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Deadlines up to 31 October 2015

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

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000096	15 Sept 2015	LIFE (2014-2020) Action Grants
EU0010000578	15 Sept 2015	Model UN Workshop
EU0010000177	16 Sept 2015	DG Interpretation bursaries
EU0010000365	30 Sept 2015	European Investment Bank (EIB) - Universities Research Action
EU0010000478	30 Sept 2015	International Citizen Media Award
EU0010000629	30 Sept 2015	Shining Stars of Europe Video Contest
EU0010000020	30 Sept 2015	Traineeships at the Committee of the Regions
EU0010000152	30 Sept 2015	Traineeships at the Economic and Social Committee
EU0010000180	30 Sept 2015	Traineeship at the Court of Justice
EU0010000021	1 Oct 2015	Traineeship at the Council of the European Union
EU0010000085	1 Oct 2015	European Youth Foundation - Grants for international youth activities
EU0010000229	1 Oct 2015	International youth activities held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres
EU0010000584	1 Oct 2015	OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Research Fellowship
EU0010000604	1 Oct 2015	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-European Voluntary Service
EU0010000606	1 Oct 2015	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-Youth Exchanges
EU0010000607	1 Oct 2015	Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Youth workers
EU0010000615	1 Oct 2015	Erasmus+Key Action2-Strategic Partnerships
EU0010000619	1 Oct 2015	Erasmus+Key Action3-Structured Dialogue: meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth
EU0010000631	1 Oct 2015	Training placements at the European Parliament
EU0010000650	1 Oct 2015	Erasmus+ Key action3: Support for policy reform-Initiatives for policy innovation
EU0010000329	11 Oct 2015	BEST courses for students of technology
EU0010000404	11 Oct 2015	European Youth Capital
EU0010000483	15 Oct 2015	Roma Education Fund Scholarships Programme
EU0010000004	15 Oct 2015	Traineeships and Study Visits at the European Parliament
EU0010000345	15 Oct 2015	Traineeships at the European Parliament for people with disabilities
EU0010000487	20 Oct 2015	EU Prize for Women Innovators 2016

EU0010000150	31 Oct 2015	Internship programme at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
EU0010000263	31 Oct 2015	Internships at the World Bank

Documentation

Sport in the EU factsheet

Published by the European Commission, the publication explains the aims of EU sport policy, how sport can support social inclusion and public health and what the EU is doing to promote sport. The factsheet also gives a breakdown of EU funding for sport, set to rise year on year to 2020 as part of Erasmus+, and examples of projects that got off the ground with EU support.

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

Organisation of the Academic Year 2015/16 in Europe

Published by Eurydice, the Academic Calendar contains national data on how the academic year is structured (beginning of the year, term times, holidays and examination periods). Differences between university and non-university study programmes are also highlighted. The information is available for 37 countries.

<http://bit.ly/1J6FVOL>

Organisation of school time in Europe. Primary and general secondary education: 2015/16 school year

Published by Eurydice, the School Calendar contains national data on the length of the school year, the start and the end dates of each school year, and the timing and length of school holidays. It covers both primary and secondary education. The information is available for 36 countries.

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

The Teaching Profession in Europe: Practices, Perceptions, and Policies

This Eurydice report analyses the relation between the policies that regulate the teaching profession in Europe for lower secondary education teachers, and the attitudes, practices, and perceptions of teachers. The analysis covers aspects such as initial teacher education, continuing professional development, transnational mobility, as well as teacher demographics, working conditions, and the attractiveness of the profession. It combines qualitative and quantitative data from Eurydice, Eurostat/UOE, and TALIS 2013.

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

Jooble

New search engine for jobs searchers operating in 62 countries. It enables users to search jobs on the major job boards and career sites worldwide.

<http://jooble.org>

Go-Lab Portal

The portal offers school teachers and students the opportunity to conduct inquiry learning activities for scientific problem solving. Inquiry learning is supported by personalised scientific experiments with online labs and

supportive inquiry learning apps. It enables school teachers to create and use personalised Inquiry Learning Spaces in which online labs, apps, and educational resources are organised by inquiry process phases in a virtual learning environment.

<http://www.golabz.eu>

Travel with Mission

New website offering all the different volunteering programme opportunities from all the various types of organisation: grass-roots organisations, structured organisations and sending agents.

<http://www.travelwithmission.com>

Opportunities

Call for tenders (EACEA/2015/11) – Study on Youth Work Quality Systems and Frameworks in the European Union - Handbook for Implementation

The aim of this study is to examine youth work quality systems in EU Member States and explore how common indicators or frameworks may be developed. The outcome will be a user-friendly and easy-to-read handbook that gives guidance and support on basic quality principles and on the design and implementation of quality approaches. It is relevant to a wide range of youth work activities at different levels with regard to the governance and practical implementation.

