



1st

**{ European Youth Conference }**  
*{ Recognition of Non-formal Education }*

Cracow/Poland

“1st European Youth Conference:  
Strengthening the Recognition of Non-formal Education  
in European Youth Work”

19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013

# Dear participants,

Hereby we are presenting you all the information on our common “1st European Youth Conference: Strengthening the Recognition of Non-formal Education in European Youth Work”.

The “1st European Youth Conference: Strengthening the Recognition of Non-formal Education in European Youth Work” will take place in CRACOW, POLAND from 19th to 25th March 2013.

One of the main challenges of European youth work is the recognition of the value of youth work as non-formal learning among public and private institutions as well as among the general population on one hand and the recognition of learning outcomes of youth participating in youth work activities on the other hand. Facing the challenges of the new EU program “Erasmus for all” the requested project proposal therefore focuses on the two interlinked processes of formal/political as well as social recognition of youth work and non-formal learning. The objectives of the project are:

- To facilitate the communication between the involved stakeholders
- To foster the transfer of knowledge within the EU27
- To increase the transparency and quality of YW and NFL activities

The participants of the Youth Conference (YC) will join an intense week working on sharing their experiences:

- How to facilitate the communication between the involved stakeholders
- How to foster the transfer of knowledge within EU27
- How to increase the transparency and quality of YW and NFL activities

The activities are based on principles & practice of non-formal learning including various activities as open space, lectures/speeches/inputs, floors include, exercises, simulations, which are creating situations for deeper personal reflection, followed by concentrated debriefing, work in small mixed groups, inputs, presentations & discussion of results, e.g. through fishbowl-method, field trips, meetings & roundtables, workshops, free time activities & intercultural activities. The methods are based on a learning process & stimulating creativity, active participation and initiative. Last but not least is to get connected and finding synergy-effects between us and new projects under the umbrella of YiA Programme of the European Commission.

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# Project promoters:

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Nr. of participants</i>	<i>E-Mail</i>
ECEPAA - European Centre for Economic and Policy Affairs	Belgium	3	info@ecepaa.eu
Youth for Better Europe	Bulgaria	1	syni@gbg.bg
International Initiatives for Cooperation	Bulgaria	2	tkostadinka@gmail.com
Municipality of Aradippou	Cyprus	3	municipality@aradippou.org.cy
International Movement Youth Time	Czech Republic	1	development@youth-time.org
Be International, o.s.	Czech Republic	2	projects@beinternational.cz
Association Migration Solidarité et Echanges pour le Développement	France	3	mobilite@amsed.fr
CGE Erfurt e.V.	Germany	3	office@cge-erfurt.org
ELIX - Conservation Volunteers Greece	Greece	3	volunteers@elix.org.gr
Comune di Tortona	Italy	3	serviziallapersona@comune.tortona.al.it
SkillMaker	Latvia	3	sandra.jekabs.one@gmail.com
Youth center „Baze“	Latvia	1	kristine.leontjeva@gulbene.lv
Kaunas Union of Youth NGOs „Round Table“	Lithuania	3	rsv@kjosas.lt
Strategies of Interactive Training Foundation	Malta	3	causonmark@hotmail.com
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Društvo mladinski ceh	Slovenia	1	irena@mladinski-ceh.si
Gaziantep Youth and Culture Association	Turkey	2	evs@gantepgenclik.net
Çanakkale Koza Gençlik Derneği	Turkey	1	csibe-bibe@hotmail.com

# Profile of the participants

- you're head over heels for non-formal education
- you're familiar with non-formal learning methods
- you took part at least at one YiA-Activities
- you're an active member of a NGO or youth organization
- you're able to participate active at the Youth Conference
- you're not a Youth in Action tourist ☹️
- you love to share your experiences, ideas and passion
- you want to come to Poland with a smile

## How to apply?

Before you apply, make sure you meet the following participant profile:

- To fit into the target group
- Full availability to attend the training (from 19 to 25.03.2013), in Poland
- Able to communicate in English language

