

# Invitation

## **Youthpass** in Action

Impact, practice and future

**June 24-25, 2013 in Brussels, Belgium**

Youthpass, the recognition tool and strategy of the EU Youth in Action programme was launched in July 2007. Almost six years later, the European Commission publishes the results of the Youthpass Impact Study. A considerable amount of experience has been made across Europe on putting Youthpass into practice, on implementing it as a tool to reflect on learning within the Youth in Action projects, and on using it for further pathways.

At the same time, the approaching new EU programme generation (2014-2020) means new perspectives and frameworks for Youthpass. Furthermore, the recently adopted Council Recommendation on the validation of non-formal and informal learning (2012), inviting Member States to establish a national system of validation of non-formal and informal learning outcomes, proposes as one of the guiding principles that the use of Union transparency tools, among them Youthpass, should be promoted. Vivid discussions are being held at various levels about the future of education and learning, about the challenges that young people face, about the need for a better recognition of non-formal and informal learning, and the role and development of non-formal learning in the youth field.

**'Youthpass in Action' is an opportunity to discuss the following questions:**

What is the impact of Youthpass, considering its different roles (tool, process, strategy), on young people, youth workers, youth work?

What are the lessons to be learned from the experiences so far?

What is the future framework for the recognition tool, in the light of more general educational trends?

What are the needs and opportunities for the development of Youthpass?

'Youthpass in Action' is an event for national and European policy makers, youth workers and youth leaders, trainers in the youth field, National Agencies, and other experts who are interested in and wish to contribute to the future of Youthpass.

**The aims of the event**

- Learn about and discuss the results of the Youthpass impact study
- Explore the good practices of using Youthpass
- Develop recommendations for the future development of the tool and the surrounding strategy
- Last but not least, celebrate the Youthpass achievements

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Arrival and registration of the participants

**13:00 Welcome Lunch**

**14:30 Opening of the Conference**

**Youthpass so far...**

- Development of Youthpass

**Youthpass Impact Study**

- Presentation of the key findings

**16:30 Linking Research, Practice and Policy**

- Interactive exploration of the study and linking the findings with policy and practice

**19:00 Dinner**

**20:00 Youthpass Party**

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**09:30 Future of Learning**

- Keynote speech on the Future of Learning
- Reactions to the speech

**11:00 Future of Youthpass**

- Interactive exploration of the future of the tool, the framework surrounding it, the recognition of the tool as well as its contribution to the quality of youth work, and support for organizers and youth workers using the tool.

**12:30 Closing of the Conference**

**Steps Ahead**

- Input by the organisers

**Reporter's View**

- Input by the reporter

**Evaluation**

**13:30 Farewell Lunch**

Departure of Participants

**To participate in the event, please fill in the online application form on <http://trainings.salto-youth.net/3438> by April 11.**

The event is financed by the EU Youth in Action programme. Board and lodging will be provided by the organising National Agencies. The travel costs of the participants from Programme Countries can be covered by their National Agencies according to their rules (please check before applying). The travel and visa costs of participants from South East Europe, Eastern Europe Caucasus and Euromed region will be covered by the National Agencies organising the event. Any insurance is a private responsibility of each participant.

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'Youthpass in Action. Impact, Practice and Future' is organised by SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre and JUGEND für Europa, the German National Agency for Youth in Action, in cooperation with the National Agencies of France, Hungary, Lithuania, and Slovakia.

