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Deadlines up to 15 January 2016

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

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000138	15 Nov 2015	Partnership Programme on European Youth Worker Training
EU0010000178	15 Nov 2015	Translation Traineeships at the European Parliament for university graduates
EU0010000560	15 Nov 2015	Translation training placements at the European Parliament
EU0010000644	16 Nov 2015	Europass 2015 Viral video competition
EU0010000408	17 Nov 2015	Horizon2020: European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants
EU0010000091	28 Nov 2015	Traineeships at the Council of Europe
EU0010000456	30 Nov 2015	MEDEA Awards 2016
EU0010000413	15 Jan 2016	Bogliasco Fellowships Programme

Documentation

Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2016

The programme guide provides information on the priorities of the programme, the actions supported, the funding available for different actions and detailed information on participation. Throughout the Guide, a special focus is put on encouraging projects supporting social inclusion (notably of refugees and migrants), as well as preventing radicalisation.

The Guide is currently only available in English but it will be published in the other European languages in the next few weeks.

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

National Student Fee and Support Systems in European Higher Education 2015/16

The report, published by the European Commission's Eurydice network, shows how fee and support systems (including grants and loans) work in higher education in Europe. In addition to providing a comparative overview of fees and financial support available for full-time students in 2015/16, it also includes individual country sheets outlining the main elements of national systems. In particular, the publication describes the range of fees charged to students and specifies which categories of students are required to pay, and which may be exempt. Similarly it explains the levels of public support available in the form of grants and loans, as well as tax benefits and family allowances where applicable.

The report focuses on fees and support in public or government-dependent private higher education institutions for the first (Bachelor level) and second (Master level) cycles and does not cover private higher education institutions. Information covers the 28 EU Member States as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Turkey.

<http://bit.ly/1RY8fWW>

2nd European Youth Work Convention Report

The final report of the 2nd European Youth Work Convention brings together all relevant documentation and outcomes of the Convention. It includes facts and figures, background documents such as reflections on the different themes that were tackled during the convention, as well as the final Declaration itself.

<http://bit.ly/1N5jpcx>

ILO Global Employment Trends for Youth 2015

Published by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the report provides an update on key youth labour market indicators and trends, focusing both on the continuing labour market instability and on structural issues in youth labour markets. It offers lessons learned on "what works" for youth employment and on emerging practices in policy responses. The report finds that the global youth unemployment rate has stabilised at

13% following a period of rapid increase between 2007 and 2010 but it is still well above the pre-crisis level of 11.7%.

Furthermore, the report highlights a drop in the number of unemployed youth to 73.3 million in 2014, 3.3 million less than the crisis peak of 76.6 million in 2009.

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

E-tutorial - Erasmus+International mobility and cooperation activities in Higher Education

The E-tutorial focuses on the international dimension of the Erasmus+ programme. It will deal with the funding opportunities offered to Higher Education Institutions and their staff and students based in Partner Countries outside the European Union.

<http://bit.ly/1M1zmvV>

Science4Refugees

This new section of the EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion portal matches talented refugees and asylum seekers who have a scientific background with positions in universities and research institutions that are 'refugee-welcoming organisations' and that have suitable positions available, including internships and part-time and full-time jobs. From the portal, researchers wishing to pursue their research careers in Europe or stay connected to it can access to a complete range of information and support services.

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/science4refugees>

YouthUp

New European Youth Forum and League of Young Voters open-source campaign promoting a more youth-inclusive politics and combating the political inequality and marginalisation that young people face.

<http://www.youthup.eu>

Education GPS

OECD source for internationally comparable data and analysis on education policies and practices, opportunities and outcomes. Accessible any time, in real time, the site provides the latest information on how countries are working to develop high-quality and equitable education systems.

<http://gpseducation.oecd.org>

Opportunities

#lovemyapprenticeship Photo and Video Competition

Launched by the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, the competition is addressed to apprentices between 16 and 24 years old and doing an apprenticeship in any [EU country](#). They will have to submit a picture or a short video of themselves in their workplace and post it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with 'I'm taking part in the #lovemyapprenticeship contest'. This can be a single photo, mosaic of photos, a selfie, vine or short video of up to 30 seconds. They can submit a maximum of five entries in total, taking into account the different social media platforms used (for ex: the same video posted on three different social media platforms is counted as three separate entries). A jury will then select a winner from the 10 most popular entries by number of "likes" (on Facebook or Instagram) or "favourites" (on Twitter).

