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## Deadlines up to 15 October 2015

**Deadline Reminder:** <http://eurodesk.eu/deadline-reminder>.

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000543	15 July 2015	<a href="#">European Photo competition - Living Together</a>
EU0010000184	15 July 2015	<a href="#">European Youth Award</a>
EU0010000351	15 July 2015	<a href="#">New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships</a>
EU0010000663	15 July 2015	<a href="#">Call for Applications: High Level Group on Grassroots Sport</a>
EU0010000664	15 July 2015	<a href="#">Call for Applications: High Level Group on Sport Diplomacy</a>
EU0010000494	31 July 2015	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee Civil Society Prize</a>
EU0010000427	31 July 2015	<a href="#">Global Junior Challenge Award</a>
EU0010000461	31 July 2015	<a href="#">World Bank Young Professionals Programme</a>
EU0010000637	31 July 2015	<a href="#">FARE Football People Event Grants</a>
EU0010000303	1 Aug 2015	<a href="#">The One Minutes Jr. video competition</a>
EU0010000666	14 Aug 2015	<a href="#">#MyWeek #BeActive Challenge Photo-Video Competition</a>
EU0010000458	15 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Creative Encounters: Cultural Partnerships between Asia and Europe</a>
EU0010000576	28 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Europe in My Region Photo Competition 2015</a>
EU0010000527	30 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Europemobility Video Contest</a>
EU0010000629	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Shining Stars of Europe Video Contest</a>
EU0010000192	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships and Fellowships at the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)</a>
EU0010000147	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships at the European Ombudsman</a>
EU0010000653	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">EU Aid Volunteers initiative: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building</a>
EU0010000589	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Next Generation of Science Journalists Award</a>
EU0010000468	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Heinrich Böll Foundation grants scholarships (for study in Germany)</a>
EU0010000210	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Young European of the Year Award - Travel Fellowships &amp; InterRail-Global-Passes</a>
EU0010000618	2 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+Key Action2-Capacity Building in the field of youth</a>
EU0010000050	10 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Horizon2020: Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions</a>
EU0010000177	16 Sept 2015	<a href="#">DG Interpretation bursaries</a>
EU0010000020	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships at the Committee of the Regions</a>

EU0010000096	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#"><u>LIFE (2014-2020) Action Grants</u></a>
EU0010000152	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#"><u>Traineeships at the Economic and Social Committee</u></a>
EU0010000180	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#"><u>Traineeship at the Court of Justice</u></a>
EU0010000021	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Traineeship at the Council of the European Union</u></a>
EU0010000085	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>European Youth Foundation - Grants for international youth activities</u></a>
EU0010000229	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>International youth activities held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres</u></a>
EU0010000584	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Research Fellowship</u></a>
EU0010000604	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-European Voluntary Service</u></a>
EU0010000606	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-Youth Exchanges</u></a>
EU0010000607	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Youth workers</u></a>
EU0010000615	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Erasmus+Key Action2-Strategic Partnerships</u></a>
EU0010000619	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Erasmus+Key Action3-Structured Dialogue: meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth</u></a>
EU0010000631	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Training placements at the European Parliament</u></a>
EU0010000650	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Erasmus+ Key action3: Support for policy reform-Initiatives for policy innovation</u></a>
EU0010000329	11 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>BEST courses for students of technology</u></a>
EU0010000004	15 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Traineeships and Study Visits at the European Parliament</u></a>
EU0010000345	15 Oct 2015	<a href="#"><u>Traineeships at the European Parliament for people with disabilities</u></a>

## Documentation

### **European Alliance for Apprenticeships - Good for Youth, Good for Business**

The brochure focuses on the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA), launched in 2013, and addresses the challenges and possible answers of how to strengthen the quality, supply and image of apprenticeships. This is also in line with the new set of medium-term deliverables agreed at European level in the field of VET for the period 2015-2020.

