



TWO
YEAR
REPORT
2013-2014
REPORTING
ON OUR KEY
PERFORMANCE
INDICATORS



european
youth forum



This report examines the critical success factors outlined in the Work Plan 2013-14. It outlines what has been achieved by the European Youth Forum over the past two years and highlights key performance indicators and the corresponding activity over this period.



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- *YOUTH PARTICIPATION*
 - *STRONG YOUTH ORGANISATIONS*
 - *AUTONOMY AND INCLUSION*
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POLICY AND ADVOCACY

The overall goal for the policy development and advocacy of the European Youth Forum is:

~ to make the Youth Forum an AGENDA-SETTER in youth policy in Europe and beyond to fulfil its role as a responsible stakeholder, and advocate for the rights of young people.

~ to EMPOWER its member organisations

~ The Forum will do this by basing its policies on a RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

THE YOUTH FORUM HAS THREE POLICY AND ADVOCACY CHAPTERS:

- 1. YOUTH PARTICIPATION*
- 2. STRONG YOUTH ORGANISATIONS*
- 3. YOUTH AUTONOMY & INCLUSION*

*YOUTH
PARTICI-
PATION*



~ *CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR:*
a strong European initiative to strengthen youth participation in decision-making processes at all levels, and inclusion of a chapter on intergenerational justice in the programmes of political parties.

~ *WHAT WE ACHIEVED:*
The League of Young Voters was established in 25 EU states and LoveYouthFuture gained support of 85 elected MEPs.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

*Increased amount of young people
voting with an informed choice
at the next European Elections.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*reach **50,000**
people online by end of 2013*

We reached over

200,000

*online between League activities
and the First Presidential Debate.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

2/3 *National Youth Councils*
from EU in the LYV and a third of the
International Non Governmental Youth Organisations

27 *NYCs in 25 member*
states ran Leagues & 5 INGYOs.

WE SAID WE WOULD...

have at least 5 EP candidates per
party endorse the LYF claims

85 *elected MEPs from nearly all*
Groups support LYF claims

WE SAID WE WOULD...

Involve at least

200

*young people in debating
face-to-face on the issue and reach*



20,000

online on Vote@16

*We held debate at European Youth
Event (May 2014), voting tool engaged over*

800

young people in vote@16



~ EXPECTED RESULT:

Translation in political actions and in legal documents of the youth inputs coming from the EU structured dialogue, the Council of Europe co-management, ICMYO, and the UN Youth Delegates in all youth related topics.

*WE SAID WE WOULD...
ensure that the outcomes of the structured dialogue are finalised with a strong Council outcome
Several youth conference recommendations were included in Council Conclusions, for instance for the Greek and Irish Presidencies*

*WE SAID WE WOULD...
train and follow-up at least a third of member organisations*

22 *organisations took part in training on EU Advocacy in 2013*

25 *in 2014*

*WE SAID WE WOULD...
by 2014 have a youth,
peace and security
resolution discussed
at the UN Security Council
Continuous efforts,
but not yet achieved*

*WE SAID WE WOULD...
Strengthen role of the
European Youth Forum
in the Advisory Council
and the Council
of Europe in general
We facilitated AC elections
in 2013, organised
(advocacy) training for
AC in 2014 and undertook
briefing before AC meetings*

*~ EXPECTED RESULT:
A youth friendly
post-2015 development
agenda based on
equal global partnerships.*

*WE SAID WE WOULD...
consolidate partnerships
We took part in Universities
on Youth & Development,
3rd Africa Europe Youth Leaders Summit
& China-EU Youth platform*

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

Improved understanding of the processes for participation from local to European level, and reinforcing the impact of the European Youth Capital by formally recognising the title jointly by European Institutions and the European Youth Forum.

WE SAID THAT...

CoE and/or CLARE
would recognise the title
by the end of 2014
CLARE an endorsing
partner and
supporter of European
Youth Capital title

WE SAID WE WOULD...

revamp the website
and press work
New website launched,
better promotion of activities
in EYC cities.

