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Upcoming deadlines

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EU0010000670	15 Jan 2016	Erasmus+ KA3 - Support for small and medium sized enterprises engaging in apprenticeships
EU0010000286	15 Jan 2016	Traineeships at the European Central Bank
EU0010000530	15 Jan 2016	Young Researcher of the Year Award
EU0010000413	15 Jan 2016	Bogliasco Fellowships Programme
EU0010000604	15 Jan 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-European Voluntary Service
EU0010000443	17 Jan 2016	Traineeship European Railway Agency
EU0010000509	20 Jan 2016	Bocconi Scholarship and Merit Awards for International Students
EU0010000064	20 Jan 2016	Vulcanus in Japan
EU0010000599	20 Jan 2016	College of Europe Scholarships for university graduates from ENP countries
EU0010000608	21 Jan 2016	Erasmus+Sport: Collaborative Partnerships
EU0010000609	21 Jan 2016	Erasmus+Sport: Not-for-profit European sport events
EU0010000138	24 Jan 2016	Partnership Programme on European Youth Worker Training
EU0010000386	25 Jan 2016	European Charlemagne Youth Prize
EU0010000072	29 Jan 2016	Traineeships at the European Commission - Administrative in- service training periods
EU0010000090	29 Jan 2016	Traineeships at the European Commission - Translation traineeships
EU0010000263	31 Jan 2016	Internships at the World Bank
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EU0010000225	31 Jan 2016	Postgraduate studies at the European University Institute (EUI)
EU0010000612	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Adult Education Staff
EU0010000605	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Vocational Education and Training for Learners
EU0010000618	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action2-Capacity Building in the field of youth
EU0010000606	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-Youth Exchanges
EU0010000619	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action3-Structured Dialogue: meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth
EU0010000607	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Youth workers
EU0010000602	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1 - Mobility project for

[higher education staff](#)

EU0010000614	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility Project for Vocational Education and Training for Staff
EU0010000603	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for higher education students
EU0010000615	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action2-Strategic Partnerships in the field of education, training and youth
EU0010000613	2 Feb 2016	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility Project for School Education Staff

Documentation

The Missing Entrepreneurs 2015

Published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Commission, The Missing Entrepreneurs 2015 is the third edition in a series of annual reports that provide data and policy analysis on inclusive entrepreneurship. Inclusive entrepreneurship involves business start-up and self-employment activities that contribute to social inclusion as well as to economic growth, covering entrepreneurship activities by social groups such as youth, women, seniors, immigrants and the unemployed. The report contains data on the scale and scope of entrepreneurship and self-employment activities across EU Member States by social target groups, as well as the barriers they face. The report also contains special thematic chapters on supporting growth for entrepreneurs from disadvantaged and under-represented groups, effective coaching and mentoring, and the role of public procurement in supporting inclusive entrepreneurship. Each thematic chapter discusses current policy issues and challenges, and makes recommendations for EU policy makers. The report also provides inspiring policy-practice examples from each of the 28 EU Members.

<http://bit.ly/1IPENNq>

Survey on Multiple discrimination and young people in Europe

Published by the European Youth Forum, the survey involved 495 young people between 18 and 35 and collected data from across Europe (including the countries of the Council of Europe) on how multiple discrimination occurs in young people's lives, on which grounds as well as on young people's awareness of the existing anti-discrimination law on this topic. The survey finds that more than three-quarters of young people feel discriminated against, mostly (34.5%) because of their gender, but also (29%) because of simply being young. Young people face discrimination because of their age but, when other factors such as gender, sexual orientation, physical appearance and religion combine with age, this exacerbates the discrimination that they face. Such "multiple discrimination" prevents many young people from enjoying equal opportunities and real equality. The survey also highlights that LGBTI youth are more likely to experience discrimination than any other age group. Young women are also particularly at risk of discrimination due to pregnancy and childbirth leading to employers seeing them as "less productive". The study also examines where discrimination takes place and finds that over half (53.8%) of young people surveyed experience discrimination in education, 50% when looking for a job, 42% at the workplace, 29% when looking for accommodation, 26,6% in healthcare.