The brochure features examples of successful and inspiring apprenticeship and other work-based learning policy initiatives and projects across Europe.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=14127&langId=en>

### **The Youth Guarantee - First Successes - The Youth Guarantee on the Ground**

This publication summarises developments across the EU of the Youth Guarantee, adopted in 2013 in response to the growing number of unemployed youth and those not in employment, education or training (NEETs). With the establishment of a Youth Guarantee, all Member States committed to ensure all those up to 25 years old would receive a quality offer of employment, education, training or apprenticeship within four months of becoming unemployed or leaving school.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=13933&langId=en>

### **Travelling in Europe 2015-16**

Europe: a continent with thousands of years of history, a rich cultural heritage and some of the world's most breathtaking scenery. For those planning to travel in Europe, this booklet gives useful and practical information and tips, available in all EU languages.

<http://bit.ly/1Gq4jHq>

### **Eurofound yearbook 2014: Living and working in Europe**

The Eurofound publication provides a snapshot of the living and working conditions of people in Europe, with a focus on employment trends and investment in future growth.

In 2014, Eurofound expanded its evidence base on the repercussions of the crisis on the living and working conditions of Europeans and offered guidance on viable options available to policymakers in their efforts to turn Europe around.

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

### **Erasmus+ Students and Alumni Association - ESAA**

A new umbrella association bringing together all European Union funded exchange students and alumni and offering a dynamic platform for networking, professional development and intercultural learning while promoting European Higher Education and worldwide cooperation.

<http://www.esaa-eu.org>

### **European Youth Week 2015 Video**

The video gives a snapshot of the European Youth Week that took place across Europe and in Brussels from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> May.

The next edition of the European Youth Week will take place in 2017.

<https://goo.gl/gHljkM>

### **European Youth Work Convention 2015 Video**

Video edition of the Declaration of the European Youth Work Convention that took place in Brussels, Belgium, from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

<http://bit.ly/1Kwf4wS>

### **Uniplaces**

An online marketplace for booking student accommodation with thousands of verified properties. If you are looking for a room, a residence, or an entire property and you want to stay longer than a month, Uniplaces is what you're looking for.

<https://www.uniplaces.com>

## Opportunities

### **High Level Groups on Sport - Call for applications**

The European Commission has launched two calls for applications regarding the High Level Group on Sport Diplomacy and the High Level Group on Grassroots Sport.

Applications are open for both organisations and individuals.

Deadline to submit applications: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**, 18:00 (CET).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1U0uP3w>

### **International Youth Day 2015 Photo Competition**

For the celebrations of the International Youth Day 2015 “Youth Civic Engagement”, the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, led by the co-chairs, DESA and UNDP, is inviting young people worldwide to join a photo competition and be part of an online campaign showing how engagement and participation of youth is essential to achieve sustainable human development. Entrants will have to submit photos of young people stories portraying how they engage in and promote civic engagement activities for change. The winning photo will be showcased at the International Youth Day event on 12<sup>th</sup> August in the UN Headquarters and online (via @UN4Youth and @undp4youth Social Media platforms) and may be used for the World Youth Report 2015.

Deadline: **30<sup>th</sup> July 2015**.

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

### **World Bank Youth Professionals Programme**

The Young Professionals Programme is a unique opportunity for young people who have both a passion for international development and the potential to become future global leaders. The Programme is designed for highly qualified and motivated individuals skilled in areas relevant to the World Bank's operations such as, economics, finance, education, public health, social sciences, engineering, urban planning, agriculture, natural resources and others; as well as to the World Bank's corporate areas such as communications, information technology, human resources and corporate finance. Candidates need to demonstrate a commitment to development, proven academic success, professional achievement, and leadership capability. Selected candidates are offered a 5-year term contract, spend 24 months in a structured training program, and enjoy a wealth of benefits and opportunities. Candidates should have a citizenship of a member country of the World Bank, be 32 years of age or younger (i.e. born on or after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983), have a PhD or Master's degree and relevant work experience, be fluent in English and have a specialisation in a field relevant to the World Bank Technical/Operations.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> July 2015**.

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

### **Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) Global Photo Competition**

Open to participants of all ages, including student, amateur, and professional photographers, the competition focuses on the theme of Entrepreneurship aiming to promote it especially among youth.