WE SAID WE WOULD...

consolidate the jury system
Clearer rules on jury
membership, high number of
returning jury members and
monitoring consolidated



STRONG YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

~ CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR:

more recognition and more and better targeted administrative funding for youth organisations, through the development of new and current European Union and Council of Europe financial programmes and other instruments (legal basis).

~ WHAT WE ACHIEVED:

the administrative and project funding support to youth organisations in Europe is ensured in Erasmus+ and continuing along the right track, the support to Member Organisations to help them to grow stronger is increasingly appreciated.

*KEY
PERFORMANCE
INDICATORS:*

*~ EXPECTED RESULT:
Sustained funding and
training for activities
and every-day function
of youth organisations
provided by institutions
and partners.*



WE SAID WE WOULD...

*assist a significant % of Member Organisations to get (new) EU funding
More than 60% of INGYOs members are getting administrative support.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*produce a toolkit (2013), train MOs (2014) and disseminate the toolkit
Toolkit on Youth Cooperatives was published and widely disseminated.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*provide high quality training for MOs
An increasing number of MOs have showed interest and appreciation for the funding training, information and networking sessions.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*complete a compilation of youth legislation by 2014
Full overview of youth legislation completed in more than 22 European countries and implementation phase of online database.*

~ EXPECTED RESULT:
More national youth
councils legally recognised
and sustainably funded
in Europe.



WE SAID WE WOULD...

*provide support to 5 NYCs
We provided sustainable
organisational development
tools to more than 10 NYCs*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*organise two
positively-evaluated events
Positive feedback on
the two events organised.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*host an annual capacity
building event in the
Caucasus region involving
youth NGOs and relevant
institutions
Events held and cooperation
between NYCs in the region
has been strengthened*

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

Concrete steps in the implementation of the Council of the EU 2010 Resolution on Youth Work and of the European Charter on the Rights and Responsibilities of Volunteers, and recognition of the Volunteer Time Contribution as eligible co-funding in European programmes.

WE SAID WE WOULD...

hold a significant number of meetings with diverse stakeholders

At least 30 meetings were organised on the topic with a wide variety of stakeholders (MEPs, European Commission, civil society organisations, etc.).

WE SAID WE WOULD...

Work towards Volunteer Time Contribution (VTC) eligibility being implemented in EU Programmes

VTC included in the final text of Erasmus+ and as co-funding in the European Youth Foundations grants. implementation phase of online database.

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*produce products
with wide outreach
4 videos were produced
illustrating grassroots youth
work and were disseminated
widely*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*involve at least a third of MOs
Massive presence of MOs
during the 25th anniversary
of EU Youth Programmes*

EXPECTED RESULT:

*Qualitative growth of
youth organisations
by diversifying their
membership.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*help organisations make
positive change in their
outreach strategies and
collect 11 facts for advocacy
purposes*

*Positive changes
implemented in
participating organisations.
11 facts collected.*





AUTONOMY AND INCLUSION

~ CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR:

a strong European institutional initiative that will increase political and financial investment in youth employment.

~ WHAT WE ACHIEVED:

The European Commission released the Youth Employment package including policy measures and related funding (Youth Employment Initiative: Euro 6 billion) including a binding Youth Guarantee, a Quality Framework on Traineeships and the Alliance for Apprenticeships.

***KEY
PERFORMANCE
INDICATORS:***

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

*Quality Education to be a
priority of European Policies
and a Non-Formal Education
Quality Assurance Network
contributing to this.*



WE SAID WE WOULD...

*contribute to meaningful processes in international institutions
We contributed to the creation of a European Area of Skills and Qualifications, to the ET2020 strategy, to the implementation of the 2012 Council Recommendation on the validation of non-formal and informal learning processes, to the discussions around the Post-2015 agenda on education*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*run training for a significant number of Member Organisations and set up non-formal education quality assurance network by 2015
Over 27 youth organisations have participated in QA training*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*involve at least a third of MOs
25 MOs were selected, out of 44 applications. 10 MOs made proposals to contribute with workshops and presentations.*



~ EXPECTED RESULT:

A European Youth Employment Package that raises the standards of access to the job market, including quality internships, a binding European youth guarantee, minimum wages, and support to entrepreneurship.

