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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING PATHWAYS OF YOUTH WORKERS**  
**20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**  
**Helsinki, Finland**

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February

Arrival of participants

Accommodation:

Scandic Hotel Grand Marina

Katajanokanlaituri 7, 00160 Helsinki

<https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/helsinki/scandic-grand-marina>

Registration at seminar venue

Marina Congress Center

Katajanokanlaituri 6, 00160 Helsinki

<http://marinacongresscenter.com/en>

13:15 - 13:45

**Opening addresses**

*Sampo Terho, Minister for European Affairs, Culture and Sport of Finland*

*Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe*

13:45 – 14:00

**Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on Youth Work**

*Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe*

14:00 – 14:20

**Education and Training of Youth Workers in Europe**

Overview based on studies conducted by the CoE-EU Youth Partnership and the Finnish Youth Research Network

*Marta Medlinska, Coordinator, and Tanya Basarab, Research and Youth Policy Officer, Youth Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe*

14:20 - 14:50

**Break:** coffee with snacks

14:50 - 15:15

**Finnish Youth Work Model and Youth Work Education and Training**

*Juha Nieminen, University Instructor, University of Tampere &*

*Tomi Kiilakoski, Senior Researcher, Finnish Youth Research Network*

- 15:15 Introduction to field visits in plenary  
**Field visits** present innovative practices of youth work organisations and educational institutions, which are providing education and training for people working and acting in the youth work field.
- Back to Marina Conference Centre**
- 19:15 **Outcomes from the Field Visits**
- 19:30 – 19:45 **Comments** by *Miriam Teuma, Chairperson of the European Steering Committee for Youth, Council of Europe*
- 20:00 **Buffet Dinner at Restaurant Marine**

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February

- 09:00 -09:45 **The Challenges of Young People in Contemporary Europe -which challenges should youth work respond to?**  
 Panel discussion led by *Anja Olin-Pape, Chairperson of the Joint Council on Youth and the Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe*
- 09:45-10:00 **Human Rights Education in Youth Work**  
*Rui Gomes, Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department, Council of Europe*
- 10:00 -10:15 **Youth Worker´s Digital Competences**  
*Suvi Tuominen, Manager, Verke - Centre of Expertise for Digital Youth Work in Finland*
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Examples Inspiring the Group Work Session:**  
 3 X 10 min Practical examples of Education and training of youth workers in Europe  
 Example of vocational training of youth workers  
*Vanja Kalaba, Centre for Youth Work, Serbia*  
 Example of training for youth workers working on voluntary basis  
*Liva Vikmane, European Youth Forum*  
 Example of higher education  
*Ursula Roslöf, Senior Lecturer, Humak University of Applied Sciences*



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11:15	<p><b>Introduction to the Working Groups</b> (in plenary)</p> <p><b>The goal of the working groups:</b> The goal of the working groups is to find out different aspects on the educational and career paths of youth workers in Europe, and to discuss and debate relevant themes together. The emphasis is both on finding the common ground and spelling out different challenges in different practice architectures of youth work around Europe.</p> <p><b>The Themes of the Working Groups</b> (Reflecting Experiences, Expectations, Good Practices)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Higher Education in Youth Work</li> <li>2. Vocational Education in Youth Work</li> <li>3. Continuous education and validation of prior learning in youth work</li> <li>4. Training for volunteer and recognition of learning in trainings</li> <li>5. Mentoring</li> <li>6. Work based education on higher level</li> <li>7. Training for Trainers</li> <li>8. Implementing the Recommendation</li> </ol>
13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-14:30	<b>Working Groups will continue:</b> finalizing the outcomes
14:30-15:30	<b>Outcomes of the Working Groups</b>
15:30-16:15	<b>Reflection of the Group Work Outcomes</b> by <i>Dr. Howard Williamson, Professor of European Youth Policy, University of South Wales, United Kingdom</i>
16:15 -16:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:45 -17:30	<p><b>Introduction to some youth work education and training models in Europe – training for voluntary workers, training and education for professional youth workers</b></p> <p>Presentations by training and education providers from different countries and study levels.</p>
17:45	<b>Departure to the Reception</b>
18:00-19:00	<b>Reception of the City of Helsinki, Old Court House, Aleksanterinkatu 20</b> hosted by <i>Deputy Mayor Nasima Razmyar, City of Helsinki</i>
20:00	<b>Dinner at Restaurant Marine</b>



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Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

- 09:30-10:00      **Education and Training Opportunities Provided by European Programmes**  
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*Rui Gomes, Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department, Council of Europe*  
Practical example of Erasmus+ Youth granted project: Youth Workers' eLearning Partnership *Eeva Sinisalo-Juha, Senior lecturer, Humak University of Applied Sciences*
- 10:00- 10:30      **Summarising the Seminar: Coherent, but Flexible Framework for Youth Work Education and Training?**  
Rapporteurs *Dr. Howard Williamson and Dr. Marko Kovacic*
- 10:30 –11:00      **Comments by**  
  
*President Jaana Fedotoff, European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA)*  
*Professor, Dr. Christian Spatscheck, City University of Applied Sciences Bremen, Germany*  
*PhD Marko Kovacic, Institute of Social Research, Croatia*
- 11:00-11:30      **Coffee Break**
- 11:30                **Future Perspectives** by *Antje Rothemund, Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe*  
  
**Address by Germany - the host of the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Youth Work Convention 2020** *Axel Stammberger, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany*
- 12:00                **Closing Words of the Seminar**  
*Henni Axelin, Director for Youth, Division of Youth Work and Youth Policy, Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland*  
  
**Family Photo**
- 12:30                **Lunch**
- Departure of the participants



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