Contestants will have to submit one photo answering the following question: "How can individuals be empowered to improve their lives and contribute to the democratic development of their communities and countries through entrepreneurship?". Entries should demonstrate the power of entrepreneurship to transform lives, along with a caption that explains the role entrepreneurship has played in expanding their personal opportunities and/or in building their capacity to contribute to civic and economic development in their communities. Entrants may hold citizenship in or live in any country, but special consideration will be given to submissions from youth residing in non-OECD countries. Finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges and three winners will be determined by public online voting starting on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015 - International Youth Day. Winners will receive an honorarium of USD 250 each.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.**

Find out more: <http://www.cipe.org/photo>

### **#MyWeek #BeActive Challenge Photo-Video Competition**

Launched by the European Commission in the framework of the first European Week of Sport taking place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 across Europe, the aim is to challenge Europeans to get engaged in physical activities. In order to participate entrants will have to:

- sign up for the Challenge,
- pick a single week between 15<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> August in which to take the Challenge and engage in sport or physical activity 3 days (minimum) in that week,
- take a picture or video of themselves engaged in each of their activities,
- post a minimum of 3 pictures or a video, adding hashtags #BeActive #MyWeek, on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and challenge their friends to take part. Everyweek there will be the chance to win one of the amazing sport and fitness prizes.

Deadline: **14<sup>th</sup> August 2015.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1J1BjvN>

### **Creative Encounters: Cultural Partnerships between Asia and Europe**

The aim of the programme is to support collaborative artistic projects in the framework of the Asia-Europe dialogue. Artists, cultural workers, arts organisations and arts networks of Asia and Europe are invited to submit initial project proposals by **15<sup>th</sup> August 2015**. Projects should take place between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1IMXrV6>

### **European Youth Media Days 2015**

Organised by the European Parliament in collaboration with the European Youth Press – Network of young media makers, this year's edition will focus on Media Freedom in Europe and beyond and will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 in Brussels, Belgium. Participants will experience three days of media workshops, political discussions, hands-on media production and invaluable insights into the European Parliament and international media milieu. They will interact with high-level European politicians, professional journalists and experts and engage in intercultural exchange through practical media production. The EYMD are open to young journalists, aged between 18 and 30, who are citizens or legal residents of the EU Member States and [neighbouring countries](#).

Participants' travel costs will be reimbursed by the organisers upon submission of all necessary documents.

Applicants should send their [application](#) with a CV, a motivation letter and the links to two media samples (of any type) by **16<sup>th</sup> August 2015, 23:59 CET**.

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

### **CVCE Europa Quiz**

Launched by the Virtual Resource Centre for Knowledge about Europe (Centre virtuel de la connaissance sur l'Europe, CVCE) as part of the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the competition is open to European citizens and aims to make young people aware of the European project and Luxembourg's specific role, and to create a testbed for the design of innovative digital tools in the field of knowledge sharing. Throughout the Presidency, from 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, each day entrants will have to answer a question on a Europe-related topic and get the chance to win amazing prizes. The competition can be entered in French, German and English.

Find out more: <http://www.europaquiz.lu>

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



## Highlights

### **Commission supports established scientists in Europe with €445 million in new research grants**

On 30<sup>th</sup> June, the EU awarded 190 senior researchers with the prestigious European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants. The grants, worth up to €2.5 million each, will enable researchers from 23 nationalities to pursue ground breaking ideas in all areas of knowledge; from pioneering new gene therapy treatments for heart arrhythmias to investigations in biodiversity in tropical and temperate forests.

These are the first European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Grants awarded under the 'excellent science' pillar of Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation programme launched in 2014.