<http://bit.ly/1OMZ4oA>

Dropout and Completion in Higher Education in Europe

Published by the European Commission, the study demonstrates that study success is measured differently across Europe and that policymakers at national and institutional levels apply different measures

to improve completion and reduce dropout in higher education. The evidence put forward in this study indicates that EU countries that have more explicit study success objectives, targets and policies are likely to be more successful, particularly if the policy approach is comprehensive and consistent. The study identifies some recommendations that provide a broad menu for informing future policy-making to increase study success. These recommendations highlight possible actions to be taken at European, national and institutional levels:

- The need for an increased European effort to facilitate study success;
- The need for conscious national policy designs to boost study success;
- The need for comprehensive institutional strategies to boost study success.

<http://bit.ly/1Z0LGF6>

National Sheets on Education Budgets in Europe – 2015

Published by Eurydice, the report provides the most recent data on planned education budgets by country. It makes it possible to identify variations in education budgets within a country between 2014 and 2015. National education budgets are presented by type of expenditure and education level. Information covers 26 EU Member States as well as other countries participating in the Eurydice Network.

<http://bit.ly/1RuCZ36>

EU projects for migrants and refugees

The website collects projects funded by the EU Budget. From language learning to inter-cultural dialogue, examples of what the EU is doing can be found by browsing the interactive map.

<http://bit.ly/1jYaQUU>

Ganja: European Youth Capital 2016

Ganja, the second largest city in Azerbaijan, takes over from Cluj-Napoca, Romania, the title of European Youth Capital for 2016. 'Connecting' will be the key theme for Ganja as European Youth Capital 2016.

The five thematic priority areas will be youth participation, education, social cohesion, youth employment, and volunteering. The programme will promote close cooperation across borders and bring together policy, research and practice for young people. The Youth Capital title was launched by the European Youth Forum (YFJ) to encourage the development of new ideas and innovative projects with regards to the active participation of young people in society and to foster the co-operation on youth policies at local and European level.

<http://www.ganja2016.eu>

The role of VET in combatting early leaving

Created by CEDEFOP, the video presents learners' testimonials on how vocational education and training (VET) has played a role in their decision to continue their studies and find a job. Lauren and Martin from Northern Ireland, Darius from Romania and Nicole from Austria have now graduated and found a job thanks to VET.

<http://bit.ly/1W0S7WS>

The World Indicators of Skills for Employment (WISE) database

The WISE database provides a statistical snapshot of skills development around the world, using data from ILO, OECD, UNESCO, World Bank and Eurostat. It contains 64 indicators in five broad areas: contextual factors, skill acquisition, skill requirements, skill mismatch and economic and social outcomes.

<http://bit.ly/1WW8950>

Opportunities

Call for speakers at the European Youth Event

The European Youth Forum is looking for 10 motivated and experienced young speakers ('ideas givers') to communicate their ideas for Europe during the five highlight 'idea check' activities at the European Youth Event (EYE) on 20th and 21st May 2016. Selected young speakers will present ideas on a given topic to high-level European politicians who will in turn respond to the young people's ideas and demands.

The five highlight 'ideas check' activities will focus on the following topics:

- Migration: across the universe;
- Future of Europe: remember we have a choice!;
- Youth unemployment: Down to zero?;
- Digital revolution: A fountain of jobs and innovation?;
- Climate: High priority for low carbon.

Eligible candidates are young people aged between 18 and 30, active in a youth organisation (it is not necessary to be in a leadership position), able to communicate in English (although the speech could be made in German or French), with an extensive public speaking experience and a thorough understanding of and interest in the chosen topic. In Autumn 2016, the European Parliament will host committee hearings on each of the five EYE themes. Idea givers will be asked to participate in a range of activities on their theme at the EYE with a view to gathering input and ideas for the hearings.

Deadline: **20th January 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1PotE8A>

Erasmus+Sport: Collaborative Partnerships

This action supports organisations or public bodies active in the field of sport or physical activity interested in working with European partners to share innovative ideas, promote sport or address sport-related challenges.

Collaborative Partnerships support projects which:

- tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport, such as doping, match fixing and violence, as well as all kinds of intolerance and discrimination;
- promote and supporting good governance in sport and dual careers of sportspeople;
- promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health enhancing physical activity, through increased participation in and equal access to sport for all.

