

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH SUB-COMMISSION ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF LITHUANIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS**

2019

The meeting of the Youth Sub-Commission to discuss the implementation of the Co-operation Agreement between the Government of Lithuania and the Government of Flanders in the framework of the Co-operation Programme for the Years 2020 – 2022 was held in Tallinn, Estonia from 12 to 13 February 2019.

In order to implement the Co-operation Agreement between the Government of Lithuania and the Government of Flanders on Co-operation, the delegations, hereinafter ‘the Parties’, agreed upon the following:

1. GENERAL EVALUATION

The Parties evaluated previous bilateral co-operation under the Co-operation Programme for the Years 2015 – 2017 and acknowledged the necessity to co-operate in the same bilateral way for the years 2020 – 2022 in the field of youth affairs.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE 2020 – 2022

2.1. Goals

In order to provide continuity and sustainability of the established positive co-operation between Lithuania and Flanders in the field of youth affairs, as well as taking into account priorities to set out in the European Union and national youth policy documents the co-operation is based on the following goals:

- to develop, in each country, youth policy in accordance with the European discussions and developments;
- to implement and develop youth policy through multilateral co-operation in European, national, regional and local level;
- to re-enforce qualitative youth work;
- to stimulate local partnership;
- to empower and upgrade the quality of the key actors in the youth field;
- to raise the visibility and recognition of the bilateral co-operation established under the Co-operation Programme.

2.2. Thematic priorities

The Parties agreed on the following thematic priorities:

- Recognition of competences acquired through volunteering;
- Information for and consultations of youngsters;
- Youth guarantee;

2.3. General statements

- There is a common responsibility for the implementation of the agreed Minutes.
- There is a common need to share good practices and, if so decided, to invite other countries.

2.3.1. Preparation of the agreed activities

- The initiative of each agreed activity must be taken by the hosting Party;

- The dates of the agreed activity must be submitted to the sending Party at the latest eight (8) weeks in advance and the programme four (4) weeks in advance;
- The Parties should provide a qualitative composition of the participants to the agreed activities, as well as provide relevant preparation of the participants;
- The existing knowledge on the programs of the European Union and the Council of Europe and other international networks will be used and completed;
- If relevant, other countries will be included in the bilateral cooperation activities. The hosting Party will decide on their participation in consultation with the other Party.

2.3.2. Implementation of the agreed activities

- English is used as working language;
- The format of activities is up to 3 days, without travel;
- Participants work together on realizing the expected outcomes;
- The final report of the agreed activities should reflect evaluation and proposals for the next co-operation.

2.3.3. Visibility and follow-up of the agreed activities

- There is a need to make common publicity for each agreed activity;
- The Parties aim to give more visibility and transparency to the agreed activities and their outcomes in the European Union and the Council of Europe. The hosting Party of the agreed activity is expected to take the initiative;
- The hosting Party of the agreed activity will communicate the outcomes to the heads of the delegations of the Joint commissions;
- Participants and authorised bodies commit to promote and share the outcomes of the agreed activities.

3. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

3.1. The sending Party covers:

- Travel expenses to the first destination in the hosting Party;
- Necessary insurance.

3.2. The hosting Party covers:

- Accommodation;
- Program and organisational costs (facilitator, trainer, tools, translation, ect.);
- Transport costs inside the hosting country.

4. FINAL PROVISIONS

4.1. The agreed activities within the framework of the Co-operation Programme for the Years 2020 – 2022 are enclosed within this document (Annex 1).

4.2. The agreed Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Sub-Commission shall be sent to both Parties and to the relevant institutions responsible for foreign affairs.

4.3. The next meeting of the Youth Sub-Commission, including evaluation and follow-up of the agreed activities within the framework of the Co-operation Programme for the Years 2020 – 2022 shall take place in 2022.

Done at Vilnius, on ____ of _____, 2019 and at Brussels, on ____ of _____, 2019 in two (2) original versions in English.

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AGREED ACTIVITIES FOR 2020-2022Activity 1**A. Theme**

- Recognition of competences acquired through volunteering;

B. Key – questions

- Which types of recognition of volunteering competences are there? What is the status quo? What is the added value of such recognition?
- Which methodologies (tools and instruments) are used for competence evaluation? How can we make better use of them?
- Which relevant actors participate in the recognition process? Is there any coordination regarding recognition with other policy domains?
- How can volunteering and recognition of competences acquired through volunteering be inclusive?
- What are possible links with the training and education of youth workers? What is the educational profile of youth workers?
- What are possible links and synergies with the European qualification framework?
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C. Type of activity

Study visit with seminar elements.

D. Outcomes

- Raising competencies of participants
- Exchange of good practices

E. Participants

- Up to six (6) participants for each activity
- Mixed delegations consisting of civil servants, youth workers, youth voluntary program implementers and youth researchers or experts

F. Duration

Five (5) days: arrival day / day of departure, three (3) working days

G. Hosting and timing

In Lithuania: first half of 2020
In Flanders: second half of 2020

H. Authorized bodies

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Activity 2

A. Theme

Information for and consultations of youngsters;

B. Key – questions

- Which different methodologies (online and offline tools and instruments) of information and consultation are used at local/national/European level?
- Which role can youth organisations, youth representatives, youth centres, youth spaces play?
- How can youth be empowered in active citizenship, critical thinking and media literacy?
- Which youngsters are reached or involved? How to involve youth with fewer opportunities or youth that are typically harder to reach?
- How are consultations of youngsters (structurally) included in policy?
- How is (policy) participation of youth organised at local/national level?
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Activity 3

A. Theme

Youth guarantee;

B. Key – questions

- How can youth work be meaningful for unemployed youth (how to identify youth in need, motivate and include them in programs)? (outreach, detached youth work, volunteers)?
- Which different methodologies to tackle youth unemployment are used at local/national level?

- How are unemployed youth being led to the European programmes?
- How are specific target groups (e.g. NEETs, young newcomers, youth in cities, youth with fewer opportunities) reached?
- How can young people be actors in creating sustainable jobs?
- How is youth entrepreneurship supported?
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