

Second Europe-Western Balkans Youth Meeting: The Berlin process – a new impetus for youth work?

Seminar

23-25 May 2018, Podgorica, Montenegro

Draft programme

Wednesday, 23 May 2018

Focus of the day: situating youth work and youth policy in the overall regional policy context

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30 Opening of the seminar

- Ambassador Aivo Orav, Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro
- Mr Gavin Vessey, British Embassy in Montenegro
- Ms Danijela Vujosević, Ministry of Sports, Youth Directorate, of Montenegro
- Ms Sanda Rakočević, ADP-Zid, Contact Point for Erasmus+: Youth in Action in Montenegro

15.00 A look at the overall context: policy processes with relevance for the youth sector

Panel discussion with

- Anita-Toien Johansen, European Commission, DG Education and Culture, Youth programme, youth outreach tools and traineeships
- Lana Pašić, researcher
- Bojana Bulatović, Regional Youth Coordination Office

16.00 *Coffee & tea break*

16.30 Getting to know each other: exploring the diversity of participants and their youth (policy) work

19.00 *Dinner and welcome drinks*

Thursday, 24 May 2018

Focus of the day: exploring youth work and youth policy projects and initiatives, discuss how to further promote and enhance their impact, and explore the added value of European partnerships and projects

09.00 Up-dates on youth work and youth policy developments

- Sladjana Petković: Developments in youth policies in the Western Balkans: What works well? What are the challenges?

9:30 Taking stock: what do we, as a sector, do well regionally in youth work and youth policy?

11.00 *Coffee & tea break*

11.30 Taking time: what are, across projects and initiatives, the major challenges for policy impact?

13.00 *Lunch*

14.30 Taking advice: how can key challenges be addressed in the current regional and political context?

16.00 *Coffee & tea break*

16.30 Taking control: what value does a European dimension add, and how can that best be amplified?

19.30 *Dinner in town*

Friday, 25 May 2018

Focus of the day: key messages addressed to youth programme, policy and sector stakeholders

09.00 Expectations and messages: what would we like to communicate to

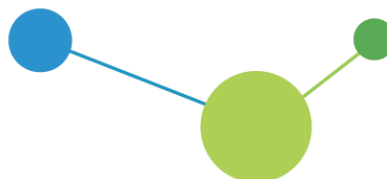
- Regional governments as stakeholders of the Berlin process and national youth policies
- European institutions as stakeholders of Erasmus+ and European youth policies

11.00 *Coffee & tea break*

11.30 Expectations and messages, continued

13.00 *Lunch*

Departures



Seminar objectives

The seminar will focus on youth work and youth policy in and with the Western Balkans in the fields of youth participation and engagement, social inclusion and civic/citizenship education.

The objectives of the *Second Europe-Western Balkans Youth Meeting* are to:

- Collect information about youth work and youth policy-related initiatives and projects that have been undertaken to take stock of and make more visible what has happened in the youth work and youth policy field in the past years.
- Assess the outcomes of implemented projects and initiatives, share inspiring practices, and look into how to further promote and enhance their impact;
- Explore the added value of European partnerships and projects in this context;
- Define some key messages addressed to policy makers, practitioners and programmes (in particular Erasmus+) to inform the London summit of the Berlin process in 2018, the new strategy of the European Commission for the Western Balkans as well as other relevant processes.