<http://bit.ly/1BTp4yD>

### **Eurostat release: May 2015 Euro area unemployment rate**

According to new data on unemployment, published by Eurostat (the statistical office of the European Union), in May 2015, 4.707 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 3.136 million were in the Euro area. Compared with May 2014, youth unemployment decreased by 450 000 in the EU28 and by 300 000 in the Euro area. In May 2015, the youth unemployment rate was 20.6% in the EU28 and 22.1% in the Euro area, compared with 22.2% and 23.8% respectively in May 2014. In May 2015, the lowest rates were observed in Germany (7.1%), Denmark (10.0%) and Austria (10.1%), and the highest in Greece (49.7% in March 2015), Spain (49.3%), Croatia (43.6% in the first quarter 2015) and Italy (41.5%).

<http://bit.ly/1Jno4ml>

### **European Commission and European Investment Fund mobilise €500 million for social and micro-entrepreneurs**

To promote jobs and growth in Europe, social and micro-enterprises will soon have access to over €500 million in finance. This is the result of a new mandate agreement signed between the European Commission and the European Investment Fund (EIF). Support will be made available under the European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), which will provide a €96 million guarantee for the period 2014-2020 which is expected to mobilise over €500 million in loans. The programme targets individuals who wish to start or further develop their own social and micro-enterprises, in particular, people who have difficulties in entering the job market or in accessing finance.

The EIF will not provide direct financial support to enterprises but will implement the facility through local financial intermediaries, such as microfinance and guarantee institutions, as well as banks active across the EU-28 and additional countries that are participating in the EaSI programme. These intermediaries will deal directly with interested parties to provide support under the facility.

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

**Eures network: helping people to find a job in another EU country**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the Employment Committee of the European Parliament voted on proposals to improve the EURES network and create the largest possible pool of job vacancies and CVs in the EU.

The plans also cover apprenticeships and traineeships and set out to facilitate the exchange of information between EU countries on labour shortages and surpluses.

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

**European Alliance for Apprenticeships: companies and organisations commit to making 140 000 apprenticeships available to young people**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> June, more than forty companies and other organisations have joined the European Alliance for Apprenticeships, coordinated by the European Commission, and committed to providing more and better apprenticeships for young people. The companies will make a total of 140,000 apprenticeships and training opportunities available to young people.

The European Commission is committed to strengthening the supply, quality and image of apprenticeships. The new pledges were signed in Riga during a meeting of Ministers in charge of vocational education and training, the European social partners and the Commission, organised by the Latvian Presidency.

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

**Eurostat release: quarterly data on employment**

According to the new data on employment, published by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the number of persons employed increased by 0.1% in the Euro area (EA19) and by 0.3% in the EU28 in the first quarter of 2015 compared with the previous quarter. In the fourth quarter of 2014, employment increased by 0.1% in the Euro area and 0.2% in the EU28. These figures are seasonally adjusted.

Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, employment increased by 0.8% in the Euro area and by 1.1% in the EU28 in the first quarter of 2015 (after +0.9% and +1.1% respectively in the fourth quarter of 2014). Eurostat estimates that, in the first quarter of 2015, 228.1 million men and women were employed in the EU28, of which 150.3 million were in the Euro area.

<http://bit.ly/1Fowi8P>

**Eurostat release on job vacancy**

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the job vacancy rate in the Euro area (EA19) was 1.7% in the first quarter of 2015, down from 1.8% recorded in the previous quarter but stable compared with the first quarter of 2014. The job vacancy rate in the EU28 was also 1.7% in the first quarter of 2015, stable compared to the previous quarter but up from 1.6% in the first quarter of 2014.

<http://bit.ly/1dM9R7p>

### **Erasmus+ Master Loan Scheme launched with first bank in Spain**

The Erasmus+ Master Loan scheme is a new and ambitious initiative that represents a major step forwards for student mobility in Europe, with the aim of supporting the EU's objective of 20% of its students being mobile by 2020. Complementing the well-known credit mobility scheme for higher education students, Erasmus+ aims to help students in obtaining a Master's degree in Erasmus+ participating countries and spend time studying in an institution abroad. The loan is designed to protect postgraduate students from student hardship with social safeguards including:

- No need for collateral from students or parents, ensuring equality of access;
- Favourable, better than market interest rates;
- Pay-back terms that allow graduates up to two years to find work before beginning repayment.