Deadline: **18th September 2015**, 16:00 (CET/CEST, Brussels time).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1EI44IQ>

International Citizen Media Award 2015

The award aims to honor work in the field of citizen media and its products that have been created by private, non-commercial producers.

The topic for the 2015 edition is: "Our World, our Dignity, our Future - Sustainable Development and Engagement".

The jury awards a cash prize in the following categories: video and audio (not longer than 20 minutes).

Entries should have been created between 1st October 2014 and 30th September 2015.

Only one product can be submitted per producer.

Deadline: **30th September 2015**.

Find out more: <http://www.icm-award.com/information>

EU prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards

The purpose of the annual prize is to give public recognition to exemplary initiatives and to skills of deserving individuals and/or organisations in the field of preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage (architecture and its related movable heritage, archaeology, cultural landscapes).

The Awards will be given to up to 30 remarkable heritage projects and initiatives in four categories: conservation, research, dedicated service by individuals or organisations, education, training and awareness-raising.

Up to seven applicants will be selected as Grand Prix winners and receive 10,000 EUR each. One will get the Public Choice Award.

Deadline: **1st October 2015**.

Find out more: <http://www.europanostra.org/apply-for-an-award-2016>

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Research Fellowship

The aim of the Fellowship programme is to provide students with practical experience in the field of international affairs. The primary duty of Research Fellows is to conduct substantive research on various projects for the Assembly and to provide assistance to its officials and staff

members. Applicants must be graduate students between the ages of 21 and 26 from universities in OSCE countries.

Deadline: **1st October 2015** (for intake in February/March).

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

European Human Rights Moot Court Competition

In order to provide law students with an opportunity to gain practical experience in the field, the European Law students' Association (ELSA) has launched the 4th edition of the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition in cooperation with the Council of Europe. The competition is open to all students from ELSA countries as well as from countries that are members of the Council of Europe. The simulation of a court trial is often divided into two phases: the written phase and the oral phase. In the written part students draft submissions or memorials on behalf of the applicant and the respondent. The written phase leads to the oral phase, which means simulations of court hearings where students represent the applicant and the respondent.

The teams will examine a fictive case and draft written submissions for each party. The teams will be evaluated based on their written admissions and the best 16 teams will compete in the European final at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. For the teams that are qualified to the final, there will be a participation fee that covers accommodation and meals.

The winning team will be awarded with a traineeship at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and with cash prizes.

The Best Overall Orator will be awarded with a traineeship at the Council of Europe Liaison Office with the European Union in Brussels and with cash prizes. For those who will win the Council of Europe prize and the prize for the Best Overall Orator, ELSA will cover up to 400 EUR of the accommodation costs per person.

Deadline for sending questions: **16th October 2015**.

Deadline for teams to register: **8th November 2015**.

Deadline for written submission: **15th November 2015**.

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

Juvenes Translatores: translation contest for schools

The competition is designed to give 17-year-olds (born in 1998) from schools throughout Europe first-hand experience of what it is like to be a translator. Young students will be given the opportunity to take part in a translation test that will take place on the same day in all EU countries: 26th November 2015.

Pupils will be able to decide which of the European Union's official languages they want to translate to and from. This year's theme will be the "European Year for Development". Schools across Europe are invited to register on the contest website by **20th October 2015**.

The awards ceremony will take place in Brussels, Belgium, in Spring 2016.

Find out more: http://ec.europa.eu/translatores/index_en.htm

Travel Video Contest 2015

Young people from 18 years old, from around the world, already enrolled or planning to enrol in college or university outside their home country are invited to join this contest. All they have to do is make a short video of maximum five minutes, explaining their reasons to travel or study abroad. If entrants are already studying abroad, they could make a video about a trip they would like to take. The author of the best video will be awarded with \$ 4,000. There will also be runner up prizes. The winner will have to maintain a blog documenting the trip. The blog will start immediately after the winner is announced and will continue through the trip until return to school.

Deadline: **22nd October 2015**, 11:59 PM, EST.

Find out more: <http://www.internationalstudent.com/contest>

Digital Girl, Woman and Organisation of the Year Awards

The awards recognise outstanding girls and women in digital sectors globally and the organisations that support them. The Awards are addressed to women, 18 or older, who live and/or work in the specified geography and distinguish themselves through leadership, creativity, entrepreneurship, social-focus and/or innovative discoveries. Participants must be positively impacting the number of girls and women participating in digitally-driven or digitally-enabled areas of study or work, in one or more of the following capacities:

- In the ICT sector, as a promising young potential or executive in a prominent public, private or academic sector IT organisation;
- Through work in entertainment or media, including social media;
- In commercialisation of an innovative digital concept, tool and/or service;
- Through focus on not-for-profit or social work, community-orientation, humanitarian activities (including ICT4Good, health, planet, well-being); and/or
- Through step-change research & development activities in the private or public sectors, academic excellence, digital/social innovations.

