



EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

2014 Education Week
“Quality Education: a Youth right!”

5-7 November 2014, Brussels

Wednesday 5th Nov:

POLICY & PRACTICE OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Venue: Renaissance Hotel – Room “Lisbon”, Rue du Parnasse 19, Brussels

9:30 a.m. Registration & welcome coffee

10 a.m. **Opening of the 2014 Education Week by European Youth Forum**

10:15 a.m. **Keynote speech** – Xavier Prats Monné, Director-General of DG EAC, European Commission “**A European Agenda for quality education for youth**”

Followed by a Q&A session

10.45 a.m. **Roundtable** “**Quality Education for young people in Europe: what’s the way forward?**”

An interactive discussion on the state of play of education affecting young people and the challenges and priorities ahead.

Moderator: Allan Pall, European Youth Forum, Secretary General

- MEP Julie Ward, S&D Group
- Daniele di Mitri, Vice-President, EUCIS-LLL
- Paola Cammilli, Social dialogue, Trade Unions & Human Rights, ETUCE
- Ben Butters, Director EU Affairs, EUROCHAMBERS
- Tia Loukkola, Director of Institutional Development, EUA

Q&A

12:30 p.m. **Networking Lunch**

2 p.m. **Quality Education in Practice: youth organisations’ perspectives**

Youth organisations, members of the European Youth Forum, will present their work and perspectives on a specific topic concerning quality education, and draw from their experience to facilitate an interactive discussion with stakeholders.





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Parallel workshops

- **Workshop 1 – "QUEST for Quality for Students: views from higher education", organised by European Students Union (ESU).** The workshops will present the outcomes of the QUEST Project (Quest for Quality for Students), defining a concept of Quality that gives better answer to the learner-centred high quality model of higher education students in Europe. This will be followed by an interactive discussion about the new standard on student-centred learning in the revised version of the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance.

(Venue: British Council – Room "Jansen", Rue du Trône 108)

- **Workshop 2: 'Learning mobility in youth organisations: its contribution to quality education', organised jointly by EFIL, EEE-YFU, YEU, AEGEE and ESN.** The workshop will offer an overview of the different non-formal and informal learning gained within the kind of mobility offered by the organisations and how quality of learning is ensured. A discussion will be facilitated concerning challenges that youth mobility is still facing.

(Venue: Renaissance Hotel – Room "Lisbon", Rue du Parnasse 19)

3:30 p.m. *Coffee break*

4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – **Quality Education in Practice: youth organisations' perspectives (cont'd)**

Parallel workshops

- **Workshop 3: "Education, we have a problem! – Social inclusion in formal education", organised by the Organising Bureau of European Students Union (OBESSU).** During the workshop OBESSU will present its 2013-2014 campaign on the topic of social inclusion in education and facilitate a discussion on some of the aspects affecting inclusion in education.

(Venue: British Council – Room "Jansen", Rue du Trône 108)

- **Workshop 4: "Quality education: Global citizenship education above all", organised by the Dutch Youth Council (NJR).** An interactive panel discussion on the different aspects of (global) citizenship education, including sustainable development, human rights, intercultural dialogue, and national and European citizenship education, as an indispensable component of quality education. This will be followed by a discussion on the various types of formative education.

(Venue: Renaissance Hotel – Room "Lisbon", Rue du Parnasse 19)





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Thursday 6th Nov.

QUALITY EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Venue: University Foundation, Rue d'Egmont 11 - 1000 Brussels

9.15 am – **Opening**

9:30 Youth organisations' perspectives

Workshops led by member organisations of the European Youth Forum addressing the topic of education, skills and employability. A total of four workshops will be run in two rounds; in each round, two workshops will be run in parallel.

Parallel workshops

- **Workshop 1 – Student Mobility as a way to solve Europe-wide youth unemployment, organised by ESN (Erasmus Student Network) and IFMSA.** Is Student mobility a way to solve Youth Unemployment in Europe? This workshop will present different studies on the impact of mobility. The European Commission will present the Erasmus Impact Study and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) the STORY and ESNSurvey studies. Afterwards the International Federation of Medical Student Associations (IFMSA) will present a perspective on how mobility impacts specific professions, such as life sciences. The participants will have space to discuss the different perspectives and contribute to the question on how to facilitate student mobility in the most efficient way.
(Room Emile Francqui)
- **Workshop 2 – “Youth work, Validation and Employability: Benefits of a common tool - let the different parties speak”. Organised by AEGEE – European Students’ Forum.** A roundtable discussion on the validation of Non-Formal Education and the benefits of having a common validation tool in the youth sector. The discussions will be framed under the wider topic of skills and employability of young people and on the benefits of validation of competences gained in youth sector for the labor market.
(Room A)

11 a.m. *Coffee break*

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11:30 a.m. Roundtable “Education, skills and employability: what’s at stake?”

