

Meeting of the National Working Groups

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Harvesting Summary



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1. Introduction

a. Programme

The Meeting was organized by the Austrian National Agency in cooperation with DG EAC, the European Youth Forum and the Bundesjugendvertretung.

Together with the facilitators Tea Jarc, Milosh Ristovski and Alexandra Beweis the following Programme was created:

	Day 1, Feb 6th <i>Downloading</i>	Day 2, Feb 7th <i>Create shared awareness</i>	Day 3, Feb 8th <i>How do we make a change</i>
09:00 11:00	Arrival of participants	Youth Dialogue WHY do we do it?	Pro-action Space for new ideas, synergies and collaborations
11:30 13:00		Impact on different levels and best practices	Follow up, evaluation and closing of the NWG Meeting
13:00	Lunch		
14:00 16:00	Opening and introduction of the NWG Meeting ----- Overview of the current development (EUYS, Youth Goals, Youth Dialogue,...)	Impact on different levels and best practices	Departures of participants
16:30 18:00	Realities of NWGs		
19:00	Dinner		
21:00	Exhibition for peer learning exchange	Theme Party	

b. General Conclusions

Feedback by the participants was generally positive and there was a strong wish expressed to continue this format. The National Working Group Meeting was seen by the participants as a very valuable Meeting for supporting the implementation of the EU Youth Dialogue and the exchange between National Working groups. This Meeting should be continued on a regular basis and is organised before the start of the EU Youth Dialogue Cycle, with a strong involvement of the future Trio Presidency. Preferably, if possible, the meeting would be organised by one or more of the National Agencies from the next Trio Presidency, in consistency with the preparation of the following Cycle. It is essential that the planning of the Meeting involves all relevant stakeholders - The European Commission, the European Youth Forum as well as the National Authorities, National Agencies and Youth Councils of the organising countries.

2. Overview of the current development

a. EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027

Diversity in target group

- reach out to non-organized, non-engaged youth through stakeholders in the youth fields, e.g. social work, disability organisations, sports clubs
- how to find/reach out to un-organized youth?
- Focus on engaging young people affected by socio-economic exclusion (target young poverty)



Implementation and monitoring

- the strategy is a framework to be able to act and ask for money. It's full of options but we need to check for realisation, still many open questions about how we do it.
- a new youth strategy is also the opportunity to renew or create national youth strategies
- This is the time to place the topics of the EUYS cross-sectoral in different ministries and different levels.
- Europe 2020 indicators tend to be quite popular among governments and population. Why shouldn't we have some indicators in EUYS? Shouldn't there be more concrete measures to try to reach a minimum level in all EU-countries?
- It is necessary while planning and preparing new tools for strategy implementation to make it as digital and youth friendly as possible. Easy use for member states.
- The involvement of other actors in EUYS? Idea: To develop a mechanism of actor's co-responsibility in EUYS. Question: How to develop that mechanism and who will develop it?
- improve the EU-Youth Dialogue: work-cycle of 18-months and the possibility to participate in different stages; improve outcomes and follow-up

Communication of the EUYS

- How to improve visibility of the EUYS on European and national, regional and local level?
- Young people need specific communication to understand the EUYS – how could such a communication look like?
- Ensuring that the Youth Coordinator communicates with young people and not towards young people

Youth Coordinator

- What are the roles of the EU Youth Coordinator?
- Can the EU Youth Coordinator be a step towards the EU to take over youth policy?
- Is there a plan to have national Youth Coordinators? If so could they act as evaluators - evaluating the implementation of the Youth Goals in each and every member state?

Other open questions

- Participatory process: was the EU youth strategy actually created by youth or at least in cooperation with youngsters? How can we measure this kind of participation (ways of participations preferred by young people and not imposed by top-down approaches)?
- How to create synergies with existing EU programmes and the EUYD and EUYS
- How can we involve sports clubs?



b. Annex EU Youth Dialogue

Inclusive process, targeting a diverse group of young people

- The outreach remains a challenge - how to proceed? How can we ensure that a more diverse group of young people can be meaningfully included in the EUYD?
- Participation of marginalised youth in EUYD is difficult. Will we try to involve them? How

- can we include them?
- A positive change could be to invite more and different youth representatives to the conferences
- EUYD should be more inclusive, there should be a better toolkit for involving non-organized young people into the process

Structured and consistent process

- defining objectives
 - Deciding on objectives of all conferences before the trio starts
 - Some important things are missing like the purpose of the conferences
- defining responsibilities
 - Who is responsible for setting the objectives of the EUYD?
 - Who is responsible to follow-up?
 - Clearer guidelines of the responsibilities of the different stakeholders: NWGs - ideally a common understanding of this throughout member states.
 - Strengthen role of NYCs and Youth Forum throughout the whole process of the EUYD
 - How meaningfully were young people/NWGs included in the drafting of the EUYD? Could we have done more in ensuring the voices of those working on the process daily are taken into consideration?
- implementing and measuring results
 - There is not enough attention given to the implementation phase
 - The challenge remains: how to ensure implementation of recommendations (without co-decision mechanisms on European and national level)
 - Make changes visible: show which recommendations were implemented
 - How can results be measured? How will we know that the EUYD is successful?
 - How can we involve stakeholders, decision makers, politicians (from ALL levels) in the EUYD process, especially in the implementation and follow-up phase? There are countries where only NYCs are active in implementing EUYD
 - How can we ensure that policy makers take the results of the EUYD seriously and see it as a result of direct democracy?