Deadline: **23rd October 2015** at 18:00 GMT.

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

Traineeships at the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

The North-South Centre of the Council of Europe offers unpaid traineeships twice a year for a period of three (minimum) to five (maximum) months. The duties to which trainees are assigned include assisting with the preparation of activities, research, different types of drafting and other day-to-day administrative tasks. The traineeship programme is open for nationals of one of the Council of Europe's member states or Southern Countries with which the North-South Centre co-operates, who have completed their higher education or have successfully completed at least three years of university study (six semesters).

Deadlines:

-**31st October 2015** (for the January-July 2016 session).

-**30th April 2016** (for the August-December 2016 session).

Find out more: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/traineeship_en.asp

eSkills for Jobs 2015 European Video Competition

Organised within the context of the eSkills for Jobs awareness raising campaign, the Competition is an opportunity to highlight and reward persons with a high level of digital skills and literacy at a European level. The competition focuses on identifying concrete successful initiatives made possible by the use of ICT and the mastery of eSkills. The aim is to reach out to motivated and talented young people (aged 16 and over), business leaders, policymakers, ICT practitioners, NGOs, educators, job seekers and entrepreneurs. The competition is open to all European citizens. Videos can be submitted in the following categories:

- Digital Citizenship (target: business leaders, ICT practitioners, NGOs),
- Digital Entrepreneurship (target: entrepreneurs),
- Most inspirational career campaigner (target: job seekers and career changers).

For each category, a winner and a runner-up will be selected, they will be invited to attend the award winning ceremony on 14th-15th December 2015 during the eSkills high-level conference organised under the auspices of the European Council Luxembourg Presidency. The flight and accommodation will be covered by the eSkills for Jobs Campaign.

Deadline: 31st October 2015.

Find out more: <http://eskills4jobs.ec.europa.eu/competition>

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

Highlights

First-ever European Week of Sport kicks off

The first-ever European Week of Sport kicked off in Brussels on September 7th and will be organised every year by the European Commission with the aim of promoting sport and physical activity across Europe. The new initiative was originally suggested in a report by MEP Santiago Fisas, a Spanish member of the EPP group, which was adopted by the European Parliament. As part of the event, various activities will take place in all member states and are open to anyone regardless of age, background or fitness level. In addition to the activities hosted in Brussels on 7th-13th September, hundreds of events will take place in all 28 EU member states, as well as in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Turkey during the whole month of September.

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/take-part/map_en.htm

A new, more inclusive, vision of education and training up to 2020

A joint report by the Commission and Member States published on 1st September calls for strengthening cooperation in education and training up to 2020 and especially to promote social inclusion in schools around Europe, as part of the wider efforts to tackle radicalisation following the 2015 attacks in Paris and Copenhagen. The report proposes a sharper policy focus to better address the most pressing challenges facing our society. The six new priorities identified in the report include improving people's skills and employment prospects and creating open, innovative and digital learning environments, while at the same time cultivating fundamental values of equality, non-discrimination and active citizenship.

The report also proposes to set the new priorities for 5 years, replacing previous 3 year cycles, to enable a longer-term impact. The six new priorities proposed by the Commission are:

- Relevant and high-quality skills and competences, focusing on results, for employability, innovation and active citizenship;
- Inclusive education, equality, non-discrimination and promotion of civic competences;
- Open and innovative education and training, including by fully embracing the digital era;
- Strong support for educators;
- Transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications to facilitate learning and labour mobility;
- Sustainable investment, performance and efficiency of education and training systems.

The Council is expected to adopt the report by the end of the year.

<http://bit.ly/1KCO141>

Eurostat release: July 2015 Euro area unemployment rate

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the Euro area (EA19) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.9% in July 2015, down from 11.1% in June 2015, and from 11.6% in July 2014. This is the lowest rate recorded in the euro area since February 2012. The EU28 unemployment rate was 9.5% in July 2015, down from 9.6% in June 2015, and from 10.2% in July 2014. This is the lowest rate recorded in the EU28 since June 2011.

In July 2015, 4.634 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 3.093 million were in the Euro area. Compared with July 2014, youth unemployment decreased by 465 000 in the EU28 and by 336 000 in the Euro area. In July 2015, the youth unemployment rate was 20.4% in the EU28 and 21.9% in the Euro area, compared with 22.0% and 23.8% respectively in July 2014. In July 2015, the lowest rates were observed in Germany (7.0%), Malta (8.7%) and Estonia (9.5% in June 2015), and the highest in Greece (51.8% in May 2015), Spain (48.6%), Croatia (43.1% in the second quarter 2015) and Italy (40.5%).

