

ERYICA Newsletter

european information for local youth information and counselling centres

YOUTH INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE

The future delivery of European information to young people was the theme of a seminar organised in May 2000 in Cagliari (Sardinia) by Eurodesk-Italy. With the help of presentations from ICL and an Italian company on the ways in which information and communication technologies are developing, the participants examined the ways in which the work of existing youth information services might be affected by these new developments.

One of the clearest evolutions, which will certainly develop rapidly in the next few years, is the possibility for individuals to download information from the Internet wherever they may be, by means of a portable telephone (i.e. without needing to possess or have access to a computer). Another evolution will be the increased use of services accessed by cable and (by extension) via television.

It will also soon be possible for a user to define precise information needs, to stock the first version of the requested information in a personal file, and to have the information updated automatically. This user-centred approach will increasingly replace the present situation where many information services provide the information that they think the public needs.

And how will this affect the daily work of youth information services? It will certainly require an increase and a reorganisation of the information which they provide via Internet, but this is not likely to decrease the need for the face-to-face work of local centres where young people want to discuss their needs with a member of the centre's staff. The fact that one finds as much unreliable information on Internet as reliable may even give local information services a new role: that of verifying the information that a user has obtained.

BENELUX INITIATIVE

"WORKING TOGETHER" SEMINAR

As the result of an initiative taken by the Agency's partners in the Benelux countries, and with support from the Benelux governments, a major ERYICA seminar will be organised in Brussels on 2-5 November 2000, on the theme of youth participation in youth information.

In recent years there has been a move in a number of countries to involve young people more directly in the different stages of the youth information process: in identifying information needs, in preparing written and audio-visual materials, in organising information campaigns and activities, in informing and counselling other young people.

Together with youth information workers from national networks, officials (local and national) responsible for youth policy, and representatives of the Council of Europe and the European Union, the participants in the seminar will include young people involved in different projects undertaken in a dozen countries who will present the results of their work to the seminar.

Further information: JINT (Brussels) or the ERYICA Secretariat.

EUROPEAN UNION

YOUTH PROGRAMME

The unit of the European Commission managing the Youth Programme has again been restructured. The two sub-units on Youth Policy and on Youth Programmes have now been combined into a single unit "Youth - Policies and Programme". Following the departure of Mr. Tsolakis, the new head of this unit is Mr. Pierre Mairesse, who is a French national.



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ERYICA NEWS

NEW MEMBER

At its meeting in June 2000, the ERYICA Bureau admitted the Wales Youth Agency (WYA) as a full member of the Agency. WYA has co-operated informally with ERYICA for several years, and its application for membership came as part of a move to strengthen United Kingdom participation in the Agency.

CO-OPERATION WITH EURODESK

Following discussions within the ERYICA and Eurodesk networks, agreement has been reached on a basis for developing the co-operation between the two networks at the national and European levels. Based on the manifestly complementary nature of the activities of the two organisations, this agreement has the form of an "Explanatory Memorandum on an ERYICA-Eurodesk Partnership", which is available on request in English and French.

One of the first joint activities undertaken in this new framework will be a first European meeting of Eurodesk local partners, which is being organised in Helsinki on **1-5 October 2000**.

11TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 11th ERYICA General Assembly will be held in Brussels on **3-5 November 2000**, immediately after the "Working Together" seminar.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

YOUTH INFO TRAINERS TO MEET

Budapest in October 2000 will be the scene of a further step in the development of ERYICA's training activities in co-operation with the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe, when a Study Session for youth information trainers will be held in the European Youth Centre.

Organised in the framework of the Partnership Agreement between ERYICA and the Council of Europe, the Study Session will bring together trainers from a dozen countries and youth information workers from countries which as yet have few training activities. After presentations

about existing training activities at the national level and discussions about current training needs, the session will identify some key youth information skills, and make proposals for training materials related to these skills which can be developed by ERYICA in a later phase of the project.

WEB-SITES OF ERYICA NATIONAL PARTNERS

The following is a list of the Internet Web-sites of national ERYICA partners, plus some other national "youth" sites of interest. Since December 1998 when an earlier version of this list was included in the Newsletter, several new sites have been launched, and others have been given a new look.

A) ERYICA MEMBERS:

- ARGE / Austria: www.jugendinfo.at
- In Petto / Belgium (Flanders): www.inpetto-jeugdendienst.be
- Infor Jeunes / Belgium (Wallonia): www.inforjeunes.be
- Infotreff - RDJ / Belgium (German Comm.): www.rdj.be
- Youth Board / Cyprus: www.cyprusyouthboard.org
- Ungdomsinformation / Denmark: www.ui.dk // www.useit.dk
- Allianssi / Finland: www.alli.fi
- CIDJ / France: www.cidj.asso.fr
- General Secretariat for Youth / Greece: www.neagenia.gr
- HAYICO / Hungary: www.hayico.mgx.hu/
- NYIMC / Ireland: www.youthinformation.ie
- CIDG-Torino / Italy: www.comune.torino.it/~infogio
- CNIEJ - SNJ / Luxembourg: www.youthnet.lu
- SJN / Netherlands: www.sjn.nl
- SEC / Netherlands: www.europacentrum.nl
- Forum for UIK / Norway: www.unginfo.no
- IPJ / Portugal: www.sejuventude.pt
- InfoTin / Romania: www.infotin.ro
- MISSS / Slovenia: www.z-misss.si
- INJUVE / Spain: www.mtas.es/injuve
- Regions / Spain: www.mtas.es/infoven
- CIU / Sweden: www.ciu.org
- CLS / United Kingdom: www.communitylearning.org
- WYA / United Kingdom: www.newi.ac.uk

B) ORGANISATIONS CO-OPERATING WITH ERYICA:

- ENTK / Estonia: www.entk.ee
- IJAB / Germany: www.ijab.de
- Jugendserver / Germany: www.jugendserver.de
- Hitt Husid / Iceland: www.hitthusid.is
- NYA / United Kingdom: www.nya.org.uk
- Young Scot / United Kingdom: www.youngscot.org

C) OTHER NATIONAL "YOUTH" SITES OF INTEREST:

- CIAO / Switzerland: www.ciao.ch
- Younet / Switzerland: www.younet.ch
- The Site / United Kingdom: www.thesite.org