

## **MINUTES YOUTH CARE PLATFORM MEETING 20 MARCH 2017 IN BRUSSELS**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2017

**Venue:** Flemish Agency for Youth Welfare  
Ellips Building, Koning Albert II-laan 35, 1030 Brussels

[Agenda](#)

[Attendance list](#)

All documents at <https://sites.google.com/site/youthcareplatform/updates/meetingyouthcareplatform20thofmarch2017>.

### **1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

By Stefaan Van Mulders, chair of the Youth Care Platform

### **2 A WAY HOME AND YOUTH CARE GUARANTEE : FOLLOW UP AND NEXT STEPS**

The A Way home project was submitted by the Flemish Agency for Youth Welfare (with the support of the Youth Care Platform) under the Erasmus+ (KA 3), but it was not approved. This is a real pity, because a lot of time and means were invested to make it successful. A new submission is considered. Nevertheless, even without European funding the partners in the Youth Care Platform can learn from each other. During the meeting we discussed if partners are interested in mutual learning, exchange of good practices, ... on the topic of aftercare amongst each other. The themes that were mentioned were:

- After Care Plan and Case Management: how does the plan look like in the different regions? At which age starts the plan? 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?
- Participation of young persons, both on policy level as in the realization of the own after care plan
- Collaboration between the different services: youth care and adult care, public services and welfare services, ...
- Legal issues that impede the implementation of after care
- Special attention for certain target groups:
- Group of unaccompanied minors / young migrants

Contact:



- Young persons with psychological problems
- Radicalized / extremism amongst young persons and more over youth care users and care leavers.
- Tools used in every region: networktable, big data, voucher, football team, ...

The topics mentioned above will be taken up in the next workplan 2017-2020. A proposal of workplan will be available next meeting in Valencia.

We can organize study visits on this topic. Knowledge Center Social Europe will research if a Erasmus+ KA1 project could be submitted for this.

### 3 MANAGEMENT ISSUES

*How to go on with the Youth Care Platform after 2017?* The Flemish Agency for Youth Welfare will stop chairing the platform after the Valencia meeting. The Carinthian government is considering to take over the lead of the Platform after 2017. The Flemish Agency for Youth Welfare and the Carinthian Government will discuss how to proceed. The members of the Platform present in this meeting reacted very positive on this candidacy. A final decision on the lead of the platform will be taken on the meeting in Valencia. A new workplan 2018 – 2020 will be proposed and discussed as well.

*Expanding the network to new regions and partners:*

- Reinhold Rampler (Linz) will make his contacts with other (mainly central and eastern EU) regions available.
- Region of Carinthia has contact with Slovenia
- The University College Odisee (BE) will send his contacts with the Deutsches Jugendinstitut
- SOS Kinderdorpen: can make contact with the members of the EU Alliance Investing in Children
- Members of Don Bosco international: a meeting will be planned

*How to organize the meetings after 2017?* The new chair will do a proposal on how to organize the meetings after 2017. In general there is consent on 2 meetings a year: one stand alone meeting (at least whole day, if possible combined with ENSA or other meetings the day after/before) and one meeting during with the ENSA General Assembly. There is a positive feedback on the proposal to organize study visits, but only when it is a real added value for the members of the Youth Care Platform

*The next meeting of the Youth Care Platform will take place with the ENSA General Assembly, 6-7 June 2017. The exact day and time slot will be communicated asap.*

### 4 FOLLOW UP EUROPE'S SOCIAL POLICIES

What's happening in Europe (Actual topics at EU-level that impact the youth care)

(Jos Sterckx, Knowledge Center Social Europe)

[Presentation](#)

### 5 MAIN THEME: MANAGEMENT OF SERVICES IN A CHANGING SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT

*See context notice and questions in the invitation and agenda.*

**Introduction: 'Social services, what is Europe's interest?'**

Observations on the European Commission's view and policies on social services, social economy, social enterprises and their relations with state aid and the open market of services and goods

(Jos Sterckx, Knowledge Center Social Europe)

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**Social Care Management and Leadership in a world of uncertainty**

An exploration of the challenges facing managers in not for profit residential care, aftercare and outreach aftercare (Don Bosco Care, Ireland 2017)

(Brian Hogan, CEO Don Bosco Care, IE)

## [Presentation](#)

### **Social entrepreneurship in the care sector, threats and opportunities. An exploration by an umbrella organization**

The care sector is a very important socio-economic sector. More and more a business approach seems to become the actual practice. Is the difference between for-profit and not-for-profit organizations in care fading out? How do not-for-profit organizations deal with this shift? Will this business approach have an impact on quality of care, on working conditions, on accessibility? Let's look together for the best way how to deal with this fundamental changes. (Jan Bosmans, Team leader youth care, Vlaams Welzijnsverbond, BE)

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### **Social services delivery in a changing environment: challenges for providers and government**

Fundamental changes in society impact also on the social field. What are new trends and threats that will have a decisive impact on the management of social services delivery? (Prof.dr. Bram Verschuere, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at Ghent University, BE)

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### **Local perspectives, inspiring cases**

The presentations were followed by a lively debate with input from all represented regions. Conclusion: As was expected the theme could not be finished. The chair will see how this debate can have a follow up next Youth Care Platform-meeting.

## **6 CONCLUSIONS OF THE DAY**

Again some relevant topics were addressed this meeting on after care, management of services and on the future of the Platform. A follow up will be presented next meeting in Valencia on 6 - 7 June 2017. Hopefully there will also be a proposal on the lead and the functioning of the Youth Care Platform after the Valencia meeting. *The members of the Platform that were present this meeting expressed a warmly welcome to the Carinthian government as chair for a next period if they would apply for it!*

**The invitation and practical arrangements on the next meeting on 6 - 7 June 2017 during the ENSA general assembly will follow as soon as possible.  
Safe the date!**

## **COMMENTS**

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