In addition, they should also support the implementation of the European Week of Sport, an initiative launched by the European Commission to promote sport and physical activities in the European Union.

Deadlines:

- **21st January 2016**, 12:00 midday Brussels time, for projects related to the 2016 European Week of Sport, (projects starting between 1st of April and 1st of September of the same year).

- **12th May 2016**, 12:00 midday Brussels time, for projects not related to the 2016 European Week of Sport (projects starting on 1st of January of the following year).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/22XItKt>

Erasmus+Sport: Not-For-Profit European Sport Events

This action supports not-for-profit organisations or public bodies to organise major Europe-wide sports events, involving partners or sports people from participating countries, promoting the European Union activities in the field of sport.

In addition, this action may finance:

- national events organised during the 2016 European Week of Sport,
- national events organised simultaneously in several European countries in the context of European events.

The European Week of Sport is an initiative launched by the European Commission to promote sport and physical activities in the European Union, in the light of declining participation levels.

Deadlines: **21st January 2016**, 12:00 midday Brussels time, for not-for-profit European sport events organised during the 2016 European Week of Sport (projects starting on 1st of May of the same year),

- **14th May 2016**, 12:00 midday Brussels time, for not-for-profit European sport events organised outside the 2016 European Week of Sport (projects starting on 1st of November of the same year).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1TSinkK>

Call for application for the selection of members of ET 2020 Working Groups as referred to in the Groups' mandates

ET 2020 Working Groups are informal Commission expert groups at the service of the ET 2020 framework. The primary focus of the Working Group is to benefit the Member States in their work of furthering policy development through mutual learning and the identification of good practices. They are a forum for discussions, providing high-level input from a wide range of sources and stakeholders, and as such are also opened to European social partners and European-level stakeholder associations. As of 2016, six ET 2020 Working Groups will work on the ET 2020 concrete issues listed in the Annex of the 2015 Joint Report.

Eligible applicants should apply by **29th January 2016**, 18:00, (Brussels time).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1mRuFzC>

FEST 2016: International New Directors|New Films Festival, Espinho (Portugal)

Fest 2016, one of the most important cultural events in Portugal and worldwide, will be held in Espinho from 20th to 27th June.

Young directors (up to 30 years of age only for the Short and Medium Film Competition) are invited to send their videos, which must have been concluded after 1st March 2014, under one of these categories: Fiction; Documentary; Experimental and Animation. Directors can submit more than one film, in separate entries. They cannot submit the same film in more than one category. Videos should be on DVD, Blu-ray and Hard Drive formats and be in English or have English subtitles.

There are small administration fees.

Deadline for submitting entries: **28th February 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1M0E4ZQ>

European Youth Capital 2019

The European Youth Capital is a title granted by the European Youth Forum to a European city for a period of one year, during which the city is given the chance to showcase its youth-related cultural, social, political and economic life and development. All municipalities from Member States of the Council of Europe are invited to apply. The title of European Youth Capital gives European cities the chance to present over one year a multi-faceted programme that highlights the wealth, diversity and common characteristics of Europe's intergenerational approach, and the empowerment of young people throughout the continent.

Deadline: **28th February 2016** (23:59 CET).

There are some fees.

For more information: <http://bit.ly/1SLhqKw>

Daphne Call for Action grants

Launched by the European Commission, the call aims to prevent and combat violence in the form of corporal punishment against children and to protect child victims of such violence.

This call will fund activities on:

- comprehensive planning and initiation of sustainable training and awareness raising of the public on all of the following: the law on corporal punishment, children's right to protection, the dangers of corporal punishment, and the promotion of positive discipline.
- training and cooperation of relevant actors/agencies/professionals and key players to develop a shared understanding and sustainable approach to ensure progress towards elimination.
- development and wide dissemination of detailed guidance for all involved on how the law prohibiting corporal punishment should be implemented in the best interests of the child.

Deadline: **3rd March 2016**, 12:00 (noon) CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1OqOWqc>

Jeunesses Musicales Jazz World 2016

The Jeunesse Musicales Jazz World is an international jazz big band for globe's best young musicians. Led by acclaimed international artistic directors, the orchestra meets for a weeks' rehearsal before heading on to tour the international jazz circuit.

