

Dear Member and Partner Organisations

The ERYICA Governing Board held the second meeting for this year 12-13 June in Helsinki, Finland. The meeting was hosted by the National Coordination and Development Centre of Youth Information and Counselling Services in cooperation with Youth Cooperation Allianssi. At the same time the second Infomobil editors meeting, 11-14 June, took place also in Helsinki.

We hope that you forward this Governing Board Bulletin around your national network. We wish that as many of the local youth information centres and workers as possible would have the change to get the information about the topics discussed and decisions taken in the board meeting.



The "official board photo for the bulletin" outside of the restaurant Zetor, in Helsinki. As you can see, Zetor is furnished in country side style. In the photo (from right): Marc, Johan, Alexandra, Davide, Jorge, Claire, Lia and Mika. Photo: Elisabeth Egger.

Membership issues

The Governing Board welcome Youthnet.com, England (UK) in ERYICA family with affiliated organisation status. The board handled also two other applications. The decision on the application from Andorra will be taken after additional information in the next meeting in September. The application by a Polish organisation was rejected.

Secretariat report

The inauguration of the office was April 21st. The event gathered together people ia from the ERYICA network, Ministry of Family and Integration in Luxembourg and the National Youth Service of Luxembourg. Three speakers, Claire, Alexandra and Marc, spoke about ERYICA's past, present and future and respectively.

ERYICA employs at the moment 5 people. Davide as director, Mariia as PR & Communication officer, Benedicte as project manager for Meet the Street, Anna as project manager for the Better Youth Information For New Times and Marie Paule as accountant. Holidays and office leaves are organized so that presence in the office will be ensured at all times.

Finances

The financial situation looks good at this moment. The turnover has increased, if we compare to years 2007 and 2008, due to project grants, Framework Partnership Agreement and Operative Grant from EC and overall amount of membership fees paid.

Meet the Street I & II and Meet the Roads

Second Meet the Streets event was organized in Rotterdam 16-19 April with 40 young participants and 4 youth workers came to Rotterdam, coming from 19 youth information centres in Europe. The next steps with the MTS project are ia the preparation of final reports (MTS I & II), evaluation of the whole project, and analyzing all the interviews. The interview videos you can find from address:

<http://www.vimeo.com/groups/meetthestreet>.

The grant for the Meet the Roads was unfortunately too small to run the whole project as planned. Nonetheless, the project was appreciated by the EACEA. ERYICA was invited to represent the project for the next deadline September 1st under another action of YiA program.

A Better Youth Information for New Times

This project aims to enhancing and increasing the provision of generalist youth information of quality in Europe, namely in the aspects of youth participation, quality standards, new technologies.

As on part of ABYIFNT project the Training Task Force (TTF) met in the beginning of May in Palma de Mallorca to continue the work in developing the YIntro training. Next time the TTF will meet in autumn 2009.

The first version of the Youth Information Workers Platform was presented to the Governing Board and Infomobil editors in Helsinki meeting. After comments and discussions this part of the ABYIFNT project will be developed further in cooperation with Youth Agora.

The project will also include a booklet on the state-of-art of youth information in Europe.

Quality standards for youth information on the web

Working group for Quality standards met in Rotterdam in the end of April. The draft of a new set of principles concerning Online Youth Information has been sent for consultation to members. The consultation is open till end of August 2009 and we are very much looking forward to your contributions.

Infomobil.org

Totally 14 editors for Infomobil participated the second editors meeting was organized in Helsinki, Finland 11-14 June. Also Governing Board members participated partly the program. Beside the countries already online in Infomobil there will be new countries as soon they have more content to publish. Several technical and content issues were discussed and evaluated, more detailed list with improvements and possible new functions will be available later.

Council of Europe cooperation

CoE JCC meeting (Joint Co-ordination Committee) will be in Brussels 25-26 June. The second day will be enlarged JCC for preparation of a Council of Europe draft recommendation on youth information.

Seminar in Rotterdam 30.11 – 3.12.2009

ERYICA has applied for support from YiA, action 4.3, to organize a Seminar before General Assembly, involving perspective stakeholders from target countries to get acquainted with generalist youth information, ERYICA and its members and partners. We forecast a number of 40 participants, equally divided into current ERYICA members and perspective stakeholders.

Aims of the project are to learn from each other's work in the field, to explore networking opportunities and to inform about European priorities in the youth field.

General Assembly in Rotterdam from 3- 6 December 2009

Vereniging van JIP's will host the next GA in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The invitation with additional information has been sent to member and partner organizations by e-mail in the beginning of June. The registration form is available: <http://www.eryica.org/en/content/20th-general-assembly-rotterdam>. Last day for the registration is 15.8.2009.

The election for President and Governing Board will take place at the General Assembly in Rotterdam. Nomination forms has been sent to member organizations.

Next Governing Board meeting

The Board will have the next meeting in September in Luxembourg. If you or your organisation have suggestions or questions that should be dealt with by the Governing Board, please feel free to contact any of us before end of August 2009.

**On the behalf of the
ERYICA Governing Board,**

Mika Pietilä



Infomobil editors and ERYICA Governing board at the stairs of the House of Parliament in Helsinki. Photo. Jaana Fedotoff