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*produce research
and involve MOs*

*We produced several
publications: Quality Jobs
for Young People, shadow
report on national measures
on youth employment, Youth
Organisations and the
Youth Guarantee and Youth
and the Crisis, involving
more than 20 MOs through
4 events and via written
contribution.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*Engage many MOs
and partners in Youth
Employment Action*

*YEA event in 2013
attended by many relevant
partners including and 20
MOs Another YEA meeting
in 2014 involved 20 MOs.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*create partnerships and
translate them at national
level*

*Partnerships built and
outreach towards civil society
partners (Social Platform,
CSR Europe,
EAPN BCCB, EPACA),
business organisations
(Eurochambres,
Eurocommerce), trade
unions, think tanks
(European Policy Centre)
and the ILO. New signatories
to the Internships Charter:
UNI Global and Brussels
Interns NGO, Mlad!info,
BJV – Austrian Youth
Council. New partners: Nestle
and Adecco. Working Group
of Employers established
with 6 companies developing
an employers' guidelines for
quality internships.*

~ EXPECTED RESULT:
Adoption of legal tools for
youth rights in the Council of
Europe and the UN system and
re-launch of the
Anti-Discrimination
Directive campaign at
EU level and advocate for the
recognition of the Council of
Europe Charter on Education
for Democratic Citizenship and
Human Rights Education.

*WE SAID WE WOULD...
achieve recognition
of youth rights in
institutional documents
Contributed to a strong
Council of Europe*

*Committee of Ministers
Recommendation on young
people's access to rights and
EU Council Conclusions on
Youth Empowerment and
access to rights.*



WE SAID WE WOULD...

*enable staff and
MOs to draft policies
and advocate for
rights-based approach.
RBA training for the
Secretariat and 15 MOs.
An RBA module for trainers
developed by end 2014.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*hold a successful event
Anti-Discrimination with
MOs present and a diversity
of stakeholders - leading to
a change
Roundtable on youth and
multiple discrimination
with NGOs coalition during
the EYE attended by 60
participants from MOs and
beyond.*

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

Include a new visa category for all types of youth exchanges, volunteering and youth work activities as well as ease administrative procedures for issuing visas and residence permits for non-EU pupils, students and volunteers coming to the European Union in the revision of the EC Directive 2004/114.

