

**Dear Member and Partner Organisations**

The new ERYICA Governing Board team held its first meeting 4-6 February 2010 in Prague, Czech Republic. Jorge was unfortunately hindered to participate. The meeting was hosted by the NIDM - Narodni Institut deti a mládeze.

We hope 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 ERYICA Governing Board and staff visiting the National Youth Information centre in Prague. From left Sasa Dupor, Florence Secula, Marc Boes, Alexandra Cangelosi, Julie Cakiova, Tanja Novakovic, Mika Pietilä, Davide Capecci and Claire Conlon.*

**Governing Board Members and their Areas of Responsibility**

The Governing Board appointed Alexandra Cangelosi as the first Vice-President, Claire Conlon as the second Vice-President and Mika Pietilä as the Treasurer. The Board also divided responsibility areas, which you can find below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area of responsibility</b>
Marc Boes, President <a href="mailto:marc.boes@eryica.org">marc.boes@eryica.org</a>	Representing and lobbying for the organization, CoE / member of JCC
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Mika Pietilä, Treasurer <a href="mailto:mika.pietila@eryica.org">mika.pietila@eryica.org</a>	Finances and communication
Jorge Orlando Queiros, Member <a href="mailto:Jorge.orlando@eryica.org">Jorge.orlando@eryica.org</a>	Research and statistics (to be confirmed)
Tanja Novakovic, Member <a href="mailto:tanja.novakovic@eryica.org">tanja.novakovic@eryica.org</a>	Training, member services and country development
Sasha Dupor, Member <a href="mailto:sasa.dupor@eryica.org">sasa.dupor@eryica.org</a>	Online developments and CoE / member of JCC
Julie Cakiova, Member <a href="mailto:Julie.cakiova@eryica.org">Julie.cakiova@eryica.org</a>	Infomobil.org service

**Membership issues**

The Board welcomes new ERYICA members, Coalition of Youth Organisations SEGA from The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with co-operation organization status and Government of Andorra with affiliated organization status.

**Director's report**

The period between the Board meeting in Prague and the General Assembly in Rotterdam was dedicated mainly to administrative issues, to the promotion of SHERYICA, to plan the work of the team for 2010, to prepare the Training to Trainers event and to the launch of the new project "Safety and Quality in Online Youth Information". The amount of staff at the Secretariat will be five in February. Beside Davide, Cornelia and Florence there are two EVS volunteers in the team, Salla Lahtela from Finland and Carolina Gallardo from Spain.

**Finances**

The annual accounts year 2009 were closed in positive. The internal and external audits will take place later this spring. As ERYICA received a grant for "Safety & Quality in online youth information" project the board had to modify the budget for year 2010 to respond to all the needs.

**PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS****European Commission**

Marc and Davide met European Commission Director for Youth Mr Pierre Mairesse (DG Education and Culture – Youth, Sport and Citizenship) together with the Eurodesk and EYCA representatives. The 3 networks presented 3 ideas for concrete projects. One of them being ERYICA led Postcard Campaign. With help of the campaign young people can tell their biggest concerns. The results will be analyzed and sent to the parliament. The results on country by country can be used also on national level.

**Council of Europe**

The production of the Youth Information Starters Kit will soon be ready. The kit is aimed to new countries and actors on the field of Youth Information and Counseling. The kits will be distributed by ERYICA and the Council of Europe directly.

The amendments for the new recommendation of Youth Information were accepted. As a next step the recommendation will be handled in CoE / CDEJ in March. There are also plans to organize as a joint activity of CoE and ERYICA a colloquium. The Colloquium will be a celebration of the recommendation from year 1990 and hopefully also an opportunity to discuss on the use and promotion of the new one.

**3+ networks Co-operation**

Eurodesk France will host 3+ networks seminar (ERYICA, Eurodesk, EYCA) from 30st September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 in France, Lyon. This meeting will be a follow up for Nice 2008 meeting. Also European Youth Forum will be participating in this networks meeting.

**PROJECTS****Meet the Street I & II**

The Booklet with a DVD as result from the Meet the Streets project has been distributed. If you wish to have the booklet, please contact Cornelia, [cornelia.untersberger@eryica.org](mailto:cornelia.untersberger@eryica.org). Some of the interviews are also available at the address: <http://www.eryica.org/node/1668>

**A Better Youth Information for New Times**

The Training Task Force presented the YIntro training module at the GA in Rotterdam. The Train to Trainers will be organized in the beginning of March in Prague.

The preparation with the booklet of good practice continues. The draft index of the booklet has been created, as well as its draft design and content.

The Youth Information Platform, SHERYICA, has been tested and enhanced. SHERYICA is operational and already has over 80 Youth Information Workers and their Centers online. Create your own identity and join the virtual network – you can also still send your feedback and any bugs you might find to the office. So visit and create your own identity in SHERYICA at the address: [www.sheryica.org](http://www.sheryica.org). A leaflet of SHERYICA to market the service will be soon distributed.

**Safety & Quality in Online Youth Information**

This new project was granted by the Youth in Action program. The objectives of the project is to create know-how for Youth Information Workers on how to empower young people to have a better use of Internet for obtaining quality information, implement and promote "Quality Principles in Online Youth Information" and promote the use of the interactive platform for youth information workers in the field of online youth information literacy. The outputs will be an info-KIT on how to provide guidance to young people in finding information on the Internet, training material on "online information counseling", promoting Principles for Online Youth Information to members and partners and creating Quality Principles in Online Youth Information. The Task Force for the project will gather together in March.



**Infomobil.org**

If any of the member organizations is interested to host Infomobil editors meeting, please contact ERYICA Secretariat as soon as possible. To guarantee the continuance and development of the service it is important the editors have once a year possibility to meet. Also some promotion materials for Infomobil will be soon distributed.

**Youth Mobility**

The General Assembly decided to form a "head start group" which should work online (e.g. using email or Sheryica) and probably in one meeting on the concept of offering a "home away from home" and then trying the concept by a pilot by the YICs involved, to find out what is working and what is not. YICs interested in participating in this pilot should contact [marc.boes@eryica.org](mailto:marc.boes@eryica.org). You can find more information on this from the SHERYICA at <http://beta.youthagora.org/sheryica/story/mobility-concept>

**European Youth Information Day**

This year it will be third time when we all have possibility to celebrate European Youth Information Day, 17<sup>th</sup> April. "Feel free to ask" will be the theme, as last year. Take the change of this day, lobby youth information and your service on local, regional or national level and keep youth information issues in front. ERYICA Secretariat will collect on the [www.eryica.org](http://www.eryica.org) page information about all the events (smaller or bigger) organised, please send information about your event in time to be published on the ERYICA site.

**Next General Assembly**

The 21<sup>st</sup> ERYICA General Assembly will be organised in Helsinki, Finland. The dates are 3-6 June 2010. More information about the program and registration will be available soon. The GA in Helsinki will be hosted by the National Coordination and Development Centre of Youth Information and Counselling Services in co-operation with Youth Co-operation Allianssi.

**Next Governing Board meeting**

The Board will have next meeting 22-24 April. If you or your organization have suggestions or questions that should be dealt with by the Governing Board, please feel free to contact any of us before 15<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**Mika Pietilä**