The first prize consists of a two-week trip abroad to attend a language course to learn English, French, German or Spanish in the UK, France, Germany or Spain. The winner may choose the language but arrangements for a trip, such as location and place of study, will then be made by the organisers. Travel expenses up to € 500 and accommodation (in school facilities or with a family) are included. The travel and course are to be booked by 31st December 2015 and participation in the course must be between 1st January 2016 and 15th August 2016. Furthermore there will be 15 spot prizes including a selfie stick, a fisheye lens for smartphones or a battery pack.

The organisers will award the best 3 entries each week (there are 4 weeks of contest, which makes 12 prizes) and the first entry in the contest. The entry number 100 and the last entry will also be awarded one of these prizes.

Deadline: **23rd November 2015**, midnight CET.

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

Support for information measures relating to the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) 2016

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is crucial to long-term food security, and makes a significant contribution to the Commission's top priorities, such as investment, jobs and growth, climate change, internal market, digital single market, and others. It contributes to the sustainable development and modernisation of Europe's agriculture and the wider rural economy. It helps address the global challenge of 'how to produce more, using less'.

The priority theme for the 2016 call is "The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the challenges ahead".

The target public is the general public (in particular young people in urban

areas) and/or farmers and other parties active in rural areas. Indicative implementation period of the information measures: 1st May 2016 – 30th April 2017.

Deadline: **30th November 2015.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1BgI0CI>

Call for tenders (EACEA/2015/17)-Study on the Impact of Transnational Volunteering through the European Voluntary Service

Launched by the European Commission, the aim of this study is to evaluate the impact, effects and opportunities that the experience of transnational volunteering through the European voluntary service has created for young people, the organisations involved and the communities affected, in order to support future policy.

Deadline: **7th December 2015**, 16:00 (CET/CEST, Brussels time).

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

DanceWEB - European Scholarship Programme for Contemporary Dance

The Scholarship Programme offers around 65 young professional dancers, preferably between 22 and 30 years old, the possibility to take part in an intense multinational training programme. The Programme is a 5-week residency taking place from 15th July to 19th August 2015 in Vienna within the framework of the ImPulsTanz festival. The programme focuses on the exchange of ideas and knowledge, further training and meeting with internationally renowned artists gathering in Vienna at ImPulsTanz. A scholarship includes individual coaching by artistic mentors, participation in the research projects and in the technique workshops, admission to all performances of ImPulsTanz, exchange of ideas and contact with the international trainers and choreographers and accommodation in Vienna for the period of the scholarship programme.

Deadline: **11th December 2015, noon CET.**

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

HORIZON2020-Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Researchers' Night 2016

European Researchers' Night, is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) action, under the Horizon 2020 specific programme "Excellent science".

It consists of a pan-European event taking place on the last Friday night of September. The aim is to bring the researchers closer to the public at large and increase awareness of the research and innovation activities and encourage young people to embark on scientific careers. Activities will have to be focused on the general public, addressing and attracting people regardless of the level of their scientific background, with a special focus on pupils and students. Activities can combine education aspects with entertainment, especially when addressing young audience. They can take various forms, e.g. hands-on experiments, science shows, simulations, debates, games, competitions, quizzes.

Participants can be any legal entity in the EU Member States and Associated Countries and/or, if relevant, constitute a partnership at regional, national or international level.

Deadline: **13th January 2016**, 17:00:00 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1QLSmC5>

Bogliasco Fellowship Programme 2016-2017

Approximately 50 fellowships are awarded, without regard to nationality, to qualified persons doing advanced creative work or scholarly research in the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, classics, dance, film or video, history, landscape architecture, literature, music, philosophy, theatre, visual arts. The duration of the residency at the Liguria Study Center is 30 to 34 days depending on the geographic origin of the fellow, their discipline, and various scheduling requirements of the Foundation.

The deadlines for the Bogliasco Fellowship Programme 2016-2017 are the following:

- First deadline is **15th January 2016** for residencies during the fall-winter semester;
- Second deadline is **15th April 2016**, for the spring semester.