Other open questions

- What will happen to the YGs?
- What exactly are the differences between the SD and the EUYD (in terms of process, timeline, content etc.)?



c. KA3 and its opportunities

Link between KA3 projects and EUYD

- How can the results of KA3 projects feed back into the EUYD?
- There should be a link between any KA3 project and the EUYD (NGWs should be in touch with the applicants)
- KA3 projects should somehow be related to the YGs
- KA3 projects could feed into the EUYD consultation process and the implementation phase
- Missing best practice examples for how to use KA3 projects in the EUYD, best-practice exchange needed!
- There are missing links between relevant stakeholders, is there a link of KA3 and the European Youth Week?

Meaningful participation

- How to guarantee the good participation of decision-makers in KA3 projects?
- How can we motivate young people to participate in KA3 projects?



d. EU Trio Presidency

Collaboration

- How will the Trio-Presidency continue working with the new EUYD? How will the presidency work with governance model to improve the EUYD?
- How can we achieve coherence throughout a cycle (3 topics?)
- If the process is vague to the Trio-Presidency it cannot be clear for anybody else – clear objectives and plan for the cycle needed!

European Youth Conferences

- What is the role of European Youth Conferences in the new framework of the EUYD?
- How can we ensure the coherence of the three youth conferences and the EUYD?
- Current cycle: How will we connect the 2nd conference into the cycle?

Thematic priorities

- What role does the thematic priority play exactly? How will it affect the activities of the NWG and the process?
- Youth Goals should be the basis for the choice of the topics because the EUYD should aim to implement the YGs – presidencies should focus more on that
- Why do we have three topics? → How will we create coherence between the EUYCs (3 topics)?

Consultations

- There should be less questions and they should be formulated more clearly, subtopics are too broad
- Topics for consultation should be clearly connected to EUYS and the YGs

- Consultations should not double “old processes”: every cycle there is a consultation process, we should evaluate, if we are actually reaching past consultation recommendations. It is important to listen to youth, but we need to evaluate the effectiveness of these questionnaires.
- We need time for implementation and action, we have too much research data and evidence, we want/need time to implement the change
- Time for consultations could be extended
- Surveys could be standardized

Objectives and Outcomes

- The expected results are too vague. What will the outcome of this cycle be? -> give young people a clear perspective!
- Keeping the format of giving more and more recommendations on to the new YGs won't really be useful, it's better if we focus on implementing the already existing recommendations/YGs
- More BP should be shared about the different implementations of the previous or ongoing topics, less recommendations, complementation process between politics and EUYD

Other open questions

- How can young people be informed about the EUYD, the Youth Strategy and the implementation? Regular European youngsters should know about it.



e. Youth Goals

Use the Youth Goals

- Use the power of YGs! They are the demands of young people themselves!
- Wouldn't it be beneficial to have one cycle of the EUYD that would solely focus on monitoring/implementing previous YGs/recommendations? (Let the YGs be the last recommendations)

Link the Youth Goals

- Create links with national Youth strategies, this is the first step to transfer YGs to all levels
- Link YGs with MFF
- Linking the implementation of YGs to grants, for example: E+ or national funds. Should we link the YGs to all projects that we fund under the E+ program?
- Include YGs in national youth policies.

Implement the Youth Goals

- How can we ensure that the YGs are implemented? How can we create accountability for them?
- Long time for implementation needed, should there be a time-limit to create pressure? Or set objectives: Where do we want the YGs to be in 5 years?
- Create indicators to measure and monitor their implementation, assign resources for their implementation
- What would be good tools to monitor and evaluate the YGs?
- Who is responsible to implement the YGs? NWGs/young people/ governments? Everybody?
- We should establish a toolkit with examples of BP on how to implement YGs

Other open questions

- Do the YGs respect the values and beliefs of youngsters? Also of minorities?
- Are the YGs a good framework to use in this cycle?

3. Impact on different levels

a. What is the potential of the Youth Dialogue?



Local/regional level

- more flexible youth friendly and applicable
- empowering young people to become young leaders
- options for peer-learning
- easier to follow-up
- lots of direct dialogue
- different levels of impact but many opportunities
- easy to make contact with decision makers
- real evidence and better reality analysis
- two-way EU agenda setting: EU <—> Local
- empowering young people
- EU macroregional strategy: cross-sectional policy
- inclusion of minority voices (also rural areas)
- systematize youth participation on all level
- synergies with other participation processes
- pretext for a more human process
- importance to link EU youth conferences with local actors related to the topics
- easier to identify needs
- easier to address and resolve issues at local level
- policy-makers easier to reach
- as a first step —> can lead to other levels of participation
- change can be faster and closer
- European recommendations can be “translated” to local situations
- policy change
- creating and improving participatory mechanisms
- make local/regional level more visible at youth conferences

