

Youth Partnership

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RESEARCH SEMINAR

""Mobility of young people – Opportunities and obstacles
for cross-border volunteering for young people,
particularly with fewer opportunities""

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg
11-13 December 2011

Programme

Sunday, 11 December 2011

Arrival of participants, registration, informal evening

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Monday, 12 December 2011

08h45 **Registration**

09h00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Chair: **Marta Medlinska**, Coordinator of EU-CoE youth partnership

Welcome addresses by representatives of partner institutions:

Ulrich Bunjes (Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe) tbc

Karin Lopatta-Loibl, Youth Policy Unit, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Maria-Carmen Pantea, Convener

- Introduction into the topic
- Presentation of the Seminar: Objectives, Programme
- Introductions of Participants, Chairs, Seminar team

10h15 *Coffee break*

10h30 **Panel I: Obstacles and opportunities. Incentives and Disincentives**

Panellists:

Anisa Ymeri (Forum for Free Thought/Albanian Corpus of Volunteers)

Nelli Gishyan (Federation of Youth Clubs of Armenia)

Questions for debate:

- How to draw vulnerable young people closer to the non-formal education/ youth work and, consequently, volunteering? What does it imply in terms of motivation, preparation and, ultimately, selection?
- Obstacles and opportunities to volunteering in countries without established cultures of volunteering/ with weak political and institutional support for volunteering. What are the realistic proposals for an institutional/ policy change?

12h00 *Lunch*

- 13h30 **Jutta Koenig-Georgiades**, European Year of Volunteering 2011 Task Force, European Commission, Overview of the activities of the European Year of Volunteering
- 13.50 **Panel II: Learning opportunities and pedagogical challenges**
Panellists:
Soren Kristensen (Free-lance researcher and reporter)
Adélaide Trousselard (Dynamo International)
- Questions for debate:
- What support is needed to underpin learning processes and opportunities for personal development in cross-border volunteering for this target group? And who should provide this support?
- 15h00 *Coffee break*
- 15h30 **Panel III: Rights and responsibilities**
Panellists:
Ana Condrat (National Youth Council of Moldova, CNTM)
Nicolae Procopie ("Youth for the Right to Life" Association, Moldova)
Esther Maestro (Cibervoluntarios)
- Questions for debate:
- What can we demand from young people from disadvantaged backgrounds when participating in cross-border volunteering?
 - What are the responsibilities of organizers vis-à-vis participants?
- 17h00 Presentation of activities of participating volunteers organisations
- 18h00 End of Day I
- 19h30 *Dinner outside*

Tuesday, 13 December 2011

- 9h00 **Panel IV: Proposals for future developments in cross-border volunteering**
Panellists:
Kateryna Shalayeva (PEYR)
Jo Deman (European Youth Forum)
Celine Barlet (EYV2011 Alliance) (tbc)
- Questions for debate:
- How can research contribute to increasing the visibility of barriers to participation in volunteering? What areas need to be further explored?
 - How could organizations contribute at making cross-border volunteering more inclusive for disadvantaged youth?
 - How can we strengthen contacts and cooperation between researchers and practitioners?

10h30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11h00	Plenary session: Short Conclusions, Evaluation and Follow-up
	Chair: Hanjo Schild, EU-CoE youth partnership
12h00	<i>Lunch</i>
Departure	

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