An interactive discussion on the current skills policies, their impact on education and on employability. Issues to be addressed during this sessions include the links between education and the labour market and the so-called “skills mismatch”; the value of NFE for the development of soft-skills and transversal competences and lifelong learning policies; and the role of youth organisations as NFE providers.

Moderator: Alix Masson, European Youth Forum

- Steve Bainbridge, Senior Expert Area Research and Policy Analysis, CEDEFOP
- Glenda Quintini, Employment Analysis and Policy division, OECD
- Frédérique Naulette, Zone Europe HR project manager, Nestlé
- MEP Antanas Guoga, ALDE Group
- MEP Terry Reintke, The Greens/EFA
- Marcio Barcelos, European Youth Forum

Q&A

1 p.m. *Lunch*

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. - Youth organisations’ perspectives (cont’d)

- **Workshop 3 – “Skills for employability?” Organised by European Students Union (ESU).** This workshop will facilitate a reflection and a discussion on the acquisition of skills to find employment, including through formal higher education as well as through non-formal education. Arguments will be backed up by the results of ESU’s research study on Graduates Employability conducted under SAGE project.
(Room Emile Francqui)
- **Workshop 4 - “Certification of youth workers’ qualification – road to greater recognition of youth work”, organised by Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU).** This workshop will be presenting the certification and validation tool on how to recognise and certificate the competences of youth workers and leaders gained in NFE, volunteering activities and job settings. Following the presentation, participants will be able to test the tool and discuss how it can support the advocacy work recognition of non-formal education and youth work.
(Room A)





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Friday 7th Nov.

NON-FORMAL EDUCATION: BRINGING BRIDGES FOR QUALITY AND RECOGNITION

Hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee



European Economic and Social Committee

Venue: EESC, Rue Belliard 99, Brussels, room JDE 63

A seminar to explore the state of play of recognition of non-formal education in policy and practice and identify the way to bring the call for recognition to the next level. Inspiring practices on recognition at European and national level, both by youth organisations as well as governments and Universities, will be shared during the sessions to contribute to the development of evidence-based policies.

8:30 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. Welcome & Opening

Welcome by Pavel Trantina, EESC

Opening by Márcio Barcelos, European Youth Forum

9:15 a.m. Where are we now? Progress made since 2011

- Overview of policy developments at European level
 - Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe
 - Corinna Liersch, DG EAC-Youth Unit, European Commission
- Presentation of the activities in the framework of the EU-CoE youth partnership, by Hanjo Schild, SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre, by Kristiina Pernits, and the European Youth Forum, by Marcio Barcelos.

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9.45 a.m. **Recognition in practice: gathering inspiration from good experiences**

Two parallel tables addressing two levels of the call for recognition each time. The discussion will be facilitated through a set of questions, followed by the sharing of experiences by participants.

- Table 1: Political recognition: how are governmental authorities recognising NFE in legislation and supporting youth organisations? Exchange of practices and reflections
- Table 2: Formal recognition: How are formal education institutions supporting the recognition of competences gained through NFE in youth organisations? Exchange of practices and reflections

10:45 a.m. *Coffee break*

11 a.m. - **Recognition in practice: gathering inspiration from good experiences (cont'd)**

- Table 3: Social recognition: how are employers and other social stakeholders recognising the educational work of youth organisations? Exchange of practices and reflections
- Table 4: Self-recognition: what support is available for young people in the process of identifying and documenting the competences they gain? Exchange of practices and reflections

12 p.m. – **Panel “Recognition ahead: how to consolidate the bridges for recognition?”**

Building on the information gathered from the previous session, an interactive discussion among governments, policy-makers, University representatives and employers representatives on the future of the recognition of NFE and how they can contribute to this process.

Moderator: Expert Group on Recognition of NFE and Youth Work

- Amandine Hubert, French Ministry for urban, youth and sports affairs
- Johan Cloet, Secretary General, EURASHE
- Chiara Riondino, DG EMPL – Skills Unit, European Commission
- Jan Van Hee, Belgium representative at the Council of Europe’s Intergovernmental Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ)





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1 p.m. - **Closing remarks by European Youth Forum**

1:15 p.m. – *Networking lunch*

2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Quality Assurance of NFE in youth organisations: work in progress

venue: Rue de Trèves, 74, 1040 Brussels, room TRE 7701 (7th floor, Trèves building of the EESC)

A hands-on workshop to introduce the Framework on Quality Assurance of Non-Formal Education developed by the Youth Forum and share examples on how youth organisations are using it in their work. This will be followed by a discussion on how such a tool can support youth organisations in improving the quality of their work while reinforcing their call for recognition.

- Introduction by YFJ to the QA framework: rationale, process of development, how it works.
- Exchange of views with youth organisations who use the framework
- Interactive discussion on the value of the QA framework to improve quality and enhance recognition

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