National level

- youth policy is often national competence
- encourage other stakeholders to use YD as a tool
- National level can have a larger effective influence on cross-sectoral cooperation
- agenda setting
- starting point; spreading; outreach; communication; consultations
- eye-opener: never about us without us
- YD as a framework to encourage dialogue with other field/sectors
- creating and inspiring national strategy for youth
- setting important topics on national level
- strengthening the internal relations and cooperation between member organisations within the
NYC
- give overview of status of young people nationally through the consultation
- it can become a law
- gives leverage to national youth councils
- promoting shared European values at national level
- creates cooperation and synergies between the different stakeholders on youth
- create more participatory mechanisms on national level

- potential to influence national policies and budget
- outcomes of the EUYD can be included in national youth plans
- use European legitimacy that youth policy is cross-sectional
- capacity building of young people and government
- create more participatory mechanisms on national level
- finances on national level could be directed towards fulfilling the youth goals
- potential of the youth goals to communicate with other ministries

European level

- campaigning on specific topics (using the power of networks: EYCA, ERYICA, EURODESK, ect.)
- stronger partnership between YFJ, ESC, Youth Partnership, EYCA, EURODESK and ERYICA.
- sync the activities about promotion of EU Youth Goals - build strategies and strategic actions around them
- influence the decision made in the EC/Council of ministers
- increase the EU citizenship value
- create new programs/tools on the need identified by the EUYD
- EUYD feed in ideas in all different political areas of EU
- framing narratives and vocabulary on the basis of legitimacy
- including countries outside of the EU (Macedonia, Serbia, Ukraine, etc.) developing youth policy, increasing youth participation
- in the future: Input to other Council configuration's policy-making processes (cross-sectoral cooperation)
- bringing together different policy makers, not only young people
- create a culture of democratic participation
- direct policy impact: recommendations and Youth Goals included in council conclusions, resolutions...
- EU uses EUYD to get closer to the young citizens
- influence and contribute to the national policies
- further improvement and empowerment of the NWGs and NYCS - further empowerment of the YFJ in the process
- flagship initiative to include young people on a continuous level
- learn and inspire each other at NWG level
- support and make closer collaboration among memberships

- create a national youth strategy
- set a standard to relate to national authorities
- use the dialogue for advocacy efforts
- coordination between ministry and youth organisations
- bring new topics on the political agenda (i.e. mental health)
- create more opportunities for youth employment and education
- create opportunities for dialogue for European policy input
- influencing public health policies
- YGs can be used to influence national policies → it gives you legitimacy
- youth guarantee brought money with it to countries and a sense of accountability that influences policy

European level

- make young people believe in Europe
- young people youth working party (CO decision)
- share best practices
- Council of Ministers recommendations
- Youth Participation at youth programs and youth strategy → creation, implementation, monitoring
- visibility of the dialogue and common visual identity
- follow up of SD and EUYD, impact on EC, Council of Ministers decisions
- YD could impact policy implementation by having new programs for young people, YOs and NGOs
- feed into E+ x10 committees
- opportunity to get something back from the EU
- ownership of politicians
- EUYCs/informal discussions
- set EU standards/role for other levels
- providing a platform for voicing opinions
- European picture of the needs of young people
- EUYCs can meet with European institutions
- European networks support the EUYD and incorporate outcomes in their own policies, strategies and activities that have an impact on their national/regional/local members
- making EU more tangible for young people and making the realities of young people more tangible for the EU
- increase youth participation at EU level
- EUYD is meant to improve European youth policies
- impact at the European level is maybe more evident than at other levels as it is a European lead process
- youth policy in different EU sectors use youth in all policies

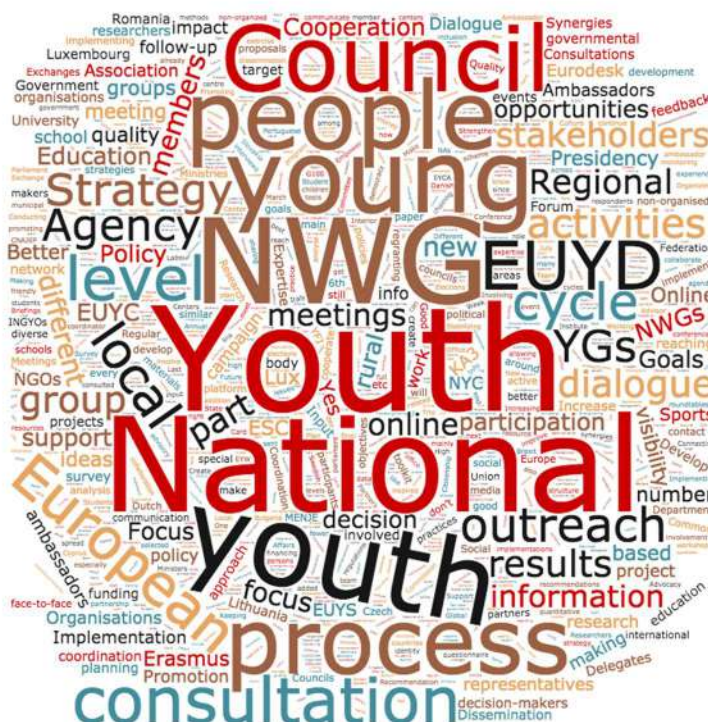
- new forms of consultations
- try to clarify for every action involved the purpose of the EUYD
- stabilise NWG - NYCs take the lead
- formalise the role of the NWG and all the different roles within it
- spread the word (media)
- try to be more inclusive
- have the discussion about the impact of EUYD
- social media to reach youth, community managers
- to change: simplified terminology, provide tool and toolkits to YO, inform and educate, need for evaluation, involving press and social media (publicity), database

