

ERYICA Newsletter

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE

ERYICA APPOINTED TO ADVISORY COUNCIL

Following recent restructuring of the Youth Sector at the Council of Europe, ERYICA has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council on Youth Questions.

The Advisory Council is the non-governmental body which will co-manage the youth activities of the Council of Europe, in association with the governmental European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ).

The Advisory Council has 30 members, 20 of which are proposed by the European Youth Forum (to represent 13 international youth NGOs and 7 national youth councils). The other 10 members, including ERYICA, are proposed by the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe in a move to make the Advisory Council more representative of new youth organisations and networks (not members of the European Youth Forum) and of other «structures involved in various areas of youth work relevant to the Council of Europe youth policy».

Meeting twice a year, the Advisory Council makes proposals concerning objectives, priorities and budget allocations for the whole Youth Sector and, through its representatives on the Programming Committee (8 CDEJ representatives + 8 Advisory Council representatives) concerning the annual programmes of the European Youth Centres in Strasbourg and Budapest, and about the activities to be funded by the European Youth Foundation.



NEW YOUTH PROGRAMME PROPOSED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The Council of Ministers on Youth Matters which met on 26 November 1998 in Brussels did not manage to reach a common position on the financing of the Community's "Youth" Programme for the period 2000-2007.

Following the recent adoption of the Agenda 2000, the negotiations are now likely to resume within the Council and with the European Parliament.

As a result of the changing of the Commission and the European elections in June, the timetable is very tight for a decision to be made in time for the start of 2000; it may be necessary to find a temporary solution before the final adoption of the Programme.

The proposed Programme has the following aims:

- A greater sense of solidarity
- Active involvement in the European ideal
- Encouraging a spirit of initiative and enterprise

It includes the following 5 actions:

- Individual mobility under the European Voluntary Service scheme
- Group mobility with exchange arrangements for young people
- Youth initiatives to give young people a better opportunity to become self-reliant
- Joint actions together with education and training
- Accompanying measures

The new programme «Youth» incorporates the two programmes 'Youth for Europe' and 'European Voluntary Service', enabling more account to be taken of existing links between measures for young people and formal education and training arrangements. The stress will be on innovation in terms of methods and collaboration between people from differing backgrounds.



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PUBLICATIONS

«Participation and Citizenship», published by the Council of Europe in 1998.

This 116-page booklet proposes a methodology for training courses for minority youth projects in Europe and describes 7 projects in Iceland, Finland, Ingushetia (Russia), Hungary, Italy, Bulgaria and Germany.

Available only in English from Youth Directorate, Council of Europe.

«Directory of Member Organisations of European Youth Forum», January 1999.

This 122-page directory presents profiles of the international youth NGOs and national youth councils which are affiliated to the European Youth Forum.

Available from European Youth Forum, 120 rue Joseph II, B - 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

YOUTH MEDIA 99

EVENTS IN DÜSSELDORF

As a youth-related initiative in the framework of the German presidency of the European Union, three events are being organised in Dusseldorf on 17-20 June 1999, around the theme «Youth Media 99»:

- a European Conference on Youth and Multimedia 1999
- a series of practical workshops
- a fair bringing together youth media projects with presentations from media companies.

The organisers are especially interested to hear from successful innovative projects in different European countries involving young people in activities using various media.

More information:
<http://www.youthmedia.org>

EUROPEAN SEMINAR ON STANDARDS/QUALITY IN YOUTH INFORMATION

From 19 to 26 September 1999 at the European Youth Centre in Budapest, ERYICA will organise an European Seminar for 30 participants on «Standards and Quality in Youth Information and Counselling». The Seminar will discuss and confront differing national experience in the area of essential standards and measures to improve the quality of youth information and counselling services.

For the first time, this activity will be organised in the framework of the new Partnership Project in the field of youth worker training which is a co-operation project between the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe and the European Commission (DG.22).

The travel and the accommodation costs of the Seminar participants will be paid by the Council of Europe; each participant will pay an enrolment fee of 350 French Francs.

For more details about the criteria for selecting the participants for this seminar, contact your national youth information co-ordination body or ERYICA member organisation.

PROMOTING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN YOUTH NETWORKS

In 1998, the European Commission (DG.22) initiated a project called Dialogue Youth which sought to develop co-operation between four European networks active in the field of youth mobility and informing young people:

- Eurodesk
- European Youth Card Association
- European Youth Forum
- World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC-Europe)

In the context of its plans for the EU Youth Programme for 2000 and beyond, the Commission is now preparing a new co-operation project which may have a clearer focus on information which promotes youth mobility. It has invited ERYICA and the European Union Federation of Youth Hostels to join the initial partnership, and discussions are under way concerning the content and organisation of several joint activities

INFomobil IN 1999

With the participation of ERYICA partners in the countries concerned, and with assistance from the European Commission through the Youth for Europe programme, the INFomobil service will be extended during 1999 to at least six more countries: Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

This will mean that the service provides practical information for young people moving around Europe concerning all countries belonging to the European Union, plus Hungary, Romania and Slovenia. The possibility of adding other European countries is being explored.

Internet address: <http://www.emaze.be/eryica/infomobil98/>