their social inclusion.

Based on previous reflections and with the aim of influencing the current processes, the seminar will further explore the reality of youth work in SEE and on how to foster a better matching of its needs and those of young people in the region through youth policy, notably on a regional level and with consideration for European institutional developments. The event will be a peer-learning activity and an opportunity to promote a wide range of European support instruments, mechanisms and tools.

Objectives

Building on developments in the region, the activity aims to make a contribution to strengthening youth work in the region, by analysing its state of play and identifying the support needed from youth work policy, and in turn will consider the crucial role that youth work can play in supporting youth policy at different levels. The seminar will address this aim involving representatives of the triangle of youth work practice, policy and research. The seminar objectives are:

1. to strengthen the knowledge about youth work in South East Europe;
2. to explore current challenges and needs that youth work as a field has in SEE and how youth policy can respond to them, at different levels, through frameworks, capacity building, and support tools;
3. to enhance synergies between different relevant actors in the region for the development of the youth work sector;
4. to analyse the crucial role that youth work can play in supporting youth policy at different levels.

While definitions and realities of youth work across the region vary, several areas of discussion and improvement have been identified in the processes mentioned above, as follows, and inform the seminar objectives.

- What is the state of play of youth work in SEE, who are the actors involved, what are the themes addressed and the reality of young people? What are the changes youth work experiences in a changing societal and political context, especially with regard to digitalisation, but also to increasing inequality?
- What kind of enabling environment should youth policy put in place for supporting youth work in SEE (frameworks, infrastructure, spaces, support, funding and adequate procedures for youth work)?
- What is the state of play of youth workers' capacity, education paths and competences? What needs are there, especially in relation to the quality of youth work practice, reaching out to excluded youth, developing adequate programmes based on young people's needs?
- How can data and knowledge generated at European level be used at local level to further work and support the needs of the sector? What kind of data and knowledge can be helpful for youth work in SEE? How to ensure that youth work develops on the basis of knowledge?
- In what directions can European frameworks, materials and support structures provide support to local, regional and national youth policy actors and youth work organisations, to identify gaps and possible ways ahead?
- How to make the value and impact of youth work more visible and understandable outside the sector?

Expected outcomes

- Better understanding of the reality and of the needs of youth work providers in the region;
- Enhanced knowledge on the existing youth policy support structures for youth work at local and regional level across SEE;
- Increased awareness of the support available at European and regional level for youth work and for youth work policy;
- Deeper reflections on the most relevant themes, such as civic education, participation and social inclusion and quality learning mobility.

Participants

The seminar will bring together up to 45 participants with different profiles. The group will be ideally composed of a combination of

- youth work practitioners;
- youth work managers;
- youth work trainers and related profiles;
- youth workers' organisations;
- youth organisations;
- policy makers especially from SEE and from other European countries interested in co-operation in SEE, working at different levels (local, national, regional);
- teachers involved in youth mobility and non-formal education activities in SEE;
- researchers;
- representatives of the European Commission and of the Council of Europe's youth sector;
- representatives of other entities involved in regional co-operation.

Participants should be

- active in South-East Europe in the youth sector;
- if active elsewhere, concerned with or involved in the development of youth work and youth policy in South-East Europe;
- aware, if relevant, of the situation of youth work in their respective context and ready to share ideas and experience to reflect on the relationship with youth policy;
- able to communicate in English at a working level;
- ready to interact through various non-formal methodologies;
- able to participate for the whole duration of the event.

In order to apply, please fill in by **5 September 23:59 CEST** the form at [this link](#).

Please note that:

- Selected participants will be informed in writing by the EU-CoE youth partnership by 17 September at 13:00 CEST.
- The EU-CoE will cover all costs of travel, board and lodging for all selected participants, according to the regulations of the Council of Europe;
- All participants will be lodged in single rooms.

Date and venue

The seminar will take place in Slovenia (venue tbc) on 13 – 15 November 2018 (2.5 days).

We expect the event **to start at 9:00 on 13 November and to end at 13:00 on 15 November**. However, the exact schedule will be defined at a later stage.

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