

## Dear Member and Partner Organisations

The ERYICA Governing Board held the third meeting for this year 17-19 September in Luxembourg. The meeting was hosted by the CIJ.

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 chance to get the information about the topics discussed and decisions taken in the board meeting.



*The "official board photo for the bulletin" at Davides office. Jorge and Lowri were hindered to participate the meeting. Photo: Benedicte Briot.*

## Membership issues

The board welcome Youth Information Agency Bosnia-Herzegovina (OIA) to ERYICA family as affiliated organisation. Board also accepted the application of full membership in ERYICA from Zajednica ICM from Croatia. Zajednica ICM has been member this far as affiliated organisation.

## Secretariat report

After the last board meeting lots of efforts were placed in the analysis of the interviews of Meet the Street, in the preparation of the index for the booklet of Better Youth Information for New Times, in the state of art of youth information in Europe and in the PR & Communications plan. Also the development of the Youth Information Platform has kept staff busy. In August Davide has been to Western Balkans as well as to Slovak Republic (with Johan Bertels) for a study visit.

ERYICA Secretariat is recruiting at the moment, 1) Members' Services Coordinator and 2) PR & Communications Officer. For both vacancies you will find more information on the [www.eryica.org](http://www.eryica.org) website.

## Finances

Governing Board handled and discussed current financial issues. A draft of budget for year 2010 was accepted and putted forward to be handled in the General Assembly in December in Rotterdam. In General the economic picture looks quite good at the moment.

## Meet the Streets

During the board meeting Benedicte presented the results of MTS interview analysis which included more than 700 interviews. The first results are very interesting. Our young interviewers showed a lot of interested in subjects as education, employment and health. Subjects as environment, (European) politics and city facilities were far less popular.

Now that the analysis is finished the preparations for the booklet will continue. The Booklet will include also a DVD with some of the best interviews the young people did.

### **A Better Youth Information for New Times**

The next meeting for the Training Task Force will take place in November in Slovenia. TTF will continue working with Yintro training which will be presented more in the Rotterdam GA.

The preparations with the booklet of best practiced continues. The draft index of the booklet has been created, as well as its draft design and content.

The launch of the Youth Information Platform gets closer. The latest version was presented for the board and the launch will be during the GA in Rotterdam.

### **Quality standards for youth information on the web**

All feedback from the member organizations and from the Infomobil seminar participants for the Quality standards for online youth information were collected. The revised version of the document will be handled in the GA in December.

### **Infomobil.org**

During the Infomobil meeting in Helsinki notes for action plan, comments and requests from the editors were collected. Anna has also launched the promotion of the service through Google advertisements and created a Facebook group for Infomobil. The promotion of the service will continue. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Infomobil seminar is planned to take place in Serbia in May 2010.

### **Council of Europe cooperation**

CoE JCC meeting (Joint Co-ordination Committee) took place in Brussels 25-26 June. The second was a enlarged JCC for preparation of a Council of Europe draft recommendation on youth information. The draft of the recommendation has now been sent further for handling in the CoE.

In the framework of the Partnership Agreement between ERYICA and the Council of Europe, the JCC has taken a decision to develop a "Youth Information Starters Kit" and to analyse the state-of-art of Youth Information in Europe. A draft of the starters kit, written by Alexandra, was presented at the board meeting. The final version of the kit will be produced in the end of year 2009.

A draft of a questionnaire to analyse the state-of-art of Youth Information in Europe was presented and discussed during the board meeting. The final version of the questionnaire will be sent later to members.

### **General Assembly in Rotterdam from 3- 6 December 2009**

Vereniging van JIP's will host the next GA in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The election for President and Governing Board will take place at the General Assembly in Rotterdam. In order to ensure full operational capability for the next Board the GB draws your attention to the fact that the deadline for applying is **November 2nd, 2009.**

### **Next Governing Board meeting**

The Board will have the next meeting in Rotterdam, before GA starts. 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 November 2009.

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

**Mika Pietilä**