European level

- influence the Council recommendation through the national delegation
- rebel against the survey, conduct any meaningful focus groups
- share feedback from the seminar with the NWGs
- participate in EU Projects
- online "drop a pin" map to capture impact projects, initiatives on all levels -> maybe in EU youth portal
- redress knowledge production depending on outcomes of EUYD
- personalised approach
- EYCA, Eurodesk and ERYCA could promote the YGs and the EUYD more within their Member Organisations

4. Realities of NWGs

a. Overview



b. National Realities

i. Austria

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

NYC: Coordinator and lead

EU Youth Delegates

Ministry for Youth

Federal states

NA Erasmus+ YiA

Open Youth Work

Youth Information

Youth Researcher

External Facilitator

Which achievements are you proud of?

Youth Goals as Annex to the EUYS

Austrian Dialogue Conferences as a continuous respected format

Youth Ambassadors Programs

Task Force Youth Policy as a follow-up of presidency

Austrian Youth Strategy

NWG-Meeting

Art of Dialogue Seminar (March 2019)

Close links between Erasmus+ Program and implementation of Youth Dialogue

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Engaging – Phase 1

New Website and dissemination material on YD → outreach

Kick-off event YD (in cooperation with open youth work network)

Start of new Ambassadors program

Consultation

Expert groups on Youth Goals (Cross-sectoral)

Connecting - Phase 2

1st Austrian Youth Conference

Dialogue Events including young people and policy-makers from different levels

Share results of consultation (media, social media etc.)

Events with Youth Ambassadors

Empowering – Phase 3

Publication of the results of the dialogue events

Provide information and material for young people who are planning own projects

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

YES!

NWG Meeting

Art of Dialogue Seminar

Cooperation during implementation of YD and Erasmus+

NA member of development group for the Austrian Youth Strategy and Task Force Youth Policy

What would help you towards improving your work?

Joint European consultation based on the Youth Goals

Unified visual identity for the EU Youth Dialogue

Taking on the learnings and outcomes from the SD

Base the cycles of the EUYD on the Youth Goals as they are the outcome of the SD

ii. **Belgium (French speaking)**

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Youth Council: coordination, outreach

Administration: Expertise, outreach

Observatory on Youth: Expertise, research, outreach

National Agency: Expertise, outreach

Youth Organisations (ATD Quart Monde, Youth confederations, Youth welfare center,...): expertise, outreach

Which achievements are you proud of?

Rise of participation in the consultation process

Recommendation on the Youth Strategy voted by the Council

Success of the final event (G100): more implication of the young people, more contact with decision-makers, mobile app!

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

More face-to-face consultation

Keeping up with quantitative consultation process: More fun and accessible

More inclusiveness thanks to the new NWG members

Video

More outreach to schools and universities

Collaboration with researchers

G100→G201

Better website

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Ask them to communicate more (Youth space)

What would help you towards improving your work?

Define the theme of the cycle and its objectives. We still don't know what we will work on

Reinforce the collaboration between NWG and our team of young ambassadors

Toolkits and methodologies to analyse our consultations and communicate on the results of European Consultation: for what purpose

Understand the objective of the cycle earlier in the process, to make it more attractive

iii. Bulgaria

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Ministry of Youth and Sports (managing)

Ministry of labour and social policies (support)

Ministry of education (support)

National Youth Forum (chair)

Agency of employment (support)

Youth NGOs: National Youth Card Association, Human resource development centre (?), Eurodesk, Youth Centres and Youth Spaces (Partners)

Which achievements are you proud of?

Implementing the YGs into the next EU Youth Strategy

Getting more and more participants on the consultations

Keeping our trainings for people who are going to the conferences

Coming out with the YGs

Making open meetings and info days in local communities (Roadshow)

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Promote EUYD and YGs and new European Youth Strategy through young people and decision makers on local and national level

Increase the role of NWG as ambassador of EUYD and develop the process in Bulgaria

Increase the outreach to a more diverse range of young people with special focus on young people with fewer opportunities and non-organised young people

Ensure development of competences for meaningful participation of all national youth delegates nominated to participate at the conferences

Increase in general the outreach of the EUYD process, enhance its visibility and promotion on local and national level

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

We cooperate, but not on 100% (they are not in the NWG)

What would help you towards improving your work?

More best practices for us to involve the youth which is not aware of the EUYD

Better cooperation with the NA

iv. Croatia

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

4 Ministries

NA Erasmus+

7 Youth Organisations

Coordinating Youth Organisation

Part-time members: researchers

Which achievements are you proud of?

4th overall country by number of young people consulted during the 6th cycle

Quality education of high school students and teachers about EUYD

Involvement of different groups of young people with fewer opportunities in consultations

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Successful implementation of 7th cycle as part of Ro-Fi-Cro Trio Presidency

Cooperation with ESC

Follow-Up on YGs

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Yes, the NA is a permanent member of the NWG

What would help you towards improving your work?

