

Dear Member and Partner Organisations

The ERYICA Governing Board team held its second meeting 23rd to 24th April 2010 in Vienna, Austria. The ash cloud in the airspace of Europe challenged us, but finally almost all could participate the meeting. Claire was unfortunately hindered to participate. The meeting was hosted by the Jugendinfo.cc, national coordination of youth information in Austria.

As Davide already informed by e-mail 20th April, we had a change in representation of elected members to the Governing Board. NIDM, Czech Republic, with effect April 20th will be represented by Petra Sara Pavlacová and MISSS, Slovenia, with effect April 19th will be represented by Matjaz Medvesek. Both substitutions are temporary and you will be informed at a later stage of further changes in the Board composition.



The ERYICA board and staff in a group photo. From the right: Marc, Jorge, Alexandra, Davide, Petra Sara, Sasa, Mika, Matjaz and Cornelia.

Member issues

The Board did not have any new membership applications to handle at this time. Some countries and organisations have contacted ERYICA to discuss about possible membership in future.

Finances

The annual accounts year 2009 has been closed and the external audition has done. The internal audition will take place in end of April. The forward budget for year 2010 was accepted with modifications which were necessary.

PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Council of Europe

The Youth Information Starters Kit is ready. The kit is aimed to new countries and actors on the field of Youth Information and Counselling. The kits will be distributed by ERYICA and the Council of Europe directly. Members who wish to receive a copy of the folder, for opening Youth Information Centres, can contact Davide directly.

The new recommendation of Youth Information was handled in CoE / CEDJ in March. Handling of the recommendation continues in CoE and we are looking forward final decision soon. There are also plans to organize as a joint activity of CoE and ERYICA a colloquium in the end of September 2010. 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

As written in the last Governing Board Bulletin Eurodesk France will host 3+ networks seminar (ERYICA, Eurodesk, EYCA) from 30th September to 3rd 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. A preparation meeting was organized in March and another preparation meeting will be in July.

Nordjobb exchange program

ERYICA has agreed with the Nordjobb exchange program to inform as many ways as possible about the new possibility of the Nordjobb program for all young EU-citizens. Read more about the program in SHERYICA.

SERVICES, PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Infomobil.org

An analysis and fact sheet was presented to the board about the Infomobil.org. There are more than 6.000 visits on the Infomobil.org page every month. Most of the visitors reach the page by search engines (80%). More detailed data of numbers will be sent to national Infomobil editors.

Board decided to try to organize an Infomobil editors meeting still during this year. The board also discussed about changes on the front page of the Infomobil.org on the base of the national editors feedback and presented analysis. Decisions on these changes will be taken in the next board when knowing the costs. A logo and a banner of Infomobil will be distributed soon. Petra Sara has Infomobil.org service as her responsibility area in the board.

Youth Mobility – Infomobil information desk concept

“The head start group” has started their planning and development work for Infomobil information desk concept. The idea of the concept is to offer “home away from home”. After development work the concept will be tested by a pilot by the YICs involved, to find out what is working and what is not. More information from Marc, marc.boes(at)eryica.org. You can also find more information on this from the SHERYICA at <http://beta.youthagora.org/sheryica/story/mobility-concept> .

European Youth Information Day

Many activities were organised in the framework of European Youth Information day. If you have any photos or other relevant material of your national or local activities of EYID, please send them also to Secretariat to Cornelia, cornelia.untersberger(at)eryica.org. SHERYICA is a good platform also to share good practices of EYID. The EYID and how to develop it will be discussed and planned in a workshop at the next GA in June.

State of the Art in Youth Information

ERYICA will conduct a study of the Generalist Youth Information Services with in the ERYICA Network. The last time this kind of survey has been carried out was in 2005. There is now a need to update our data and this is why we want to gather information on the status of youth information in your countries.

The online survey will be online from June to mid of September. The objectives of the research are to update European statistics on Youth Information among ERYICA members, to collect for the first time data on online youth information from ERYICA members and to analyse the major trends in Youth Information practices at a European level. The report will be published in March 2011.

A Better Youth Information for New Times

The Train the Trainer course of the new YIntro training concept was organized in March in Prague. First international YIntro training for youth information workers will take place in the end of April in Cyprus.

The preparation with the booklet of good practice is ready and an external graphic designer is already working with the outline. The content of the booklet is about good practice in youth participation, peer-to-peer education and reaching out. The material for booklet was collected from members and beside the good practices in youth information it includes also background sections of the three chapters. After booklet has been produced it will be disseminated to the members.

The Youth Information Platform, SHERYICA, has more and more new users. A number of enhancements have been agreed and many have been already fixed. The remaining ones will be fixed during the next months. Create your own identity and join the virtual network – visit and create your own identity in SHERYICA at the address: www.sheryica.org



Safety & Quality in Online Youth Information

The first meeting of SQOYI recourse group took place in Prague, in March. The second meeting in Vienna was cancelled due to the flight restrictions in airspace because of the ash cloud. The next meeting of the recourse group will be right after the General Assembly in Helsinki in the beginning of June.

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 counselling", promoting Principles for Online Youth Information to members and partners and creating Quality Principles in Online Youth Information.

The project partners are: ERYICA Luxembourg, GSM-Youth Turkey, National Coordination and Development Centre of Youth Information Finland, CIJ Luxembourg, Young Scot Scotland, Injuve Spain, JONG Rotterdam the Netherlands and Aha Voralberg Austria. Each partner has a representative in the projects recourse group. Sasa as board member and ENTK Estonia participate as observers.

PR Material

All members have received the materials for the EYID and in the secretariat there are still some units left. Members can contact Cornelia to cornelia.untersberger@eryica.org in case they wish to have more sent.

Next General Assembly

The 21st ERYICA General Assembly will be organised in Helsinki, Finland. The dates are 3rd to 6th June 2010. The registration form is online and a draft program was prepared during the board meeting. The last registration day for the GA 2010 is 30th April. 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 3rd June in Helsinki before the General Assembly starts. In autumn the board will have a meeting in Croatia, 14th to 16th October. 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 the meetings.

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.

On the behalf of the ERYICA Governing Board,

Mika Pietilä