

Youth Partnership News

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New phase for the Youth-Partnership

The co-operation between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the context of the Youth Partnership started in 1998 with a specific focus on training of youth workers and of youth leaders; as from 2003 two further covenants on youth research and on co-operation with the Euro-Med region enlarged the Partnership activities. A new phase was initiated with the creation of one single framework agreement in the years 2005-2006 covering the three pillars. Now, the two partners have approved this framework agreement by signing a new contract for the period 2007-2009 and a specific agreement for 2007 outlining the actions of this period.

The Objectives of the Partnership for 2007 -2009

Four fundamental goals were agreed upon for the next three years:

- Citizenship, Participation, Human Right Education, Intercultural dialogue
- Social Cohesion, Inclusion, Equal opportunities
- Quality, Recognition and Visibility of Youth Work and Training
- Better Knowledge of Youth and Development of Youth Policies.

THE WORK PROGRAM 2007



The work program for 2007 and beyond foresees a continuation of ongoing and approved activities in the field of youth work, youth policy and youth research; at the same time the partners agreed on an increased regional focus in South-East Europe and Eastern Europe by continuously cooperating with the Euro-Med region.

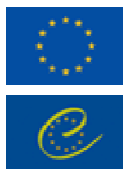
In the context of the *training field* it is planned to continue the co-operation with the National Agencies for the YOUTH in Action Program on the highly demanded training courses for youth workers in European citizenship. In 2007-08, the National Agencies will implement six **Training Courses on European Citizenship** in conjunction with the SALTO Training and Cooperation RC and the Partnership.

In addition, it is planned to invite stakeholders in the training sector to a meeting regarding current and future activities in the field of Training of Trainers.

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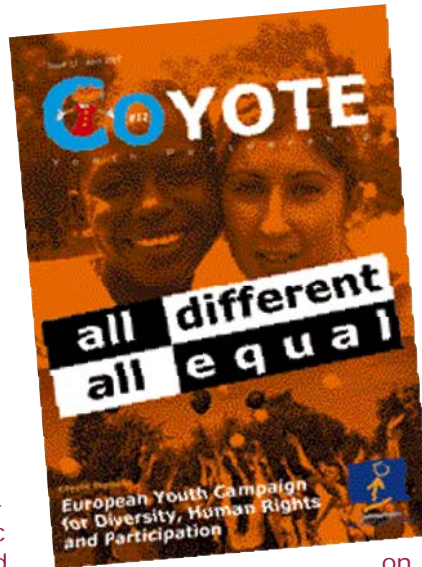
Euro-Med region the third regional training course on human rights and citizenship for the Maghreb region will be organized as well as the continuation of a series of ongoing training activities. The evaluation of the finalized course of Training of Trainers will emphasize the needs of future training activities in the region. Further, a special seminar on Euro-Med within the summer university on youth and development will take place in Spain.



In the sector of *youth policy development* it is planned to hold a series of seminars and workshops, which will focus on particular regions: the Russian Federation, Eastern Europe and the Caucasus region (in Ukraine), South-Eastern Europe (in Croatia) and the Euro-Mediterranean region (in Budapest).

Within the context of *knowledge production and knowledge provision* the Partnership organizes regularly thematic research seminars to which especially young researchers are invited to present their research findings; in 2007 these seminars focus on 'Employment' and 'Equal Opportunities for all'. The study on 'the economic scope of the youth work' will be presented to the public before summer and the network of youth researchers will have its 13th annual meeting in autumn. The Partnership also supports the development of a master course of "European Youth Studies".

The virtual "*European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy*" (EKCYC) experiences its first modification, after a period of development and a detailed evaluation; the modified site will facilitate access and bring a clearer structure and user friendliness. Thus the Knowledge Centre will be the heart of a renewed and single Part-



nership web portal. This will be accompanied by a new graphic and visual organization of the partnership publications.

Concerning *publications and information*, the development of the series of the T(rainings)-kits continues. T-kit 10 on the topic of "Evaluation" was published in June, while T-kit 11 on "Euro-Med" should be finalised soon. The development of an issue on 'Conflict Management' started in May with a first editorial meeting. Issue 12 of the magazine COYOTE focussing

on the European Youth Campaign "All different – all equal" was published in April and is available on the Partnership website. Preparation for issue 13 of Coyote focussing on "Intercultural Dialogue" has started.

Last but not least, as in 2006, the European Commission allocated in the context of the partnership agreement a special allowance for the European youth campaign for diversity, human rights and participation "All different – all equal".

The management of the partnership activities

The management of the Partnership Program is further ensured by the Secretariat, which includes beside the Partnership Co-ordinator seven employees (including part-time posts). The Secretariat of the Partnership is monitored by the Management Board, which consists of representatives of the two institutions and ensures the general governance and the monitoring. In order to invite the numerous stakeholders to participate in the design and implementation of the program, apart from an annually organized consultation meeting, three sectorial groups are convened to programmatically accompany the Partnership activities. They meet once a year in order to discuss needs and priorities and to give feed-back on the implementation of priorities.

since it contributes in a substantial way to quality assurance and advancement of these fields, it supports networks and the implementation of a structured dialogue between youth work, youth policy and youth research.

Conclusion

The Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe enters in 2008 into its 10th year. It has constantly developed and consolidated in the course of the years. It is hard to imagine European Youth Policy and Youth Work without this component,



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