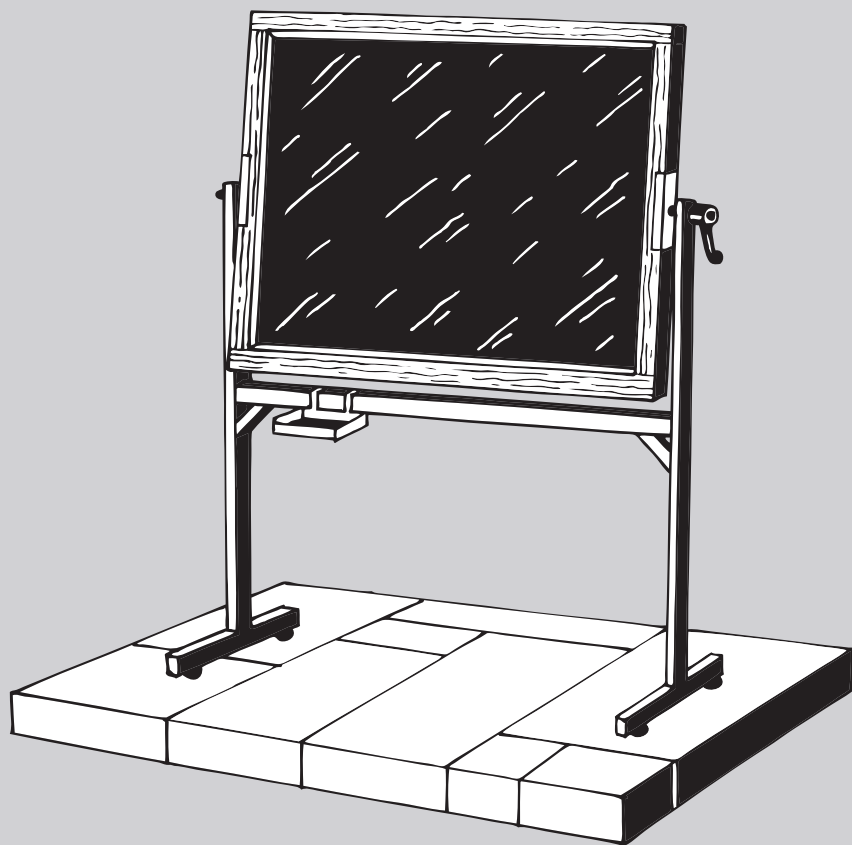


WE SAID WE WOULD...

*work towards youth organisations and/or youth exchanges mentioned in the revision of the EC Directive
Six demands implemented in the European Parliament's report. Reaction to the Union code proposal issued.*

WE SAID WE WOULD...

*engage NYCs with national and European authorities for lobbying for visa purposes
Implemented 5 "micro-grants" in cooperation with MOs. Advocacy toolkits to help members advocate on the two Visa processes developed.*



AN INCLUSIVE PLATFORM

~ **CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR:**

strengthened inclusion of the Forum's members in its advocacy work and external representation, and increased pro-activeness of the members in contributing to the work of the platform.

~ **WHAT WE ACHIEVED:**

More and more inclusive working methods have been implemented through both online and face-to-face consultations, working groups and discussions at the COMEMs.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

establishment of working structures and tools that allow flexibility in the contribution to the processes of all interested members, as well as allow a more horizontal cooperation among members on topics of their interest.

WE SAID WE WOULD...

establish a platform,
undertake surveys, establish
virtual networks and
consolidate online library.
Online platform launched
and **8** surveys undertaken.

WE SAID WE WOULD...

undertake to visit MOs
3 study visits
(LAEF, UYF, LJP)
and countless events
of MOs attended.

EXPECTED RESULT:

Increase the quality of membership services, of the Pool of Trainers and Facilitators, and of the contact system between the Board and the members.

WE SAID WE WOULD... have MOs represented at a significant number of meetings, deliver a significant amount of training and develop support and training modules.

***1988** individuals representing **82** MOs took part in **155** events, training sessions, and workshops: **84%** of our membership has been actively involved in events.*

*Training/facilitation by Pool of Trainers more than **60** times.*

***5** modules produced by POT on Advocacy and Lobbying; Organisational Management; Volunteer Management; Training on Funding Opportunities and Coaching.*



AN OPERATIONAL PLATFORM

*~ CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR:
activities and administrative services
delivered on time and effectively.*

*~ WHAT WE ACHIEVED:
Improvement in the administrative services,
maximising the usage of resources and
improve efficiency, reporting for different
grants and projects, to ensure financially
sustainability of the platform.*

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

*A standard-setter as employer in
the European NGO sector.*

*Update of the online recruitment platform; implementation of an internship framework in line with Belgian legislation; staff performances appraisal system; compliance of internal working regulations with Belgian labour law.
4947 applications received and 13 recruitment calls launched*

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

A wider outreach and more resources for the platform and its members through partnerships with new actors, such as from the private sector, research institutes and think tanks.

Engagement with new actors and partnerships with service providers

~ EXPECTED RESULT:

evaluation of the existing legal entities and creation of a set of recommendations on how they can better help the functioning and the future development of the Platform.

Closing of the YFEU platform; statutory changes; director fee and administrator status.



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