Possibilities for NWGs to meet, speak and learn

More financial support

v. Cyprus

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Youth Ambassadors: reaching out

Cyprus Youth Council: coordination

Ministry of Education and Culture: governmental endorsement

National Youth Board: Policy implementation

National Agency: contributions

Which achievements are you proud of?

Youth Ambassador Team (since 2013)

Online promotional tools and communicational identity

Increasing participation

Better cooperation on all national consultation issues between stakeholders

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Reaching out (mainly to non-organized youth)

New Youth Ambassador Team

Youth Goals implementation

Connecting EU YGs with National Youth Strategy

Go to the beach

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Youth Ambassadors in action (2016)

2019-2020 Youth Goals Seminar

What would help you towards improving your work?

New Tools, Resources, Power Food

vi. Czech Republic

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Czech Council of Children and Youth (management, coordination of group, realisation of project)

Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth (coordinator of national policies)

Ministry of Interior (consultations and interlinking with similar issues)

Center for international cooperation in Education (NA E+)

National parliament of children and youth

Association of workers of children and youth centers in the CZ: cooperation on the process, reach out

Which achievements are you proud of?

Last cycle (6/2017 – 12/2018):

1216 participants

10 youth dialogue ambassadors -> they continue with activities and other youth participation projects

Cooperation with Czech representation on Committee of Public Governance in OECD

Cooperation with EYCA, Eurodesk

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

30-60 workshops and activities related to the main topic in cooperation with partners and YD ambassadors

Online presentation (Web, social media, online newsletter, videos,...)

Preparatory and evaluation meetings with youth dialogue ambassadors

Kick-off conference

Online consultations

Cooperation with partners and support of their activities

Create guideline for partners, youth dialogue ambassadors

Main target group: Non-organizes, underrepresented young people in rural areas

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

What would help you towards improving your work?

Timely information materials from EC

More NWG meetings (international)

vii. Denmark

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Danish Youth Council: Organisers and member

Ministry of Education

National Agency

Danish Center for Youth Research

A municipality

Youth Delegates

Which achievements are you proud of?

Evidence based approach

A scientific method of consultation

A strong cooperation with the ministry

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

European day of democracy as outreach project on vocational schools

Information on EUYD at Youth Council GA for its MO's

Annual democracy survey

National consultation process

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

No... Difficulties in reaching the NA office

What would help you towards improving your work?

More information from the Commission/EACEA

Shared understanding of objectives and output

Common strategy/timeline for both European and national level, across the presidencies of the cycle

Guidelines for NWGs

viii. Estonia

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Estonian Youth Council – chairing, conducting main activities

Youth Working Centre – Dissemination of info and funding

Ministry of Education – Co-Chair, implementation

Ministry of Social Affairs – Synergies with policies and implementation

National Agency – Dissemination of info and funding

Research Agency – Conducting Research and survey

Youth Organisations, Youth Delegates – Implementing Dialogue

State Chancellery Office – Synergies with national strategies

Which achievements are you proud of?

High media interest

Comprehensive info about young people's needs from the research paper

Linking of the results with governmental and ministerial strategies

High amount of youth reached via online methods

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Online and face-to-face consultations

Conducting research paper based on consultations

Organizing roundtables and dialogue on regional and local level

Cooperation between NA and EU Commission office on national level

Implementation of results on national level, integration of results to national strategies

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Cooperation during European Youth Week

Exchange of info and synergies with other Erasmus+ projects

What would help you towards improving your work?

More concrete guidelines about the process and agenda

Freedom and new ideas on how to conduct consultations and implement results

Synergies with other similar national and EU activities

ix. Finland

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

About 10 young persons from different youth organisations

Experts

NYC Staff

Which achievements are you proud of?

Good outreach of young people

YouTube Channel

European Youth Card holders

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Consultations with a large number of young people with emphasis on marginalized groups

Youth Presidency Conference

Different events

Focus group interviews

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

EU Youth Week

What would help you towards improving your work?

More resources to reach ambitious goals

x. **France**

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

National Youth Council (CNAJEP) – represents several youth organisations: To coordinate the YD at the national level

NA & Ministers are members of the NWG

Which achievements are you proud of?

At the end of every cycle, CNAJEP publishes a guidebook named “provox” which allows stakeholders to implement the recommendations of the cycle

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

To inform about the new Youth Strategy and the YD at the national and local levels

To manage consultations at the national level

To increase more NEETS to the YD

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

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What would help you towards improving your work?

More Best Practice Exchanges from other stakeholders (NAs, NGOs, National authorities,...)

More meetings at the European Level between European, national and local stakeholders.

xi. Italy

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Official Members:

Forum Nazionale dei Giovani (Italian National Youth Forum)

NA for Youth Erasmus+

Department on Youth, Presidency of Ministers

Observers and Multipliers:

Campania Regional Youth Council

Umbria Regional Youth Council

Basilicata Regional Youth Council

Puglia Regional Youth Council

Marche Regional Youth Council

Eurodesk Italy

Anci, Iter

University of Salerno

University of Napoli

University of Milano

Which achievements are you proud of?

