

## **WORKPLAN 2018 - 2020 (v4)**

*In September 2013 the Youth Care Platform was launched during the annual meeting of ENSA, the European network of Social Authorities. The activities in the first years were driven by the [workplan 2014 – 2016/17](#). At the end of this period a new workplan will be launched. This plan is based a brainstorming sessions on 20<sup>th</sup> of March (Brussels) and 6<sup>th</sup> of June (Valencia).*

*The work plan consists of 6 meetings in the period 2018 - 2020 with each of them a main topic (alternating a specific target group and a management topic). An important concern behind this proposal is that it must be feasible to prepare and organize the discussions. We assume we can rely on the knowhow and contacts of the Platform's members, as we have no budget available.*

*Of course the workplan will be handled flexible. Platform members are invited to propose new relevant and urgent issues at any time.*

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At the latest on 10th of September 2014

*(Workplan is approved in the meeting of .....)*

*Note that meetings of ENSA and its thematic working groups Child and Youth are open for the Youth Care Platform members.*

### **1 MEETING 1: WHOLE DAY CONFERENCE (16<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 2018 IN BRUSSELS – BE)** **“TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT: STRATEGIES FOR GUIDANCE OF NEETS”**

Aim: preventing NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

Facts and figures on the impact of low education on the future life and wellbeing of youth care leavers.

Systems of dual learning and school systems (including education legislation) in the EU member states.

Contact:



State of the art on the Youth Guarantee in the different EU Member states

How to motivate youngsters?

Instruments, trainings, programs, experiments with dual learning

## **2 MEETING 2: HALF DAY CONFERENCE DURING GA ENSA (PROBABLY WEEK OF 24<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2018 IN VÄNERSBERG, SWEDEN) “PARTICIPATION”**

Participation of young persons:

- on policy level
- in the care provider where they live
- in the realization of their own after care plan.

Children's rights,

participation of youngsters (including involvement in policy making and management

Empowerment of youngsters, especially as to after care.

Prepare youngsters for partner- and family relationships

Different services (youth, adult, social and emotional services) should meet in working on these topics

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Participation in society:

Stigma of youth care (HORNBOECK Martina [Martina.HORNBOECK@ktn.gv.at](mailto:Martina.HORNBOECK@ktn.gv.at))

Potential speakers:

- Study carried out by SOS Children's Villages Belgium
- Participation in services, designing its own life paths: provisions in the Austrian legislation (Reinhold Rampler, Linz)

## **3 MEETING 3 (2<sup>ND</sup> TRIMESTER 2019): WHOLE DAY CONFERENCE (PLACE TBC). “AFTER CARE STRATEGIES IN THE YOUTH CARE SECTOR”**

*Meeting in cooperation with the 'A Way Home project' (the Youth Care Platform acts as the advisory board of this project).*

Presentations by the work package leaders and partners in the project on the 'after care protocol', a toolbox for after care guidance, training for after care workers, the 'A Way Home approach' (structural local approach to tackle youth homelessness).

Feedback and input from local experiences of the Youth Care Platform (Are there regions already working with a formal after care strategy and 'predefined' after care plans and case management: how does the plan look like in the different regions? At which age starts the plan? How 'formal' is the aftercare strategy? What 'tools' and programs are used / do exist in the aftercare work? How to have enough attention for empowerment and talents of the youngster? How to bring it into action and monitor the follow-up of the plan?)

Other (semi-)social institutions on employment, housing, social insurance, guidance, budgeting play an important role in the social inclusion of young care leavers, but they are not always open and adapted to the needs of the target group (and they mostly do not fall under the jurisdiction of social authorities). How to tackle this major barrier for social inclusion of our target group?

## **4 MEETING 4 (2019): HALF DAY CONFERENCE DURING GA ENSA (PLACE TBC) “INSTRUMENTS FOR SOCIAL INCLUSIONS”**

Instruments for social inclusions: what specific tools and programs are used in the regions?

Examples:

- Network table
- Big data
- Voucher systems

- Football team
- Prevention strategies  
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- ‘Wrap around approach’: one family, one plan

Evaluation on impact and costs

Need for exchange and field visits?

## **5 MEETING 5 (2020): WHOLE DAY CONFERENCE (BRUSSELS – BE) “ETHICAL ISSUES”**

*Meeting organized in cooperation with the ‘A Way Home’-project (closing conference the day before/after).*

Ethical issues and management of services:

- Ethical / philosophical / religious frame work of service provision
- Views from authorities and public opinions

At care level: How to deal with residential and foster care? Should children and youngsters live in institutions?

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Prevention strategies

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Radicalized / extremism amongst young persons and more over youth care users and care leavers. Victims of sexual exploitation

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## **6 MEETING 6 (2020): HALF DAY CONFERENCE (PLACE TBC) “INTEGRATION OF SERVICES”**

Context: the “European Pillar of Social Rights” is clearly calling for the integration of ‘social protection and services’ and ‘social rights’. A European conference ‘*Integrated social services for activating minimum income recipients*’ on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 addresses this theme.

(more info: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/deeper-and-fairer-economic-and-monetary-union/european-pillar-social-rights\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/deeper-and-fairer-economic-and-monetary-union/european-pillar-social-rights_en)).

Collaboration between the different services: youth care and adult care, public services and welfare services, ...

Integration of health and welfare services

How to improve cooperation between youth care, mental health care and education (holistic approach)

Integration of after care services

Visions from the viewpoints of authorities, service providers, users, general public, ....

Social entrepreneurship in youth care

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Need for exchange and field visits?

## **QUESTIONS RAISED (IN MEETINGS 20<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH IN BRUSSELS AND 6<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE IN VALENCIA) BUT NOT ADDRESSED YET IN THE PROPOSED THEMES ABOVE**

Management of the platform

- How to expand the network/platform
- Informing about the Platform to the European Commission and social authorities in EU-regions

- Exchange also with other relevant networks (Coface, Eurochild, Feantsa, ...)
- Is there a need for exchange and mutual learning?
- Policy ambitions of the Platform at EU-level: how to guarantee youth care at European level

Target groups that were mentioned in previous discussions but not addressed in the workplan yet:

- Group of unaccompanied minors / young migrants  
Secondary movement of unaccompanied minors
- Radicalized / extremism amongst young persons and more over youth care users and care leavers.
- Young persons with psychological problems
- Girls with heavy behavior
- Mental health for youngsters and families with complex behavior
- Victims of sexual exploitation
- Alternative 'second chance schools'

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