



Draft Programme

Visibility Event: Networking among Youth Workers - road to greater Recognition at European level

Organizers: AEGEE-Europe with the support of YEU

Date: 5th December 2013 (1pm-5pm)

The event will take place under the Lifelong Learning Week. For more information please click on the link:

<http://www.eucis-lll.eu/events/lifelong-learning-week/>)

Local: European Parliament (Room to be confirmed), Hosted by ALDE Group: MEP Marian Harkin

Expected Participants: Experts in Youth Work and Youth Workers, NGO's working in the field of recognition and certifications of competences acquired through Non Formal Learning contexts and other interested stakeholders

Purpose of the event:

As a product of the project "Certification of the Qualifications of Youth Workers in NGOs – road to greater recognition of youth work"¹ the Pan-European Database pretend to be a dynamic tool that works fundamentally for the recognition of the youth worker and to create a space that allows and encourages the exchange of information on volunteering programs and work positions for youth workers and fostering advocacy and lobby measures for the recognition of qualifications/competences of youth workers.

Considering this, some visibility events in five EU participatory countries of the project have been organized to give an answer to its goals, to create this tool properly according to the needs of the youth workers and to enhance the advocacy process inherent to the needs of the field/project.

Therefore this event pretend to present to present the project and its tools, to share the European priorities for Youth Work – Recognition and certification of Skills and Competences through different current projects/ processes on EU level, what are the challenges for the youth field in this context, what is the strategic pathway for recognition on policy level, actions for the future and also to gather relevant stakeholders working in the same field for a strongest discussion and debate reinforcing the purpose, efficiency and collaboration within the database.

According with the main goal of advocating for a strong recognition we believe that organizing it during Lifelong Learning Week will bring an added value on the political impact. We believe that the outcomes of this event will contribute positively for the modernization of education and training systems in Europe.

A recognized educational provider is a guarantee of a success individual and collectively development.

Methodology:

¹ Website of the project: <http://youth-workers.eu/>

In one afternoon will be presented the project and its different tools, will be invited some speakers bringing best practices and political vision of the process and the topic.

The second part of the conference will be the roundtables where participants have the opportunity to discuss and contribution for the development of the pan-European database “Database: benefits and challenges?” and “Strategic advocacy process: where to go? Who to reach?”

As a closing session will be presentation of the discussion outcomes from the both Sessions.

Draft Agenda (13h-17h)

I - Part

- Welcome Speeches
 - Ms. Marian Harkin, MEP
 - Luis Alvarado Martinez, President of AEGEE-Europe
 - Tamara Gojkovic, Secretary General YEU
- Presentation of the project – Marko Paunovic, Coordinator of the Project - YEU
- Framework “Certification of Youth Workers Qualifications” - Coordinator of the Project - YEU
- Pan-European Database Presentation – AEGEE-Europe
- Methodology of Certification of the Youth Workers – Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (to be confirmed)

II Part

- European priorities for Youth Work – Recognition and certification of Skills and Competences: EQF & Youth Workers Profiles Group
- Partnership Programme on European Youth Worker Training & Revision of Youth Workers Portfolio (EC &CoE – to be confirmed)
- “Promoting the agenda for new skills and Jobs strengthening individual learning pathways by developing skills assessment tools for workers”
- “Youth entrepreneurship - development of competences and employability”

Debates on:

- “Database: benefits and challenges?” (needs & expectations)
- “Strategic advocacy process: where to go? Who to reach?”

Closing Session

Follow-up of the event:

- Invite and gather the interested stakeholders in the database
- Present results to the project partners
- Boost the dynamic of the pan-European Database
- Implement the viable outcomes of the Event