



## International seminar

### “National and EU Youth Strategies”

24-26 April 2012,  
 Ljubljana, Slovenia



#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**In the last decade the European youth policy has been developing rapidly, encouraging EU member states to develop complementary youth policy measures and strategies on national, regional and local level. After a decade it is a good moment to have a close look at what happened in this field in the member states during these past years. Have the developments at the EU level stimulated the development and implementation of complementary national or local youth policy measures and strategies? If yes, what kind of measures are they and could they be an inspiration for some other communities? The Renewed framework of European cooperation in the youth field for 2010-2018 covers many different topics of common European interest in the field of youth and they have all been identified in cooperation with the national authorities and other national, regional and local actors in the field of youth, including young people themselves. This means that they should provide a solid ground for the exchange of experience between countries in the implementation of complimentary measures and/or strategies in the field of youth.**

#### AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

The overall aim of the seminar is to stimulate the development of instruments (programmes, measures, etc.) supporting the coherence of European / national / regional / local youth strategies.

The objectives of the seminar are:

- To introduce the latest developments of EU youth policy
- To exchange best practices among participants and beyond
- To place local, regional, national development in the frame of EU developments
- To make links between local, regional, national development in the frame of European developments
- To review existing instruments supporting European cooperation in the field of youth

## CONTENT OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar will start with the update on youth policy development on EU level and EU youth strategy. Participants will tackle the ever present question why Youth Policies are needed and how to ensure the effect of Youth Strategies.

Knowing the background and needs, participants will be able to draw links between the local, national and EU youth strategies and try to create an ideal strategy model.

The final day will be focused on discussing how youth work development and mobility are addressed and supported and which instruments support European cooperation in the field of youth.

A publication showcasing examples presented by participants and inputs from the seminar will enable the dissemination of the seminar results to other interested practitioners, researchers, decision makers and experts in Europe and wider.

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The seminar is open to:

- **representatives of national / regional / local authorities** responsible for the field of youth work and youth policy, participating in setting up and/or implementing strategies, measures, instruments in the field of youth policy and youth work;
- **national / regional / local experts in youth policy and/or youth work** development, participating in setting up and/or implementing strategies, measures, instruments in the field of youth policy and youth work.

Participants should come from the Programme countries of the Youth in Action Programme (EU27 + Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey) and be over 18 years old.

Working language of the seminar will be English, so participants must be able to work in English language.

**Important:** each participating country will have to present at least 1 example of national/regional/local strategy in the field of youth work and learning mobility.

The maximum number of participants is 30.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE

In principle, only applications supported by the National agencies of the Youth in action programme will be accepted. Please check with your National Agency, if they are willing to support your participation (you can find the list of National agencies here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152\\_en.htm#sectNAS](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152_en.htm#sectNAS)).



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Participants have to apply online via SALTO-YOUTH application system. Direct link to the application form is: <http://www.salto-youth.net/mySALTO/applicationonline/903/>.

*(If you do not have a SALTO profile yet, you will have to create it first in order to be able to access the application form. Creation of the SALTO profile is free and will only take a few seconds. Should you experience any problems trying to access the application form please write to [info@mva.si](mailto:info@mva.si).)*

**The application deadline is 15th March 2012 at the latest.**

Participants will be informed about the selection results around the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2012.

### **PRACTICALITIES AND VENUE OF THE SEMINAR:**

The seminar will take place in City Hotel in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The hotel is located in the centre of the city, right next to the old city core. You can find more about the hotel at [www.cityhotel.si](http://www.cityhotel.si), and more about Ljubljana at [www.visitljubljana.si](http://www.visitljubljana.si).

The seminar will start in the morning on 24<sup>th</sup> of April and end in the afternoon on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2012. International participants are therefore expected to arrive at the venue on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and leave on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2012.

### **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

**Accommodation, food and programme costs** will be fully covered by the organisers.

**Travel costs to the seminar and back** can be covered by the National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme, so please contact your respective National Agency for more information on this (see the list here: [http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152\\_en.htm#sectNAS](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152_en.htm#sectNAS)).

### **ORGANIZERS**

This seminar is financed by the EU Youth in Action programme and organized by the Slovenian National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme (MOVIT – Institute for the development of youth mobility, see [www.movit.si](http://www.movit.si)) in cooperation with the Lithuanian National Agency of the Youth in Action programme (Agency of International Youth Co-operation, see [www.jtba.lt](http://www.jtba.lt)).

### **Team of facilitators:**

The seminar will be facilitated by the representatives of Institute MOVIT and two professional facilitators with extensive experience in youth policy development, implementation and research, Mr Tadej Beočanin (SI) and Mr Marius Ulozas (LT).

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Should you have further question regarding this seminar, please send an email to [info@mva.si](mailto:info@mva.si).



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