The scheme, which aims to fund 200,000 Master student loans by 2020, is now off the ground for Spanish postgraduate students and students going to Spain to pursue a Master's course abroad. The loans will be offered by the Spanish bank, MicroBank, the social bank of La Caixa.

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

*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>

### **1<sup>st</sup> July-31<sup>st</sup> December 2015: EU Luxembourg Council Presidency**

Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> Luxembourg will hold the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the 12<sup>th</sup> time. Luxembourg is the third Presidency in the Trio with Italy and Latvia. The Luxembourg Presidency will focus on an open approach in order to:

- Listen to the citizens,
- Supporting businesses,
- Cooperating with partners and institutions in order to act in the interests of Europe.

Its priorities will be based on these seven pillars:

- Stimulating investment to boost growth and employment,
- Deepening the European Union's social dimension,
- Managing migration, combining freedom, justice and security,
- Revitalising the single market by focusing on its digital dimension,
- Placing European competitiveness in a global and transparent framework,
- Promoting sustainable development,
- Strengthening the European Union's presence on the global stage.

Find out more: <http://www.eu2015lu.eu>

<http://www.eu2015lu.eu/en/la-presidence/a-propos-presidence/programme-et-priorites/index.html>

### **10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August 2015: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sziget Festival, Óbudai Island, Hungary**

For an entire week in August the Óbudai island, in the middle of the Danube just outside Budapest, will become a self-contained party city, a temporary home of a multitude of international stars, Hungarian bands, performers, DJs, theatre groups, acrobats, humorists, dancers, puppeteers and thousands of young people from around the world. The aim of this multi-cultural event is to provide a variety of cultural programmes for the many European and international visitors who will attend the week long festival.

Find out more: <http://szigetfestival.com>

### **6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November 2015: Model UN Workshop, UN Headquarters, New York, USA**

The workshop aims to provide MUN advisors and university or high school student leaders, who are actively involved in organising Model UN programmes at the university level around the world, with a deeper understanding of how Model UN simulations can more accurately capture

the negotiation process as it commonly occurs at the UN. The workshop is addressed to anyone who has had a leadership role in organising a conference or has participated as a delegate. Applicants are required to have participated in at least one Model UN simulation prior to the workshop and must be able to communicate in English. Faculty advisors who have a role in training or supervising students who organise or participate in MUN conferences are also eligible.

There is no registration fee for students or faculty advisors; however, participants are responsible for all travel and living costs during the three-day workshop.

The deadline for receiving applications is **15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**.  
Find out more: <http://outreach.un.org/mun>

**14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September 2015: Entrepreneurship Summer School, Madrid, Spain**

The course is addressed to young people interested in establishing their own business and willing to get inspired and learn more from experienced and successful entrepreneurs. The course will be done in an innovative way, without teachers, lecture style courses, or Power Point presentations. Real entrepreneurs will share their experience with students giving them an inside view of entrepreneurship.

Deadline to apply: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**.  
Find out more about the course and the fees: <http://bit.ly/1LSXh1M>

**8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December 2015: 10<sup>th</sup> Tool Fair, Budapest, Hungary**

The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tool Fair will give participants the chance to experience a unique combination of “laboratory” and “market” and to discover tools for learning. Youth workers, trainers and youth leaders from Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme countries and partners countries neighbouring the EU are invited to take part.

Deadline to apply: **5<sup>th</sup> September 2015**.  
Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1SSBvOO>

**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>

### **Coming up: European Festivals**

European and worldwide Rock Festivals – although the layout is simple, the website has an extensive list of festivals.

<http://www.britishrock.cc/portal/festival/index.php>

A general site, with links to cultural events and festivals, not only rock festivals, in Europe.

[http://www.bugbog.com/festivals/european\\_festivals.html](http://www.bugbog.com/festivals/european_festivals.html)

Music Festivals Europe 2015

<http://www.festivalsearcher.com/festivallists.aspx?region=europe>

Europe Music Festivals 2015

<http://www.musicfestivaljunkies.com/all-festivals>

Searching for more background information on festivals, have a look at Wiki.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock\\_festival](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_festival)