Good numbers of participants to consultation process

Data collection and analysis of the consultation results in annual national reports

Meetings of NWG for planning and review of activities, spread the consultation, get in contact with a good number of stakeholders

Exchange experience and information of implementing the process with involvement of the grassroots level

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Advocacy Actions: To strengthen cooperation and participation to EUYD

Make voices heard: less advantaged young people

Dealing with institutional evolution on youth policy at national level, National Youth Council

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

NA is a member of our NWG, we had and we are planning to have further cooperation, in the framework of strengthening the link between KA3 and EUYD

What would help you towards improving your work?

A better cooperation between all levels

Representative of Young People, Policy makers, Youth Councils, Youth Decisions, Stakeholders in the Field of Youth → National Strategy on Youth

xii. Latvia

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

NYC: chairing

Edu. Ministry: implementing activities

NA for Erasmus+: ideas for implementation and decision making

National centre for education: ideas for implementation and decision making

Culture Ministry: ideas for implementation and decision making

4 Youth NGOs: ideas for implementation and decision making

2 Representatives from municipalities: ideas for implementation and decision making

Which achievements are you proud of?

95% of activities are happening outside the capital

Actual dialogue with real impact on local level, local decision-makers want to meet with young people!

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Focus on implementations of new recommendations

One big national forum to find synergies between EUYD and national policy

Making the process open-source, so everyone can take part

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

They are active in the NWG

What would help you towards improving your work?

Clear and timely outline of the next cycle, so we can plan ahead

xiii. Lithuania

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Lithuanian Youth Council: administrative body implementing activities in Lithuania

NA: advisory body, finances

"Youth Ministry": decision makers

Researchers: advisory body

Which achievements are you proud of?

Get involved. Your opinion matters

Brand

Survey → analysis

SD activities are involved and merged with traditional LiJot events and initiatives

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

We are not afraid to create new methods:

“Youth opportunities meeting”

Consultations (July-September)

National Youth Opportunities Event with Eurodesk Lithuania

Online Survey (July)

Youth Dialogue ambassador network in Lithuania

Youth Situation research based on YGs

Create a strategic communication campaign

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

NA (Agency of international youth cooperation) is involved in NWG meeting

We are planning to cooperate during EYW’19 and share practices

What would help you towards improving your work?

Knowing more about ambassador’s network experience

Cooperation and partnership with different professionals

xiv. Luxembourg

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

NYC Luxembourg (CGJL): General Coordination (since 2018)

Ministry for Youth (MENJE): Policy Facilitator, Member NWG

National Youth Info Agency (ANIJ): Promotion, Policy Input, Implementation of YD in Lux.

Youth Centers Umbrella Association (EGMJ): Promotion, Policy Input, Implementation of YD in Lux.

National School Student Council (CNEL): Promotion, Policy Input, Implementation of YD in Lux.

Youth Parliament Luxembourg: Promotion, Policy Input, Implementation of YD in Lux.

EU Youth Delegates (Ambassadors in Lux., keep in touch with EUYC)

Which achievements are you proud of?

EUYC Lux. Presidency 2015

Cooperation with MENJE (Ministry): partnership, financing

2017/2018: NYC took over NWG coordination

Future Youth Festival 2018 → Recommendation of Cycle 5

Achievements on EU-level

YFJ, ESC → SD as a “fluid”, process changing a lot

Stabilizing the SD

Youth Dialogue, Youth Goals

Stay tuned for more!

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

EUYC Recruiting, Briefings Youth Delegates

Promotion of YGs

Youth: Youth Convention, Citizen Rallye, EU Elections

Schools/formal: Dissemination, Exchanges in schools

Advocacy in Luxembourg

MENJE and Minister (transversal policy approach)

EU Elections '19: Parties and candidates: Roundtables

MP's and Commissions → NWG as lobbyist

Higher Council for Youth → id

National Consultations: Focus Groups, online, Activities of CHJL and NWG Partners

NWG: Regular Briefings for members, prevent dependence on persons

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Not yet, but we talk them into this

n.b. changes on national level brought in a new player. Until 2017 the NA was the SNJ.lx (?), now it is ANEFORE.lx (???)

NWG will push this idea to collaborate on regular basis

What would help you towards improving your work?

Stabilizing the NWG → CGJL's main objectives right now, NYCs

European Exchanges like this! Regular NWG Meetings, perhaps around every EUYC (1/2 day) to stay in touch and inspired

xv. Netherlands

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Dutch National Youth Council: Coordination and implementation, Dissemination

National Agency: Link between E+ program and EUYD and KA3 activities and research

Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports (Youth Department): facilitation and promoting/ dissemination, support and connecting

Which achievements are you proud of?

Have the voice of Dutch Youth represented in many of the YGs

Streets of Europe (online photography project during Dutch presidency)

A school campaign that focuses on quality, quantity and reaching a diverse group of young people

Peer-learning on mental health and follow-up with young experience-based experts from 5 countries (E+)

YGs added to the Youth Strategy

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Focus on reaching a more diverse group of young people → "special target group approach"

Quantitative consultation

Cross sectoral expert meetings

Guest lectures by youth representatives

Focus group and (group) interviews → special target group approach

National Youth Dialogue

Strengthen cooperation NWG members

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Yes, especially during the trio-presidency (NL, Malta, Slovakia), but we plan to collaborate more

What would help you towards improving your work?

