 **Second Europe-Western Balkans Youth Meeting:**

**The Berlin process – a new impetus for youth work?**

**Seminar | Conference**

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**

*Arrivals (until lunch time)*

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Opening of the seminar

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

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 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 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 and the youth event of the Berlin process in 2018 as well as other relevant ongoing or upcoming meetings and processes.