Find out more: <http://www.bfge.org/en/apply>

International Schools Essay Competition and Debate 2016

Living Rainforest has launched an essay competition for young people worldwide, from 7 to 17 years old, and their teachers to encourage them to share their views on what "sustainable education" means to them, and the steps which they believe their countries should be taking in order to achieve it. Primary students (ages 7-11) are invited to submit an essay on the theme "My Vision for Sustainability Education" (maximum 400 words) and secondary students (ages 11-17) should outline their ideas for sustainable education and the steps needed for societies to achieve it (maximum 600 words). Trophies for 1st to 5th places will be awarded in each category (Primary and Secondary) and one overall Grand Prize Winner (plus Teacher Champion and Parent) will receive a free trip to the 2015 International Schools Debate and Awards in the UK from 7th to 10th July 2015.

Deadline: **23rd January 2015**.

Find out more: <http://www.livingrainforest.org/explore/schools-debate>

European Charlemagne Youth Prize 2016

Young people from 16 to 30 years old, from all the EU Member States, are invited to participate in a competition on EU development, integration and European identity issues. The "European Charlemagne Youth Prize" is awarded to projects providing models for young people living in Europe and offering practical examples of Europeans living together as one community. Participants can apply individually or in groups.

Representatives of the 28 national projects selected will be invited to the award ceremony in Aachen, Germany in May 2016.

The competition is organised by the European Parliament and the Foundation of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.

Deadline: **25th January 2016.**

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

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

Highlights

Erasmus+ helping Refugees

On 6th October, the European Commission organised a meeting with a number of partners (Erasmus+ National Agencies, university and student associations) to discuss what could be done to facilitate the integration of refugees in European universities, notably within the framework of Erasmus+.

Participants expressed the need to share inspiring practices on integration measures targeted at refugees. The Commission has therefore published a list of existing initiatives collected through an e-survey with the aim of providing inspiration to individuals and institutions interested in facilitating the integration of refugees in European universities.

The list of initiatives is available here: <http://bit.ly/1k7fnEM>. Those who have implemented or are going to implement other types of activities that are not listed on the document can add them via [ErasmusplusRefugees2015 Survey](#).

Eurostat release: September 2015 Euro area unemployment rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the Euro area (EA19) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.8% in September 2015, down from 10.9% in August 2015, and from 11.5% in September 2014.

This is the lowest rate recorded in the Euro area since January 2012. The EU28 unemployment rate was 9.3% in September 2015, down from 9.4% in August 2015, and from 10.1% in September 2014. This is the lowest rate recorded in the EU28 since September 2009.

In September 2015, 4.540 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 3.113 million were in the Euro area. Compared with September 2014, youth unemployment decreased by 500,000 in the EU28 and by 251,000 in the Euro area. In September 2015, the youth unemployment rate was 20.1% in the EU28 and 22.1% in the Euro area, compared with 21.8% and 23.4% respectively in September 2014.

In September 2015, the lowest rates were observed in Germany (7.0%), Austria (11.0%), Denmark (11.2%) and the Netherlands (11.5%), and the highest in Greece (48.6% in July 2015), Spain (46.7%), Croatia (43.1% in the third quarter 2015) and Italy (40.5%).

<http://bit.ly/1M5nU6i>

European Youth Forum (EYF) Youth UP Campaign and Research on Young People and Democratic Life in Europe

On 15th October, the European Youth Forum and the League of Young Voters launched the YouthUp open-source campaign promoting a more youth-inclusive politics and combating the political inequality and marginalisation that young people face. The campaign aims to open up a Europe-wide debate on the best ways to "youth UP" politics. Youth UP will also crowd-source examples of different forms of youth participation and civic engagement from across Europe, to truly empower young people and help spread successful grassroots movements that are already underway.

To coincide with the Youth UP campaign launch, the EYF has published a new research: "[Young People and Democratic Life in Europe - What next after the 2014 European Elections?](http://www.youthup.eu)" illustrating that young people, far from being "disengaged" with politics, do care deeply about politics.
<http://www.youthup.eu>

ESN Survey 2016

Launched by the Erasmus Student Network, this year's survey focuses on homecoming exchange students and students without any mobility experience.

The survey aims to explore the friendliness of universities around Europe. Participants will get the chance to win prizes such as: a city trip for two anywhere in Europe with TravelBird, worth EUR 400, an underwater photo camera or an Amazon voucher worth GBP 25.

<http://www.esn.org/esnsurvey/2016>

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>

9th-10th November 2015: Jean Monnet Conference, Brussels, Belgium

The theme of this year's Jean Monnet Conference is "A Union of shared values – the role of education and civil society". Participants will present and debate the specific contributions academia can make to the policymaking world in order to safeguard our fundamental values from internal and external challenges. They will discuss on "How can higher education make a difference?" and "What role do arts and the new media play?"