Talented musicians between 18 and 26 years old, playing saxophone, trombone, trumpet, horn, tuba, guitar, bass, drums, percussion, piano and vocals are invited to apply by **14th March 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1OQlxqw>

Please also look at the Opportunities folder within the Eurodesk intranet for news on European and international (funding) opportunities.

Highlights

European Voluntary Service celebrates 20 years in 2016

Over the last 20 years, close to 100,000 young people have taken part in international volunteering through the European Voluntary Service (EVS).

EVS started in 1996 as a pilot action but, given its successful start, the Commission launched the European Voluntary Service Community Action Programme that operated during 1998-1999. EVS then became part of the YOUTH programme (2000-2006) and continued to be a flagship activity under the Youth in Action programme (2007-2013) and within the current Erasmus+ programme (2014-2020).

Through EVS young people get the opportunity to volunteer abroad, contributing with their efforts to a cause they believe in – be it solidarity with refugees and migrants, work on environmental issues, activities for children or the elderly, support for non-governmental organisations, work for cultural events or a number of other topics.

Anyone between 17 and 30 years old can join and, to make this experience possible for everyone, every volunteer receives support to cover travel and living costs, as well as pocket money and insurance.

<http://bit.ly/1UW9HuF>

Eurostat release: November 2015 Euro area unemployment rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, in November 2015, 4.553 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 3.167 million were in the Euro area. Compared with November 2014, youth unemployment decreased by 412 000 in the EU28 and by 163 000 in the Euro area. In November 2015, the youth unemployment rate was 20.0% in the EU28 and 22.5% in the Euro area, compared with 21.5% and 23.2% respectively in November 2014. In November 2015, the lowest rates were observed in Germany (7.0%), Denmark (9.9%) and Austria (10.9%), and the highest in Greece (49.5% in September 2015), Spain (47.5%), Croatia (45.1% in the third quarter 2015) and Italy (38.1%).

<http://bit.ly/1OckV4R>

Donostia-San Sebastián and Wrocław European Capitals of Culture 2016

Donostia-San Sebastián in Spain along with Wrocław in Poland are the two European Capitals of Culture for 2016. From January 2016 they will officially start a year of music, theatre, dance, film and literature events showing their culture to the world. The official opening of the Wrocław programme, which carries the motto "Spaces of Beauty", will take place with a grand parade in the city centre in the presence of Commissioner Navracsics during the weekend of 15th-17th January. San Sebastian, which will centre its programme on the idea of "Culture of Coexistence", will open with five days of cultural activities, including the traditional Tamborrada grand fiesta, starting 20th January. The two cities mark the 31st year of the European Capitals of Culture programme, taking over from Mons (Belgium) and Plzen (Czech Republic) in 2015.

Initiated in 1985 by the then Greek Minister of Culture Melina Mercury, the programme has become one of the most high-profile cultural initiatives in Europe. Further information on the celebrations and events can be found at:

Donostia-San Sebastián 2016: <http://dss2016.eu>

Wrocław 2016: <http://wroclaw2016.pl>

2nd European Week of Sport to take place in 2016

As announced by Tibor Navaracsics, the Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, the second edition of the European Week of Sport will start on 10th September 2016. The 2016 European Week of Sport will continue promoting participation in sport and physical activity and raising awareness about their benefits. The main elements of the week will include a greater focus on communication in national languages, further outreach to sport at the local level and new partners and national ambassadors. Brussels-based events and activities will take place from 10th to 17th September, including, among others, the official Opening of the Week (10th September) and a Flagship event (15th September).

Many more events will take place all over Europe with national editions of the European Week of Sport, organised in close cooperation with national coordinators, starting between 10th and 24th September.

As in 2015, the 2016 European Week of Sport will be supported through specific funding under Erasmus+: Sport.

<http://bit.ly/1MShza2>

Consultation on the review of the European Disability Strategy

Launched by the European Commission, the consultation aims to collect input on the mid-term review of the European Disability Strategy (2010-2020). This Strategy provides a roadmap for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to which the European Union is a party. It has identified eight main areas for action at EU level: accessibility, participation, equality, employment, education and training, social protection, health and external action.