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

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility: Results of First Selection Round 2015

National Agencies have completed the first round of the 2015 selection of projects that will organise international higher education mobility for almost 22,000 students and staff under Erasmus+. Under these EU-funded projects, over 15,000 participants will come to study or teach in Europe, while over 6,700 European students and staff will go to Partner countries elsewhere in the world: a ratio of around 70:30.

Overall, the selected projects plan that some 60% of the mobility will be for students and 40% for staff.

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

Expert Group recommendations to encourage physical education in schools

As set out in the EU Work Plan for Sport 2014-2017, an expert group on health-enhancing physical activity has compiled a set of recommendations to encourage physical education in schools, including motor skills in early childhood, and to help create links with the sport sector, local authorities and the private sector. The 28 recommendations, including supporting evidence and relevant research, have been proposed and addressed to national governments, sport organisations and the private sector. These recommendations will be taken up further by the Council of the EU, under the Luxembourg Presidency, as part of the priorities for sport aiming at promoting physical and motor activity, in particular during early childhood. <http://bit.ly/1g8X1B6>

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>

7th-13th September 2015: European Week of Sport, Europe

Organised by the European Commission, the first European Week of Sport aims to promote sport and physical activity across Europe. The Week is for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level. With a focus on grassroots initiatives, it will inspire Europeans to #BeActive on a regular basis and create opportunities in peoples' everyday lives to exercise more.

Find out more: http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/index_en.htm

16th-22nd September 2015 – European Mobility Week 2015

During the European Mobility Week European cities and towns will have the opportunity to participate to the most widespread event on sustainable mobility. This year's theme is "Choose. Change. Combine", encouraging people across Europe to mix travel modes of transport, and have an active lifestyle.

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

21st-24th September 2015: EU Youth Conference, Luxembourg

Hosted by the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the EU Youth Conference is one of the milestones of the structured dialogue process, the forum for continuous joint reflection on the priorities, implementation and follow-up of European cooperation in the youth field. The conference topic will be "Empowering Young People for Political participation in democratic life in Europe". It will be the final one of the current cycle of dialogue (July 2014 - December 2015) It builds upon the results of national consultations conducted in the 28 Member States of the European Union as well as the reports submitted by International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations (INGYOs).

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

22nd September 2015: EU Budget Focused on Results Conference, Brussels, Belgium

Organised by the European Commission, this is the first of a series of annual conferences where politicians and experts on public funding will discuss EU budget's added value and how to achieve the most with every euro.

Find out more: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/budget4results/index_en.cfm

24th-25th September 2015: Peer Review on 'Targeting NEETs – key

ingredients for successful partnerships in improving labour market participation', Oslo, Norway

This Peer Review will present the Norwegian labour market schemes and policies, which aim to identify, assist or prevent NEETs (young people not in employment, education or training). It will also show how the responsibilities are divided between employment services and relevant stakeholders in order to increase the chances for integration of NEETs.

The event will provide opportunities for exchange with other European countries to discuss the key ingredients for successful partnership working in identifying and activating NEETs, what methods are being used to reach out and engage with NEETs and the most effective ways to improve the employability and reintegration of NEETs.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1Lelhu8>

25th September 2015: European Researchers' Night

The European Researchers' Night is an event taking place every year on a single September night in several hundred cities all over Europe and beyond aiming to promote careers in science and research. Whether with family, school, friends or on their own, everybody is invited to explore science in different engaging ways.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1C5gSsi>

26th September 2015: European Day of Languages

Organised jointly by the EU and the Council of Europe, the European day of languages aims to raise public awareness of the languages used in Europe, to promote cultural and linguistic diversity and to encourage people, schoolchildren and adults, to learn languages. On this occasion, a European conference on the challenges of multilingualism in schools, business and society will be organised in Brussels, Belgium.

The [conference](#) will be webcast live [here](#) from 12:15 to 14:00 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1p9QsfZ>

1st-5th November 2015: ASEF Young Leaders Summit, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

The summit will gather young thinkers and doers to question and explore how the entrepreneurial vein can trigger and nourish job-creation, mobility and social cohesion in Asia and Europe. Young leaders ranging from entrepreneurs, students, academics to professionals and beyond between the ages of 18 and 30 and citizens of any of the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) member countries should apply by 20th September 2015.

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

18th-21st November 2015: One Young World Summit, Bangkok, Thailand

The Summit is a global initiative aiming to bring together the best and brightest of the next generation to discuss the most critical and compelling issues of our times. The summit will give young people from around the world, from 18 to 30 years old, a place to engage and have their voices heard about their future.

Find out more how to attend on a scholarship:

<http://www.oneyoungworld.com>

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: to be announced.

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>