Participation is by invitation only.
The conference will be webstreamed live.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1MRz68Q>

9th-10th November 2015: European conference on engaging SMEs in apprenticeship, Thessaloniki, Greece

Organised by Cedefop the conference will focus on success stories on how SMEs take the lead and set apprenticeship programmes, national practices put in place by industry, social partners, public authorities, and other bodies that have a role in supporting SMEs; messages brought forward by the employers' representatives at European and national levels. The conference will also be an opportunity for participants to identify ideas that may be turned into cross-country partnerships, and find partners.

The conference will be webcast live [here](#).
Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1XUQtqU>

10th November 2015: Interns Day, Worldwide

The European Youth Forum together with InternsGoPro and other youth-led organisations across the world will organise the first ever International Interns Day on the 10th of November, with events taking place in Switzerland, Belgium, France, Australia, the United States and other countries. In a situation where 59 percent of interns in Europe are unpaid, Interns Day 2015 aims at both empowering the interns' community and achieving concrete political change. In Brussels, Interns Day will include debates with Members of the European Parliament, employers and social partners, workshops with young people and a demonstration. In order to attend the Brussels event, participants will have to register [here](#).

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

16th November 2015: “Social inclusion in Vocational Education/Training and the Labour Market through Competences and Strengths”, Aalborg, Denmark

Organised by the SOS Network, the international conference will address teachers and trainers, job consultants, employers and social workers, meeting young people in risk of becoming NEET, but also policy makers working at a strategic level. The conference will showcase concrete examples of approaches that build on a positive perception of young people at a difficult stage in their lives, and open up to a debate with the audience on how to push this perception forward in a European struggle to avoid losing a generation.

Participants should register [here](#).

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

16th-22nd November 2015: Global Entrepreneurship Week

For one week, millions of young people around the world will join a growing movement of entrepreneurial people to generate new ideas and to seek better ways of doing things. Dozens of countries are coming together for the first time to host Global Entrepreneurship Week, a global initiative to inspire young people to embrace innovation, imagination and creativity.

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

18th November 2015: Think European – act local: Youth 2015 – recommendations for Europe, Brussels, Belgium

The second conference on the EU Youth Strategy and the role of the states and regions will address the core findings of the third EU Youth Report on the realities faced by young Europeans. Further, it will focus on resulting challenges and the need for political action on the regional level, notably in particular in the fields of social integration, employment, participation, culture and creativity, health and wellbeing, volunteering, education and training, as well as international cooperation.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1Ne8d9g>

19th November 2015: Seminar “Work organisation and workplace learning: Creating a win-win environment”, Brussels, Belgium

Co-organised by Cedefop, Eurofound and the EESC, the event will be an occasion to present recent findings and initiatives on work organisation and workplace learning, including the results of Eurofound’s 3rd European Company Survey and Cedefop’s European Skills and Jobs Survey. National authorities, European institutions, enterprises, trade unions, civil society and academia will explore and debate work organisation and skill development practices that benefit both employers and employees.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1NhrNS6>

2nd-4th December 2015 – Online Educa Berlin, Germany

This is a global, multi-sector conference on technology-supported learning and training. Under the theme “Changing Learning”, it will explore the effects of the multitude of changes in the fields of technology and education, as learners and learning experts are asked to respond to challenges in society.

Find out more: <http://www.online-educa.com>

30th November - 4th December 2015: Lifelong Learning Week, Brussels (Belgium)

Organised by the Lifelong Learning Platform, the week aims to raise awareness of Lifelong Learning (LLL) in Europe and of the need to adopt a holistic and democratic approach at all levels of decision-making, implementation and evaluation. This year's hot topics will be: Education in promoting intercultural dialogue and tolerance; Guidance and counselling in taking forward validation; The challenge of media literacy.

Participants should register [here](#).

Find out more: <http://www.eucis-lll.eu/news/eucis-lll-news/lll-week-2015-save-the-date>

European Citizenship Training Courses 2016

The courses are meant to support youth workers and youth leaders developing their critical understanding of European Citizenship and 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: **15th November 2015**;

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

Deadline: **24th January 2016**.

All details are available here:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/training-and-cooperation/tc-rc-nanetworktcs/europeancitizenship>

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>