If you meet this profile, **fill your application form online:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dExOMVpLY3BRTXM5MGt3Q3IyRG1vbGc6MQ#gid=0>

until **22.02.2013**. You'll be informed about the selection results afterwards, by email. For further information, please contact Juliane Heinz or Nana Dressler at [recognitionnfe@gmail.com](mailto:recognitionnfe@gmail.com)

## Participation fee

A participation fee in the amount of **75 EUR** per person is taken to cover expenses which are not covered by the YiA grant. After the confirmation from our side (after 22th of February), we'll ask you to transfer the participation fee to our bank account. You'll receive detailed information of our bank account etc. with the confirmation of participation.

If you're a last minute candidate you can pay the participation fee also at the spot.

## Information about Cracow

As far as population and area are concerned, Cracow is the second largest city in Poland. It is situated in the southern Poland on the Vistula River. It's one of the oldest towns. Its history goes back to over a thousand years ago. In Cracow, there are plenty of cultural institutions and a lot of valuable monuments. It was the capital of Poland from 1038 to 1569. Currently, it is the capital of the Małopolskie province. Moreover, Cracow is the main metropolitan centre of Cracow agglomeration. In the city, there are crucial road and railway junctions. The second largest and international airport in Poland is situated in Balice (on the outskirts of Cracow). Transatlantic flights are available on Balice.

# Travel costs

We will reimburse 70% of the travel costs for the YC on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc. by bank transfer after the YC and the receipt of complete and original tickets, bills, receipts, boarding cards etc. Arrival day is 19th of March (later arrivals are not possible). Official departure day is the 25th of March (earlier departure times are not possible). An emergency phone contact number is given in time by Email to future participants.

## *Please note!*

1. Any costs for taxi are not eligible (exceptions possible after consultancy)!
2. In case single persons arriving later than 19th of March or leaving earlier than 25th of March any related costs (e.g. for booked hotel room) will be reduced from the travel cost reimbursement.
3. Following the guide lines of the YiA programme the travel must be realised by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no reimbursement of travel costs! Here you find the maximum travel costs for ONE participant per organisation from home town to Cracow and back:

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Nr. of participants</i>	<i>Max. costs per person in € (100%)</i>
ECEPAA - European Centre for Economic and Policy Affairs	3	150,00 €
Youth for Better Europe	1	250,00 €
International Initiatives for Cooperation	2	250,00 €
Municipality of Aradippou	3	300,00 €
International Movement Youth Time	1	100,00 €
Be International, o.s.	2	100,00 €
Association Migration Solidarité et Echanges pour le Développement	3	200,00 €
CGE Erfurt e.V.	3	200,00 €
ELIX - Conservation Volunteers Greece	3	250,00 €
Comune di Tortona	3	150,00 €
SkillMaker	3	150,00 €
Youth center „Baze“	1	150,00 €
Kaunas Union of Youth NGOs ‚Round Table‘	3	150,00 €
Strategies of Interactive Training Foundation	3	300,00 €
DINAMO	2	250,00 €
Associação para a Formação e Desenvolvimento do Montijo – CMM	1	250,00 €
Team for Youth Association	4	200,00 €
Zavod Nefiks	2	200,00 €
Društvo mladinski ceh	1	200,00€
Gaziantep Youth and Culture Association	2	250,00 €
Çanakkale Koza Gençlik Derneği	1	250,00 €

# Accommodation

We'll stay in the Hotel 'Krakowiak', which is connected with the Pedagogical University of Cracow.

[http://www.ap.krakow.pl/ach/index2.php3?jez=en\\_ach](http://www.ap.krakow.pl/ach/index2.php3?jez=en_ach)

You'll be accommodated in double rooms. The hotel provides bedding and towels for everybody.

Here you have some impressions:



# Travelling and Transport

## Visa

Several participants of the Youth Conference need a VISA to join the project. They are asked to contact the team of the YC immediately for further instructions.

## Address of the hotel:

The Krakowiak Hotel  
30-150 Cracow  
Armii Krajowej 9 Street  
phone +48/012/662-64-55; +48/012/662-64-55; +48/012/662-64-52

**Maps** from airport and bus/train station you can find here:

Travel from airport to hotel - <http://goo.gl/maps/RZLmH>  
from Bus/train station to hotel - <http://goo.gl/maps/xnzcM>

You have to take the bus number 208 from the airport to the city, the bus-stop is *Przybyszewskiego*, near the hotel. Students can get a discount with their national/international students ID.

In the table on the next page you can see the timetable, prices etc. from airport and from the central station:

<b>Kraków Airport- „Krakowiak” Hostel</b>				
Line 208	Kraków Airport- Przybyszewskiego  (Endstop: Dworzec Główny Wschód)			
Costs	Normal Ticket		4 Złoty	
	Discount ticket (Student ID needed)		2 Złoty	
Timetable	AM		PM	
	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
	4	35*	1	20
	5	20	2	20
	6	20	3	20
	7	20	4	20
	8	20	5	20
	9	20	6	20
	10	-	7	20
	11	20	8	20
	12	-	9	20

<b>Central Station- „Krakowiak” Hostel</b>				
Line 208	Dworzec Główny Wschód - Przybyszewskiego  (Endstop: Kraków Airport)			
Costs	Normal Ticket		3,80 Złoty	
	Discount ticket (Student ID needed)		1,90 Złoty	
Timetable	AM		PM	
	Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
	4	25*	1	25
	5	25	2	25
	6	25	3	25
	7	25	4	25
	8	25	5	25
	9	-	6	25
	10	25	7	25
	11	-	8	25
	12	25	9	-
			10	35

\*Only from Mo-Fr

# What to bring with you?

I pack my stuff and take with me:

- materials about my organisation
- materials about best practice projects
- food, drinks, clothes, music ect. for the European Night of Cultures
- warm clothes
- a fancy evening dress code for one night 😊

## Something to read for preparation

Overview:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/training-and-cooperation/recognition/#X-201212191618102>

Specific docs:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/downloads/4-17-2722/3%20Overview%20of%20recognition%20policy%20developments%20Dec%202012.pdf>

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc/informal/proposal2012\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc/informal/proposal2012_en.pdf)

[http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/documents/EKCYP/Youth\\_Policy/docs/Youth\\_Work/Policy/Pathways\\_II\\_towards\\_recognition\\_of\\_non-formal\\_learning\\_Jan\\_2011.pdf](http://youth-partnership-eu.coe.int/youth-partnership/documents/EKCYP/Youth_Policy/docs/Youth_Work/Policy/Pathways_II_towards_recognition_of_non-formal_learning_Jan_2011.pdf)

<http://www.salto-youth.net/downloads/4-17-2444/Investing%20and%20Empowering.pdf>

Tools for Recognition (Youth Pass)

Overview:

<https://www.youthpass.eu/en/youthpass/downloads/>

Handbook:

<https://www.youthpass.eu/downloads/13-62-70/Unlocking%20Doors%20to%20Recognition.pdf>

Communication for the participants via Facebook

We also established a Facebook-group for this YC called 1st European Youth Conference „Recognition“ - 2013, Poland. You can join this Facebook-group for chatting and getting to know the other participants already now.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/107820112707017/?bookmark\\_t=group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/107820112707017/?bookmark_t=group)



