

EUROPEAN ACADEMY ON YOUTH WORK (EAYW)
Innovation, Current Trends and Developments in Youth Work
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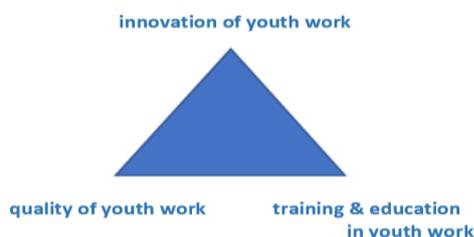
WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN ACADEMY ON YOUTH WORK (EAYW)?

The EAYW aims to support innovation in youth work and youth work policy and to promote the development of quality youth work. It contributes to creating further a common ground on youth work and youth work policy in Europe. In this respect, it works on the demands of the 2nd European Youth Work Convention to *further develop the concepts and practice of youth work, to find strategies to work on the current and emerging challenges faced by young people and to renew its practice and strategies according to the changes and trends in society and politics.*



To this end, the EAYW will offer a regular platform for reflection on hot European topics with relevance to the youth field, on recent or current developments and future trends. It is a place for exchange and knowledge gathering on creative, transformative and innovative youth work practices, its tools and instruments, and for dissemination and exploitation of results of studies and research as well as youth work policies. Furthermore, it links to political frameworks and developments with an impact on youth work, and it offers space for discussion and exchange on related political strategies, decisions and developments. In this way, the EAYW also encourages cooperation among actors in the youth work field to further support innovation and quality in youth work across Europe.

The profile of the EAYW is placed in the triangle formed by



The **European Academy on Youth Work** is a new initiative of seven National Agencies of the EU Programme Erasmus+: Youth in Action, namely Agenzia Nazionale Per I Giovani - Italy, EDUFI - Finland, JTBA - Lithuania, JINT - Belgium-Flanders, JUGEND für Europa - Germany, Jugend in Aktion, Interkulturelles Zentrum - Austria, MOVIT - Slovenia as well as of SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres and the Partnership between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of youth.

THE FIRST EDITION OF THE EAYW

The **first edition of the European Academy on Youth Work** will be taking place from **21st to 24th May 2019 in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia**, hosted by MOVIT Ljubljana. 140 participants will be invited to discuss “Innovation, Current Trends and Developments in Youth Work”. About 90 participants will be selected through this call.

The **programme of the EAYW** is based on a modular programme with parallel sessions and space for plenary sessions for key inputs and discussions on the topic of innovation in youth work. During the modular part of the programme, the participants will be able to participate in sessions of their choice, where they can:

- Explore and test innovative tools, models and methods,
- learn and reflect about experiences and learning outcomes of youth work projects and practices that are responding to current developments and challenges, from local to European, and their political impact,
- get to know and discuss outcomes of recent research, studies and reflection papers,
- reflect on how these practices, tools or studies relate to and can be transferred to their own working context.

Contributions to the EAYW will come from youth work practice, policy and research including other youth-related sectors. 30 contributors from diverse countries and backgrounds have been selected to present, further explore and discuss their tools, methods, projects, research etc. with the participants during this event. The contributions have been selected on the basis of their innovative character, response to current trends and developments, support for development of quality in youth work, their potential for transferability and adaptability to different contexts, and – last but not least - the contributor's interest to spark reflection and discussion and the active involvement of the participants.

Main topics addressed include, among others:

- Social inclusion, working with different target groups of disadvantaged young people
- Digital youth work, technology and science in youth work
- The political role of youth work, education for democratic citizenship, European values
- Violence prevention, combatting discrimination and radicalisation
- Youth worker education
- Development and assessment of trainer competences
- Quality in learning mobility and its recognition
- Links between youth work and research
- Youth engagement and participation
- Cultural expression and creative learning
- Values in youth work
- Mental health in youth work
- Entrepreneurship and sustainability in youth work

Information about the different sessions will be made available for the participants - and for the larger public - well before the event.

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