

ERYICA Newsletter

europaean information for local youth information and counselling centres

WWW.ERYICA.ORG

This is the address of the new ERYICA Web-site which is in the process of being developed into an information and communication tool at the service of the public and the partners of the Agency.

Basically, the site has three parts:

- ① **services** intended directly for young people and those who work with young people;
- ① **public information** about ERYICA, its member organisations and its activities;
- ① **communication and data storage tools** for the internal use of the Agency and its partners.

At present, the “**Discover Services**” area includes access to the following services:

- 🌐 **INFOmobil** (information on 20 countries by the end of 1999)
- 🌐 the “**ERYICA Newsletter**” in English and French versions (on the screen, with the possibility to download each issue; current issue and past issues)
- 🌐 **links** to 19 Web-sites of **ERYICA member organisations**
- 🌐 **links** to 11 Web-sites of national organisations co-operating with ERYICA, as well as selected other youth-related sites of interest (national and European).



In the “**Discover ERYICA**” area, there is information about the following aspects of the Agency, which will be updated on a regular basis:

- 🌐 origin and aims
- 🌐 European Youth Information Charter
- 🌐 “generalist” youth information
- 🌐 member organisations
- 🌐 activities and services
- 🌐 structure and legal status.

At present, this information is available in English and French, which are the working languages of the Agency. It is intended, however, that several other language versions will be added in the near future.

The “**communication and data storage**” part of the site is still being developed. It already contains a “**Mailing-lists**” area with a mailing-list (for the use of members only) of the e-mail addresses of all ERYICA national partners, as well as other mailing-lists for project groups, and a “**Documents**” area (also only for members)

where current and past documents of ERYICA and of national partners can be consulted and downloaded. Access to the areas restricted to the members of ERYICA requires a password, which can be obtained (for local and regional youth information centres and services) exclusively from their national co-ordinator.

It is intended that several interactive elements will soon be added to the site, such as a **calendar** of events organised by ERYICA and national partners, an “**offers / requests**” area where any partner (national or local) can display details of a new service or project, or of a need for information / partner, and a **discussion forum** (news group) on a specific aspect of youth information. There will also be “**news flashes**”, brief announcements about forthcoming activities or current developments, in English and French on the opening screen.



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NEXT ISSUE

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GENERALIST YOUTH INFORMATION IN EUROPE

ERYICA has recently published the results of a study which, with the help of national partners, it conducted in 1997 with a view to presenting an overview of how generalist youth information was organised at that time in countries which had national networks in this field.

The study, presented on a chapter per country basis, covers the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom. It constitutes a sort of "photograph" of "generalist" youth information in the European countries which had functioning national networks at the end of 1997.

Each of the seventeen chapters presents information about the following aspects:

- when and how "generalist" youth information originated in the country
- aims and principles of "generalist" youth information
- profile of the national network
- national co-ordination arrangements
- how youth information is financed (at national and local level)
- how pluralism and quality are guaranteed
- co-operation with other services
- specialised information services for young people.

The study, in English and French versions, can be found on the ERYICA Web-site, in the "Documents" area. Each chapter can either be consulted on the screen or downloaded (in Word 2.0 for Windows / PC format).



ERYICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 10th ERYICA General Assembly will be held in Tunisia on 28-31 October 1999. It is being hosted by GUIJE (Guichet Unique d'information jeunesse), the national youth information centre in Tunis, which has been operating for three years (under the Ministry for Youth and Sport) and is one of ERYICA's first partners outside Europe.

The Assembly will bring together 30-40 representatives of national ERYICA members and co-operating organisations. It will discuss the Work Programme and Budget of the Agency for 2000, and in particular its future activities in the areas of training and European Voluntary Service.

USEFUL MATERIALS

50 Years of the Council of Europe CD-ROM

A "multimedia CD-ROM on the History and Activities of the Council of Europe" issued in 1999 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Council of Europe. Six language versions (English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian and Russian) on the same CD.

Available from: Youth Directorate, Council of Europe, Strasbourg.

"Hello Europe" CD-ROM

A "Youth Guide to Europe and the European Union" on CD, published by the European Commission in May 1998, in all the official EU languages.

Available from: European Commission (DG.X), Brussels.

"Review of National Youth Policy in Sweden"

A 332-page report (in Swedish and English versions only) published in 1999 by the National Board of Youth Affairs in Sweden.

Available from: Ungdomsstyrelsen, Box 17801, S-118 94 Stockholm.

"Youth Policy and Services in the Netherlands"

"Youth Policy and Services in the United Kingdom"

These are the most recent additions to the series of studies of national youth policy and services published by IJAB. Published in 1999 and both 90 pages in length, they provide a comprehensive overview of the current situation.

Available from: IJAB, Postfach 200765, D-53137 Bonn

NEW WEB-SITE ADDRESSES

A list of the Web-site addresses of ERYICA members was published in Issue N° 3 of the Newsletter.

Please note that the following addresses have changed:

NYIMC / Ireland:
www.youthinformation.ie
Forum för UIK / Norway:
www.unginfo.no

EUROPEAN UNION: NEW YOUTH COMMISSIONER

The proposed member of the new European Commission responsible for youth matters is Mrs. Viviane REDING from Luxembourg. Her responsibilities would be Education and Culture with no specific mention of Youth or Training, a fact which worries those who fear that from January next year all the youth programmes of the Commission will become "invisible" under the general heading of Education. If this were to happen, it would be a bad start to the millennium for the Union which needs all the help and support that it can get, especially from the generation which has the most to gain from a humane and democratic enlarged Europe.

The European Parliament has to agree on the composition of the new Commission.