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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN ERYICA AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Joint Co-ordinating Committee (JCC)

24th meeting

Brussels (Belgium), 12 October 2013

Report

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by André-Jacques Dodin, representing the secretariat of the Council of Europe. The list of participants is included in Appendix I.

The JCC adopted the agenda of its 24th meeting, as it appears in Appendix II.

2. Adoption of the draft report of the 23rd meeting of the JCC

The JCC adopted the report of its 23rd meeting (CC-ERYICA(2012)PV23prov)

3. Recent developments within the Council of Europe and ERYICA respectively

Council of Europe

The meetings of the statutory bodies of the youth sector will take place from 14-16 October. The main items on the agenda of the meeting of the Joint Council will be as follows: preparation of a draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to the member states on the access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights and a discussion on the possible preparation of another draft recommendation on the main theme of the 9th Council of Europe conference of ministers responsible for Youth (St Petersburg, 2012); a discussion on the No Hate speech Movement Campaign with a decision concerning the duration of this campaign and its evaluation; the adoption of the 2014-2015 framework co-operation agreement between the CoE Youth Department and the Russian Federation in the field of youth policy; a discussion on the future of the co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the field of youth. As regards the meeting of the CDEJ, a discussion will take place on the topic of "How youth policy can improve/facilitate the employability of young people and their access to work life", based on a presentation of good practice by Luxembourg.

The Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation (Education and Youth), Olöf Olafsdottir left the Council of Europe at the end of September. The vacancy notice for Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation has been published. The nomination is expected by the end of the year/beginning of 2014. In the meantime the Director General has nominated Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek as Director *ad interim* as of 1 October until the new director is recruited through the regular procedure. The Director General has now identified an A5 post for Head of Youth Department. This post will be available as from 1 January 2014.

The Slovakian authorities hosted the Summer University in Kosice (Slovak republic). 27 participants, including 11 CDEJ, 5 AC (2 future new members), 1 Congress, representatives of Roma youth organisations/networks, EYCA, ERYICA, European Youth Forum. The programme included field visits to Roma Community centres. The programme was of high quality with a wide variety of participants. The topic (Roma youth) helped to attract “committed” participants.

The international expert team on the youth policy review in Greece made a second visit to Greece (Thessaloniki) from 2 to 6 September. This is the 20th youth policy review being carried out by the CoE. Following Romania’s request for a second phase of the youth policy review process (after the international youth policy review conducted 13 years ago), a small delegation visited Romania in June. The report of this visit and a strategic development proposal will be considered by the CDEJ in October.

On 24-29 September an expert team visited the Eco Center Radulovacki in Sremski Karlovci, a youth centre in Serbia which has applied for the [CoE Quality Label for Youth Centres](#).

As regards the European Youth Centre Budapest, in close cooperation and in agreement with the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice (now responsible for the maintenance of the EYCB, Hung. KIM), the recently founded National Youth Council of Hungary shall set up its secretariat on the premises of the European Youth Centre Budapest. The National Youth Council of Hungary represents 105 Hungarian youth organisations.

Concerning the Council of Europe in general, the [World Forum for Democracy](#) (WFD) on "Re-wiring democracy: connecting institutions and citizens in the digital age" will take place in Strasbourg on 27-29 November 2013. Youth representatives will participate in the Forum as well as in the fringe programme.

ERYICA

On the occasion of the last General Assembly, that took place in Antalya in April, a new Governing Board has been elected. After almost seven years in the post, Marc Boes stepped down as a president to be replaced by Sanja Vukovic-Covic. The newly elected Board will be in charge for the next three years.

Most of the energies of the Organisation have been dedicated in 2013 to the development of the Compedium on youth information and of the Kit on informing young people on their rights, both produced in the framework of the CoE-ERYICA cooperation. The latter is a product of the follow-up of the Campaign of 2012, whose results and booklets have been presented at the EYCB during the spring Joint Council. The exhibition of pictures was also set up in that setting and governmental representatives as well as the Advisory Council were able to see the results of the year-long work.