Specifically, the consultation focuses on what has been achieved so far in each of the eight areas, on the challenges faced by all persons with disabilities and on how the EU should address these challenges.

The consultation is addressed to all citizens, organisations, public authorities, businesses, academics and other stakeholders. The consultation is available [here](#) and will be open until **18th March 2016**. The survey is available in all official languages of the EU, except Irish.

United Nations Environment Programme Survey

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is rethinking its engagement with young environmental leaders, and wants young people's input on how it can maximise its impact.

The survey is available [here](#).

Eurostat release on employment

According to national accounts estimates published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the number of persons employed increased by 0.3% in the Euro area (EA19) and by 0.4% in the EU28 in the third quarter of 2015 compared with the previous quarter. In the second quarter of 2015, employment increased by 0.4% in the Euro area and by 0.3% in the EU28. These figures are seasonally adjusted. Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 1.1% in both the Euro area and the EU28 in the third quarter of 2015 (after +1.0% in both zones in the second quarter of 2015). Eurostat estimates that, in the third quarter of 2015, 229.8 million men and women were employed in the EU28, of which 151.5 million were in the Euro area. These figures are seasonally adjusted. These quarterly data on employment provide a picture of labour input consistent with the output and income measure of national accounts. Among Member States for which data are available, Estonia (+2.1%), Hungary (+0.8%), Ireland, Spain, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom (all +0.6%) recorded the highest increases in the third quarter of 2015

compared with the previous quarter. Decreases were recorded in Croatia (-0.6%), Portugal (-0.5%) and Malta (-0.3%).

<http://bit.ly/1SzUcJA>

Commission's European Research Council awards 291 young researchers with €429 million in grants

On 4th December 2015, the European Research Council (ERC) has announced the award of its Starting Grants to 291 early-career researchers. The funding, worth €429 million in total and up to €1.5 million per grant, will enable them to set up their own research teams and pursue ground-breaking ideas in all disciplines, covering topics like climate change, rare diseases and digital media. ERC grants are awarded to researchers of any nationality based in, or willing to move to, Europe. In this competition, grantees of 38 nationalities received the funding. The new ERC projects will be hosted in 23 countries across Europe, with the United Kingdom (48), Germany (47), Netherlands (32) and France (29) as top locations. The grants are awarded under the 'excellent science' pillar of Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation programme.

<http://bit.ly/1NLoA3i>

Please also look at the News folder within the Eurodesk intranet for other European news from the network.

Upcoming Events

EURES Job Fairs

Thinking about finding a job in another EU country?
EUR Job Mobility Portal organises job fairs all over Europe.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/EUREScalendar>

1st January-30th June 2016: EU Dutch Council Presidency

Starting January 1st The Netherlands will hold the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the 12th time. The previous Dutch Presidency was in 2004. The Netherlands is the first Presidency in the Trio and will be followed by Slovakia (second half of 2016) and Malta (first half of 2017).

The Dutch Presidency will focus on promoting economic growth and connecting with civil society. The priorities will be migration and international security; innovation and job creation; sound finances and a robust Euro zone; a forward-looking climate and energy policy.

Information on the new Presidency, its work programme, the main priorities, position papers, events and latest news can be found on the presidency website: <http://www.eu2016.nl>

26th-27th January 2016: iLearning Forum 2016, Paris, France

The Forum will be the place for all the demonstrations and the presentations of the latest international innovation in e-learning (simulations, interactive video, serious games, skills and management applications, content tools development, social learning, mobile learning...).

Access to the Forum is free.

Find out more: <http://www.ilearningforum.org>

27th January 2016: [Y]Factor: Think Smart, Think Regional...Let's Innovate!, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Committee of the Regions, the conference will bring together young people, local authorities and young entrepreneurs for an interactive discussion on two key issues:

- Young Entrepreneurs and Local and Regional Authorities: how to play together?
- Young Generation and Smart Cities: how can big data drive innovation?

Both topics will begin with a talk from experts, followed by a floor discussion and feedback between experts and participants.

