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# Youthpass

## Recognition of non-formal learning in Youth in Action

Invitation to the first  
**Youthpass Training Course**  
in **Vienna, Austria**  
**5 – 10 December, 2006**

The recognition of non-formal learning became more and more important in the years 2005 and 2006 all over Europe – and it has a lot of faces!

Several initiatives took place, e.g. Bridges for Recognition in January 2005 (<http://www.salto-youth.net/bridgesReport/>), which prepared the field for further developments in the youth field already. At the same time, **Youthpass** was planned and started in April 2005 as the strategy on validation and recognition of non-formal learning within the context of the YOUTH programme (which will become the “Youth in Action” programme from 2007).

What happened in the **Youthpass** development till now?

Together with a lot of interested stakeholders (e.g. National Agencies, organisations, different institutions), the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre developed instruments for Action 1 (1.1 in Youth in Action) - Youth Exchanges and Action 2 (2 in Youth in Action) - European Voluntary Service. Test phases ran in both Actions between March and August 2006. By the beginning of November, the European Commission will receive proposals for both Actions to be implemented within Youth in Action.

Between March and December, an instrument for Action 5 (4.3 in Youth in Action) – Support Measures will be tested, and in December, there will be a draft for an instrument to be tested in Action 3 (1.2 in Youth in Action) – Youth Initiatives.

During the last 16 months, **Youthpass** has been presented to a lot of people all over Europe, who enriched the discussion around non-formal learning, suitable instruments, recognition, validation, and so on. And the discussions will hopefully never stop:

- What is meant when talking about non-formal learning in YOUTH?
- What is meant when talking about validation and recognition?
- What is meant when talking about **Youthpass**?

If you are interested in finding answers to these questions and discussing them in an international context, we want to invite you to the very first **Youthpass** Training Course that will take place in December in Vienna!

What is **the aim** of the Training Course?

The aim is to prepare people and organisations for the implementation of **Youthpass**.

What are **the objectives** of the Training Course?

- To explore the concepts and practise of recognition and validation of non-formal learning in the future Youth in Action programme
- To compare viewpoints and opinions about the introduction of **Youthpass** in the different countries
- To use the multiplying resources of the Training Course for the further implementation of **Youthpass**
- To use the Training Course as a concrete example for implementing **Youthpass** in Action 5 (future Action 4)

What is **the target group** of the Training Course?

We are looking for participants who are:

- Interested people from organisations using the YOUTH/Youth in Action programme and are willing to work on recognition (maybe afterwards in co-operation with the NAs) coming from Programme countries and coming from Partner countries (max. five participants)
- Able to communicate in English

Who is part of **the team**?

The Training Course is organised by the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre located in Germany in co-operation with the Austrian YOUTH National Agency. The three trainers will be from Belgium, Slovenia, and Germany.

If you want to **take part**, what do you have to do?

You take care that you are able to be in Vienna (Austria) between the **5<sup>th</sup>** and the **10<sup>th</sup>** of **December, 2006** and send your application form not later than the **1<sup>st</sup>** of **October**. If you are accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.

If you are coming from a **Programme country**...

...please apply online at <http://www.salto-youth.net/applicationonline/116.html>. The NA will select participants. Please do not book any travel tickets before having received a confirmation of participation. Travel costs will be covered by your National Agencies. Whether there is a participation fee and how much it might be depends on the national regulations of your country; please contact your National Agency for information.

If you are coming from a **Partner country**...

...please send your application form to the Austrian YOUTH National Agency ([holliber@youth4europe.at](mailto:holliber@youth4europe.at)). Please do not book any travel tickets before having received a confirmation of participation.

Cost for board and lodging during the Training Course in Vienna will be covered by the organising Austrian NA and the SALTO Training and Cooperation RC.

We are looking forward to your participation and sending kind regards for a fruitful rest of summer and autumn,

the team of the **Youthpass** Training Course

If you have further questions, please contact the SALTO Training and Cooperation RC, Rita Bergstein ([youthpass@salto-youth.net](mailto:youthpass@salto-youth.net)).