In June, a Symposium on the role of youth information in the framework of youth policy was organised in Zagreb by the EU-CoE Youth Partnership. Moreover, the 21st edition of the “Coyote” magazine will be fully dedicated to youth information and ERYICA is directly involved in the editing of the edition.

The “Youth on the Move – InfoMobility” project is also being developed in close cooperation with the European Youth Card Association and the European Commission. The aim of the project is to design services for informing and involving more and better young people in mobility abroad.

Preparations are underway for organising the Summer University on Youth Information and Counselling that will take place in 2014 with support from Youth in Action and possibly from the Council of Europe.

ERYICA will move at the end of the year to new premises, always in Luxembourg with support from the Government.

4. Compendium on youth information

The Compendium on national youth information and counselling structures is now completed and will be edited and printed. It includes everything about youth information and counselling (concept and history including ERYICA and its services, the impact of youth information and establishing youth information and counselling structures on a national level, including examples of good practice from different youth information and counselling networks. The compendium will be addressed to governments and presented to some countries.

5. Kit for informing young people on their rights

The aim of this publication is to provide a tool to inform young people of their rights. The Council of Europe Youth Department will examine the possibility of printing the kit and a session on how to use this tool will be organised during the Summer University on youth information and counselling (Portugal, June 2014). ERYICA will also examine the possibility of applying for a study session at the EYC (application which would be submitted by a youth NGO).

6. Summer University 2014

André-Jacques Dodin informed the JCC that so far no country had proposed to host the 2014 Summer University of the CDEJ. Further information in this regard will be communicated later.

7. Other activities of the Partnership in 2014

The JCC agreed to allocate the resources for the Partnership for 2014 to the following priorities:

- Presentation of the Compendium to Member States
- Summer University on Youth Information and Counselling (Portugal, June 2014)

In addition to these two priorities, resources outside the budget of the partnership will be needed in order to publish and translate the Kit for informing young people on their rights.

8. Translations of Starter Kit and new editions

The JCC agreed that further translations of the “Starter Kit” are no longer needed and that the priority for translation should go to the kit on informing young people on their rights.

9. Future of the Partnership and re-organisation of the meetings of the Joint Coordinating Committee

The JCC agreed that in future, its meetings should be organised in connection with the meetings of the statutory bodies of the youth sector and that the next JCC meeting should therefore take place during the March 2014 meeting of the Joint Council, CDEJ and Advisory Council (Budapest).

10. Any other business

The JCC asked the Youth Department of the Council of Europe to consider the possibility of involving ERYICA in the international reviews of national youth policies and to allow a presentation of ERYICA during the first meeting of the new the Advisory Council in March 2014.

11. Date and place of the next meeting

The members of the JCC suggested that their next meeting takes place during the meeting of the statutory bodies of the youth sector (24-26 March 2014, Budapest) but a few weeks after the present meeting, André-Jacques Dodin drew the attention of Davide Capecchi to a number of difficulties in holding the JCC meeting as proposed (lack of time). Davide Capecchi and André-Jacques Dodin proposed to contact Alexis Ridde to check if it would be possible to hold the meeting in Paris in autumn.

Appendix I

List of participants

3 Members of the CDEJ / 3 membres du CDEJ

Alexis RIDDE **Apologised for absence / excusé**
 Chef de la mission de la coopération européenne et internationale - jeunesse, vie associative
 Ministère des sports, de la jeunesse, de l'éducation populaire et de la vie associative
 Direction de la jeunesse, de l'éducation populaire et de la vie associative

Isabelle DEGULNE (in replacement of Laurence Hermand)
 Bureau International Jeunesse
 Eurodesk
 Espace Infos Mobilité

Akaki JAMBURIA (in replacement of Manana Kavtaradze)
 Chief Specialist of international Relations
 Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs of Georgia

1 representative of the Advisory Council on Youth / 1 représentant du Conseil consultatif sur la jeunesse

Unnur HJÁLMAUSDÓTTIR
 ICELAND

(in replacement of Ausrine ARMONAITE, Lithuanian Youth Council (LiJOT))

3 Members of ERYICA / 3 membres de ERYICA

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 MALTA

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Davide CAPECCHI
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