Finding/define our focus and link with EU added value

Learn from other NWGs about dissemination, visibility, cooperation with NA

xvi. Poland

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Ministry of Education

Polish National Youth Council

Erasmus+ National Agency

Which achievements are you proud of?

Involving 300 young people in meetings with local level decision-makers (such as presidents of municipal councils, mayors and politicians)

Organizing the first national congress of dialogue, involving 150 people from 35+ youth NGOs, municipal youth councils and many of the most active high school students (selected during local workshops)

Producing 100 policy proposals based around the YGs

Successfully introducing the school based model and regranting schemes to improve outreach and inclusion

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Focus on inclusion in 2019-2020

Marginalized youth, non-associated youth → school based programs, community daycare centers and individualized outreach program (minorities, youth with disabilities)

Municipal councils: regranting scheme

Youth NGOs: regranting scheme

Organized, active young people

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

We'd like to learn more about this from other NWGs

What would help you towards improving your work?

More involved contribution from other stakeholders

More money

Increasing the visibility of YD

xvii. Portugal

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

National Youth Council: Coordination

Cabinet of Secretary of State for Youth and Sports

Portuguese Institute for Youth and Sports

Portuguese National Agency

Federation of Students Council Associations

DYPALL Network

Regional Government of Madeira

Regional Government of Azores

Which achievements are you proud of?

Substantially increased the number of young people and stakeholders mainly through face-to-face meetings

Connecting the EUYD with other processes at national level which is increasing the impact of the process

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Develop a document analysing the EUYS, National Youth Plan, EU YGs and develop a proposal how to work with these multi-level documents

Enlarge the stakeholders at local level and the number of young people in the process

Develop better mechanisms to follow-up the results

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Yes, we have collaborated with the NA to meet with beneficiaries of KA3 projects

What would help you towards improving your work?

Mechanisms to follow-up implementations

Simple instruments to collect and analyse data from the consultation process

xviii. Romania

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Ministry of Youth and Sports

Romanian Youth Council

National Alliance of Student Organisations

Student's Union of Romania

Youth Federation of Romania

National Labour Union (Youth)

YMCA Romania

Timis County Youth Federation

(-) Selection process for members

Which achievements are you proud of?

Consultations of the 6th cycle of the SD

Three consultation tools

46 consultations (3w, nationwide and rural)

1866 online Responses (2nd in EU)

1090 young people consulted

More females than men and other genders

One of the best report

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

European Union Youth Conference (25th-28th of March, Bucharest)

Promoting EU Youth Strategy and YGs

Preparing for consultations: more inclusive, more in rural areas, concentrating on solutions

Focus on youth participation at the European parliament elections and national elections

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Last consultations were particularly funded through a KA2 project

Several attempts to get more funding

Closer relation in the future as we are part of the organising team of the EUYC

What would help you towards improving your work?

xix. Slovakia

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Ministry of education (Youth Department)

The Slovak Youth Institute

Regional Youth Councils

NA

University Students Parliament

Association of Youth Info Centers

National Youth Council

Which achievements are you proud of?

Around 11.000 respondents from online consultations – highest number in Europe

Processing/having created the National Youth Goals (inspired by the II Youth Goals)

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

To improve the Promo of the National Youth Goals – Media Plan

Implement National Youth Goals into the Nationals Strategy 2020-2027

To create the structure of the consultation process

To create a map of target groups with the focus on social, economic and cultural diversity and how to contact them

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

NA is already part of the NWG

We haven't planned cooperation with other EU NA – at least, we don't know of them at the moment

What would help you towards improving your work?

Strategy for improving the quality of the consultation process that would be more youth friendly and fun

Better and more effective involvement of all members of the NWG

xx. Slovenia

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

NYC: leading role

Youth network: exercise project

Office for Youth: provides advice for the Ministry for Youth

Ministry for Labour, Families and Social Affairs: regulations and proposals

Ministry for Education: regulations and proposals

National Agency: financing body

Which achievements are you proud of?

We developed online platform

Put SD on the agenda on the meetings of governmental council of youth

Empower youth local organisations to exercise YD in local environment

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Empower the available structure (especially NWG)

Improve political phase of the process (through different governmental structures)

Permanent communication and cooperation among youth and decision-makers

Include non-organised youth in the process

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

We already cooperate with them → part of NWG

We wish to include projects that are/were supported by NA KA3 Erasmus+ more and together, broaden the recognition of dialogue to different stakeholders

Common events in the EYW

What would help you towards improving your work?

More communication between different NWGs

Different materials for promoting YD

Platform for sharing good practices among different countries

More political will for implementation

xxi. Spain

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

5 Youth Organisations

Spanish National Youth Council (CJE)

Youth Ministry and NA

Which achievements are you proud of?

Youth Ambassadors/Embassies: Group of young people organised or not; 2 Ambassadors and Agents; in every region (19+/-), to implement the SD and make political incidence and EUYD

Annual meeting between Regional Youth Directors and SD Youth Ambassadors

Local impact of the SD

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

First meeting NWG: Youth Embassies, Regional DGs, Ministries

Employment: Follow-up → Youth Guarantee

Youth worker's national meeting → cooperation network; Synergies with the EUYD

Interior migration – depopulation of rural areas → study about the situation

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Yes. NA is part of the NWG

What would help you towards improving your work?