Deadline to [register](#): **24th January 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1Zh5eDs>

1st-2nd February 2016: ECOSOC Youth Forum: New York, USA

The Forum will discuss ways in which young people can play an active role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will also address how youth can best communicate on the Agenda, bringing on board the innovative use of social media and communication tools.

Participation is by invitation only.

Find out more: <http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/youth2016/index.shtml>

5th-6th February 2016: EU Studies Fair 2016, Brussels, Belgium

The EU Studies Fair 2016, organised by Politico, is an education and networking event focused on graduate and postgraduate programmes in EU studies, international relations, business, economics, public policy and law. The two-day fair, held annually in Brussels, is a unique opportunity for students and young professionals to discover both academic and career opportunities. The EU Studies fair also features career seminars, personalised career counseling, guided tours of the EU institutions and university spotlights.

Participants should register [here](#).

Find out more: <http://www.politico.eu/eu-studies-fair>

4th-7th April 2016: 5th Asem Rectors Conference and Students' Forum, Prague, Czech Republic

The ASEM Rectors' Conference and Students' Forum (ARC) is a bi-annual conference series that has been recognised as an Official Dialogue Partner of the ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEM ME).

Under the theme "Employability: Asia and Europe Prepare the New Generation" the conference will focus on employability skills. The event will consist of plenary and working group sessions. In addition, there will be special sessions for networking between rectors, students and businesses through unconventional concepts such as a human library. An Online Preparatory Phase will precede the Students' Forum for in-depth preparation and understanding of the selected topic. University students between 18 and 30 years old, citizens of the 51 ASEM member countries and with strong verbal and written command of English and keen on contributing to policy proposals for higher education challenges in Asia and Europe are invited to apply before **22nd January 2016**.

There is no registration or participation fee. Organisers will provide accommodation, meals and a travel subsidy for the selected participants.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1PA2EbI>

18th-22nd April 2016: Preventing Youth Extremism, France

Salto Training course for youth workers who are concerned with religious or political radicalisation of the young people they support. The course will support participants in identifying and understanding the causes of extremism/radicalisation and offer them tools to support young people at risk. Participants should be able to work in English and come from Erasmus+Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme countries.

Deadline: **19th February 2016**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1PT1Lbu>

20th-22nd April 2016: Schools of Democracy, Reggio Emilia, Italy

Organised by the S&D (Socialists and Democrats) Group in the European Parliament, the event will gather 100 young people from EU countries and beyond, along with experts from the political, economic and academic worlds, to discuss the response of democracy, e-democracy, globalisation, sustainable development, and social justice to the threats of populism and extremism. Young people between 18 and 25 should fill the [application form](#) and summarise in few lines their motivations to join the event.

Travel, hotel and meal expenses will be paid by the organisers.

Only the first 1000 applications will be considered.

Find out more: <http://www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu/schoolofdemocracy>

20th-21st May 2016: European Youth Event, EP, Strasbourg, France

The European Youth Event (EYE) 2016 will include a large variety of activities run under the motto "Together we can make a change" in a political, social and cultural sense.

All activities will focus on five new themes: War and peace, Apathy or participation, Exclusion or access: Crackdown on youth unemployment, Stagnation or innovation, Collapse or success.

There is no fee for attending the EYE 2016 event. However, participants will need to cover their own transport, accommodation and meals.

Deadline to register a group of young people: **31st January 2016** at 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1jbzeT4>

European Citizenship Training Courses 2016

The courses are meant to support youth workers and youth leaders developing their critical understanding of European Citizenship and to encourage them to integrate the topic in their practical work.

List of proposed Courses for 2016:

- Training Course: ECTC-UK in the United Kingdom (22nd-28th February 2016)

Deadline: passed;

- Training Course 7: ECTC-CZ in Czech Republic (4th-10th April 2016)

Deadline: **24th January 2016**.

All details are available here: <http://bit.ly/1NJ0F1b>

Salto-Youth: Training Calendar

The European Training Calendar contains current training offers of different institutions and organisations, such as SALTO, the National Agencies for the YOUTH IN ACTION Programme, non-governmental youth organisations, the European Youth Centres of the Council of Europe and the Partnership Programme on European Youth Worker Training. They are addressed to young people, group leaders, mentors, trainers and other specialists.

Find out more:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar>