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Youth and European Social Work

Dear Patricia Duensing,

In the past two months the YES Forum has been a busy bee. We elected a new Board of Directors, flew to a meeting with the European Commissioner Tibor Navracsics, while getting ready to launch our latest project "Our life. Our voice. Young people and poverty". Scroll down to find out the details of the abovementioned highlights. Also, check among the Calls and European developments for something interesting for you and your organisation.

A beautiful day to you,

Monica Nica

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## **Focus: European Developments**

### **Payment of 1 billion euro in pre-financing for the Youth Employment Initiative**

On the 22nd of May, the European Commission has made almost 1 billion euro available for the young unemployed. The decision to exceptionally increase the pre-financing in 2015 for projects helping young people in Europe through the Youth Employment Initiative is unprecedented. Member States will now be able to finance projects rapidly, as the amount of pre-financing they receive before launching a project will be increased up to 30 times.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **European Youth Monitor**

The European Commission has published 41 statistical indicators on the state of young people in the European Union. Based on the Youth Dashboard, the Youth Monitor provides information on the eight fields of action of the EU Youth Strategy: Culture and Creativity, Education and Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship, Health and Well-being, Social Inclusion, Voluntary Activities, Youth and the World, and Youth Participation. It is updated regularly, on the basis of data provided by Eurostat or Eurobarometer surveys. The Monitor provides information from 2010 onwards, where available.

Find out more [here](#).

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### **Youth participation: How can Europe help young people find their place in society?**

The European Commission released in May 2015 a booklet with a selection of

youth projects which illustrate the rich variety of non-formal learning opportunities supported by Erasmus+. The projects have in common the focus on strengthening the active participation of young people in society. They are meant to serve as European good practice.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **Levels of youth entrepreneurship and NEETs correlate across countries**

The report “Youth entrepreneurship in Europe: Values, attitudes, policies” released by Eurofound in April 2015 provides an overview of youth entrepreneurship in the context of the European policy agenda and individual Member States. Among its findings there is the one revealing a high correlation between the proportion of self-employed young people and the proportion of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET). For the report analyses there were selected policy measures aimed at fostering youth entrepreneurship in Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands and Spain.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **National qualifications framework developments in Europe**

Cedefop has released the anniversary edition of the report on European national qualifications frameworks (NQFs). The Centre has been involved in the conceptualisation and implementation of qualifications frameworks since the 1980s, having a European wide influence.

For more details, click [here](#).

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## **YES Forum's activities and members' activities**

### **YES Forum Annual Event in Bordeaux**

Between May 20th and May 21st, YES Forum member organisations and guests came together in Bordeaux, France, to learn more about the essential approach of specialised prevention (prévention spécialisée). The topic of the 2015 Annual Event was “Detached, outreach and street-based work – how to reach and involve young marginalised people in their communities”. Together with our member, Comité National de Liaison des Acteurs de Prévention Spécialisée (CNLAPS), and its regional affiliate Action Jeunesse Pessac, we invited youth workers from local and regional organizations to share their experiences and good practices with the participants. Their presentations

included both historical accounts of the development of specialised prevention in France, and community-level initiatives and concrete youth work practices. The event was also supported by the Conseil Départemental de la Gironde.

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### **YES Forum elects new Board**

At the General Assembly held on the 19th of May, the YES Forum member organizations elected its new Board of Directors for 2015-2017. The new Board members are fully committed to further support and improve YES Forum's efforts to foster the social inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities through transnational projects and advocacy work.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **The YES Forum met with Tibor Navracsics, the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport**

The recent terrorist attacks prompted Tibor Navracsics, the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, to seek feedback from the grass root level on the topic of young people's radicalisation in Europe, more specifically the YES Forum and 12 other EU-level organisations. Our chairwoman, Sterenn Coudray participated at the meeting with the Commissioner on 23 April 2015 in Brussels.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **Launch of the "Our life. Our voice. Young people and poverty" project in London**

Between 26 and 27 June 2015, the YES Forum will set off the project "Our life. Our voice. Young people and poverty" in London. The partners in the project are from the United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, Romania, Italy, and Belgium, countries which are different with regard to their welfare system, historical development, and economic performance.

"Our life. Our voice. Young people and poverty" puts young people's views in the limelight. It will explore young people's (16-25) attitudes to poverty and what it means for them to live in families struggling to make ends meet from day to day. By listening to the young people experiencing poverty we contribute to bridge the gap between policy and practice.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **EVS4ALL kick off meeting in Berlin**

The YES Forum, as one of the partners, was represented in Berlin on April 23rd

and 24th 2015, at the [kick off meeting](#) of the European project “European Voluntary Service for All” (EVS4ALL). The project, organised by the Allianz Forum, brings together 14 partners and it aims to open the personal and professional enriching EVS experience to young people with limited opportunities.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **YES Forum at the Inclusion & Diversity Strategy Launch in Brussels**

During the European Youth Week (27th April – 10th May), the YES Forum took part in the official launch event of the new Inclusion and Diversity Strategy for Youth, of the ERASMUS+ programme.

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## **Calls for Proposals, Conferences and Training**

### **Call for Proposals on Anti-Gypsyism and discrimination affecting Roma DL: 20 June 2015**

The goal of this call for proposals opened by the Open Society Initiative for Europe is to counter structural discrimination affecting Roma and the effects that this has on society as a whole. The applicant must be legally established in Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, or Sweden. The application should be submitted before 20 June 2015.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **EaSI- EURES call for Proposals DL: 26 June 2015**

This call for proposals is issued in the context of the implementation of the 2015 annual work programme for grants and procurement for EaSI (EURES axis). The Targeted Mobility Scheme - Your First EURES Job scheme shall provide support measures for young candidates aged 18-35 to find a job, traineeship or apprenticeship in a place other than his/her country of residence, enshrined in a legally binding work relationship with the employer, i.e. there must be a labour contract between the parties. The deadline for the submission of complete applications is 26 June 2015

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **Justice Call for Proposal DL: 7 July 2015 12:00 (noon) CET**

The call for proposals JUST/2014/RDIS/AG/DISC for action grants is based on the 2014 annual work programme of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC Programme). It aims to co-fund national or transnational projects on non-discrimination and Roma integration, in line with the specific objective to promote the effective implementation of the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, and to respect the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds provided for in Article 21 of the Charter.

For more details, click [here](#).

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### **EaSI- PROGRESS call for Proposals DL: 14 August 2015**

This EaSI-PROGRESS call for proposals has the overarching objective of removing obstacles to the Youth Guarantee implementation, notably by outreach, information sharing and communication activities leading to a better information/engagement of Youth Guarantee provision and governance Stakeholders and better information of young people about the Youth Guarantee. The deadline for submitting applications is 14 August 2015.

For more details, click [here](#).

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