Better planification of the funding process (NWG – KA3 E+)

Tool Box to spread the EUYD

"Fun" materials about the EUYD – infographics etc.

Common Web platform EUYD

xxii. Sweden

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Swedish Youth Council: Project coordinator

Ministry (Youth policy unit): national responsibility

National Agency for Youth: Advisor

Swedish Association for local governments and regions: Advisor

2 Youth representatives (for the whole cycle)

Which achievements are you proud of?

Two democratically elected youth representatives

Method of consultation: quantitative survey, qualitative focus groups, analysis by youth representatives

Youth representatives are mandated to lead the process for the full cycle

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Local consultation events

Digital platform for consultation results

Social media campaign (+EP Election campaign)

Develop the work quality of the NWG (responsibilities, workplan)

Strengthen the "trade mark"

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Yes. Planning for local level consultations with Eurodesk Network

What would help you towards improving your work?

Better feedback from EC regarding the results of the cycles

Building bridge between cycles, don't lose the results from the last one

Make clear who is responsible at national level: the government or the NWG

xxiii. United Kingdom

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

BYC (National Youth Council)/ UKYAs

DCMS (UK Government)

NA UK

Which achievements are you proud of?

EUYS

Presidency guiding doc

Reach of respondents to the consultation

Brexit roundtables

Develop a campaign with Global Citizenship

Good advocacy input with government (Loneliness strategy, intergenerational discussion on Global Citizenship)

Created and trained volunteer support group of young people

Successful event on implementation

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Continue conversations, evaluations/monitoring & implementation of the 6th cycle

Work and develop the cycle more around moving rural youth forward

Deal with the impact of Brexit (are we still welcomed?)

Government focus on NFE: opportunities to input

Invest more efforts in implementation & monitoring for the 7th cycle

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Yes, they sit in our NWG

What would help you towards improving your work?

More time and money for implementation, monitoring and impact

xxiv. European Steering Committee (ESC):

Who is in the ESC and what are their roles?

Trio Presidencies (RO, FI, HR) – Ministries, National Youth Councils, NAs

European Youth Forum

European Commission

Youth Partnerships

Other Expertise if required

Discussion in Youth Working party on governance

Which achievements are you proud of?

YGs in the EUYS

This meeting and response to it

Involving researchers

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

To make the most out of the transition period

Draft Version:

EUYD Trio Presidency – updates

Note. This is still a draft, feedback is currently being gathered on this in the TRIO and from NWG

1. Topics for consultation: Creating opportunities for Youth
 - a. With 3 sub-themes: Future of work, Youth work, opportunities for rural youth
 - b. Expected results:
 - i. Support policy development at EU level (in connection with related YGs)
 - ii. Council resolution for the opportunities for rural youth (foreseen under the Croat. Presidency)
 - iii. Report of the consultations
 - iv. In addition, toolkit to support EUYD and quality standards/guidelines and better visibilities of the process
2. Strategy for EUYD
 - 3 researchers selected from end January: Dan Moxon, Lana Pasic, Sandra Roe
 - 3 strands:
 - a. Online questionnaire: similar practice with previous years (EN, NWG translate and adapt)
 - b. Dialogue with young people (Meetings, focus groups, etc) led by NWG
 - c. Creative strand dialogue: allowing for the expression of young people on the topics but also broader (photo contest, video, etc.) – also allowing to give further visibility to the process
 - d. In addition: Specific questionnaire for European INGYOs, focus groups dedicated to European INGYOs

Important Dates:

February: feedback on current strategy and further articulation, toolkit elaboration

25-28th of March: RP EUYC – final feedback from young people, launch of the toolkit

22nd April: full package of EUYD sent to NWGs

1st – 3rd July: FI EUYC

October/November: NWG Reports sent to ESC

Spring 2020: HR EU YC

3. Support Elements:

Toolkit: online tool, focus on two dimensions: quality measures/standards for dialogue and good practice.

Living resource: to continue updating it after this cycle

Training: online and possible meetings from NWGs

Have you had or planning cooperation with other stakeholders? Who?

NWG, INGYOs, Researchers, Facilitators, Youth Workers (how to involve them in consultations?), Youth organisations

What would help you towards improving your work?

Regular follow-up with NWGs

Adequate financial resources

Visual identity – visibility

Strategy on Youth Results follow-up

xxv. EYCA, ERYICA, EURODESK

Who is in the NWG and what are their roles?

Our cooperation is part of the process and the new EU Youth Strategy

Youth Goal on information and constructive dialogue is our core

Which achievements are you proud of?

Increase visibility of the process

Add. outreach to non-organized youth

Quality information services and the right of young people to quality information is part of the goals

Youth goals are reflected on the EUYS

Our position paper was taken into account in part in the EUYS

What do you plan for the next 18 months?

Taking part and contributing to different activities

Facilitating outreach to non-organised youth

Quality information for young people

Promoting the survey and questionnaires

Encouraging youth friendly information on dialogue and participation

Bring some cross European expertise and data to the process

Big networks across Europe that facilitate information sharing and exchange

Have you had or planning cooperation with the NA?

Yes, our members are: part of NWG, in cooperation with NWF

Strengthening cooperation with the YFJ and ESC

What would help you towards improving your work?

Having a more formal collaboration with the ESC and the YFJ