# Programme / Draft

<p>DAY 1 PM <i>19.March 2013</i></p>	<p>Arrival of the Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome!</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Check-In</li> </ul> <p>DINNER</p> <p>Welcome Night</p>
<p>DAY 2 AM <i>20.March 2013</i></p>	<p><i>Cluster 1: Opening</i></p> <p>BREAKFAST</p> <p>Opening &amp; warm -Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening speech by chairman of CGE Erfurt e.V.</li> </ul> <p>An introduction to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Meeting</li> <li>• The Schedule</li> <li>• The Organisers</li> <li>• The Local partners</li> </ul> <p>What are your expectations, concerns and contributions?</p> <p>Do you remember my name?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting to know each other through icebreaker, name game, teambuilding activities</li> </ul> <p>LUNCH</p>
<p>DAY 2 PM</p>	<p>Intro:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Educational value(s) of youth work</li> <li>• What's meant by recognition?</li> </ul> <p><i>Field trip: to be confirmed</i></p> <p>DINNER</p> <p>"NGO Cocktail Party" Staff Meeting</p>
<p>DAY 3 AM <i>21.March 2013</i></p>	<p><i>Cluster 2: Terms, Experiences &amp; Developments</i></p> <p>BREAKFAST</p> <p>Experiences in focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition of youth work and NFE/NFL: your experiences (3 Floors)</li> </ul> <p>Experiences in focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Roundtable with NGOs, initiatives, foundations, and other representatives from civil society sector in Poland (one floor)</i></li> </ul> <p>LUNCH</p>
<p>DAY 3 PM</p>	<p>Formats of Recognition (3 Floors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-recognition (recognition of individual learning outcome)</li> </ul> <p>Formats of Recognition (1 Floor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political recognition (legislation, political strategies)</li> <li>• <i>Meeting with representatives from the Polish Parliament/Ministry of Education: How politics can support the recognition of NFE/NFL?</i></li> </ul> <p>Evaluation</p> <p>DINNER</p> <p>The Good Sample: Presentation Pilot Projects</p>

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<p>DAY 4 AM <i>22.March 2013</i></p>	<p><i>Cluster 2: Terms, Experiences &amp; Developments</i> <b>BREAKFAST</b> Experiences in focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formats of Recognition:</li> <li>• Formal recognition (validation &amp; certification)</li> <li>• <i>SALTO South Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre, Poland (Input/Lecture &amp; Discussion)</i></li> </ul>
<p>DAY 4 PM</p>	<p>Formats of Recognition (3 Floors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social recognition (social players acknowledgement)</li> </ul> <p><b>LUNCH</b> Formats of Recognition (Open space technology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a common language across sectors</li> <li>• Creating “translations of youth work experiences used in other sectors</li> <li>• Providing opportunities for cross-fertilizing ideas</li> </ul> <p>Evaluation <b>DINNER</b> The Recognition Night of Cultures</p>
<p>DAY 5 AM <i>23.March 2013</i></p>	<p><i>Cluster 3: Networking, partnership building &amp; future cooperation</i> <b>BREAKFAST</b> Looking into the future: The program “Erasmus for all” and the future of the Youth/Youth in Action program of the EC (1 floor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Input by representative of Youth in Action Programme, Polish National Agency</i></li> </ul> <p>Open Space:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New strategies for youth projects planning</li> <li>• New waves of promoting youth projects</li> <li>• Get into deep – How do we get cross-country?</li> </ul>
<p>DAY 5 PM</p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b> The Conference Laboratory- Developing recognition strategies (on different floors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Context analysis (identification of issues, needs &amp; stake holders analysis, setting aim &amp; objectives</li> </ul> <p>The Conference Laboratory - Developing recognition strategies (on different floors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project planning</li> </ul> <p>Evaluation <b>DINNER</b> The Good Sample: Presentation Pilot Projects</p>
<p>DAY 6 AM <i>24.March 2013</i></p>	<p><i>Cluster 4: Dissemination, exploitation, evaluation &amp; follow-up</i> <b>BREAKFAST</b> The Conference Laboratory - Developing recognition strategies (on different floors)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback &amp; evaluation</li> </ul>
<p>DAY 6 PM</p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b> Opening &amp; warm –Up: To be continued...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collecting the YC results in groups / To be continued...</li> <li>• Dissemination &amp; exploitation of results and mutual planning of “2nd Youth Conference” (open space)</li> <li>• Discussion of open questions (open floor)</li> <li>• Development and sharing Youthpasses</li> <li>• Final Evaluation of the YC</li> <li>• Closing</li> <li>• <b>DINNER</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GOOD-BY-PARTY</b></li> </ul>
<p>DAY 7 AM <i>25.March 2013</i></p>	<p><b>BREAKFAST</b> Departure of the Participants</p>



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