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Business Meeting of National Agencies in the field of Youth, Brussels, 25th - 28th of March

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Objectives of the BM:

- To continue joint reflections on the evaluations of programmes and the future generation (2028-2034)
- To prepare the joint meeting with the Directors-General for Youth
- To plan KMST (Knowledge Management and Staff Training) and have an overview of the finalised support material
- To share an update on TCA/NET and the cooperation with the TCA/NET Working Group

Time	Agenda item	Content
MONDAY 25th of MARCH 2024		
11:00	Arrivals, check-in, and registration.	
13:00 LUNCH		
15:00	Welcome to the BM in Brussels	<p>The official opening and welcome words by the Directors of 3 Belgian National Agencies, Koen Lambert (JINT), Laurence Hermand (BIJ), Margret Zeiner (Jugendbüro)</p> <p>Opening words by Sophia Eriksson-Waterschoot, Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+, European Commission</p>
15:15	Messages from the Belgian Presidency	Update about the priorities and activities focusing on Youth of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union by Jan Vanhee, Chair of the Youth Working Party
15:30	Introduction to the meeting	<p>Welcome by the facilitator, Gisèle Evrard.</p> <p>Brief presentation of the context of the meeting, its objectives, planned programme and tools to be used in the meeting.</p>

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16:00	From Madrid to Brussels	Presentation of the activities and steps taken between the BM in Madrid and the BM in Brussels, by the Co-Group.
16:40 BREAK		
17:10	KMST updates and agreements	Input and update from the KMST working group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State of affairs ▪ KMST calendar ▪ Competence framework support documents
17:34	Updates on TCA/NET	Updates following the meeting with the TCA/NET Working Group and of the TCA/NET Meeting in Latvia.
18:10	Closing of the day	Announcements for Day 2
19:45 WELCOME DRINKS and DINNER at the Hoxton hotel		

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TUESDAY 26th MARCH 2024		
09:30	Good morning!	Good morning and check in. Presentation of the programme of the day.
09:40	News from the NAs for the Network	3-4 short (1 slide per news) news from the NAs to the Network
09:40	Inputs from the Commission	By Karen Vandeweghe and Natascha Sander (DG EAC Unit B.3) and Marta Gutierrez Benet (DG EAC Unit B.4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main insights and follow-up of the Youth Consultative Group meeting • Esp. focusing on the validation of KA1 partners and on the KA154 format • Questions to COM (collected before in Padlet)
11:00 BREAK		
11:30	Focus on “Europe on the Move”	To explore how the youth (work) field and non-formal and informal learning can contribute, what opportunities it brings and how to overcome obstacles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General presentation of the Recommendation by Michael Teutsch, Head of Unit, DG EAC Unit B.4 ▪ Input about the European Platform on Learning Mobility by Manfred Von Hebel (NA Germany) <p>Group discussions (possibly 4-5 groups), collect main insights and proposals. Comments and reactions from the Commission.</p>
13:00 LUNCH		
14:30	Getting ready for the joint meeting with DGs	Walk through the joint meeting: What is this day about? How the process will be? What will be the inputs available? What are the key questions to be answered? What should be the desired outcome of this day?

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14:40	Setting the frame for the discussion of the day	<p>Short inputs to support the discussion on the three key 'clusters' that will be tackled on 27th of March:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Democracy and values 2. Quality and Youth Work Development 3. Operational and financial improvements and challenges. <p>Inputs are prepared by Co-Group, based on results of previous BMs in Sweden and Spain, on research (a.o. RAY) and outcomes of other events and documents.</p>
16:00 BREAK		
16:30	Group reflection	Group discussions start with the statements that will be presented at the end of the three inputs before the break. The groups are discussing the statements having in mind the meeting on the 27 th and the guiding questions that will be used there.
17:30	Concluding session discussion	Conclusions from the tables and the exchanges, sharing key insights.
18:00	Practicalities and closing of the day	Recap about the joint meeting and practicalities (departure for dinner, accreditations and meeting time and point for the day after, etc).
18:30	(Optional)	Free visit to "Belgian Beer World", at the Bourse, Boulevard Anspach 80, 1000 Brussels
19:45 DINNER, in the Beerlab at the Bourse, together with the Directors-General for Youth.		

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WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024		
08:45	Registrations/ accreditations at the Egmont Palace	
09:30	Welcome and opening	<p>Opening by Bart Temmerman Secretary-General of the Department for Culture, Youth and Media of the Flemish Community</p> <p>Opening words by Sophia Eriksson-Waterschoot, Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+, European Commission</p>
09:50	Set the scene: agenda and working methods	Go through the agenda of the day.
10:00	Set the basis and things to consider – inputs.	<p>Input by Andreas Karsten and Carmen Teubl-Kiviniemi (RAY-research network)</p> <p>Key findings of the RAY transnational analysis 2014-2020 and the RAY midterm evaluation 2021-2023 of the Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps Programme. Short Q&As.</p>
11:00 BREAK		
11:30	Set the basis and things to consider – inputs (cont.)	<p>Input by Pieter-Jan De Graeve (SALTO Inclusion and Diversity – Youth)</p> <p>Inclusion in the EU youth programmes. Key findings from an evaluation exercise by the Strategic Partnership on Inclusion. Short Q&As.</p>
12:00	Set the basis and things to consider – inputs (cont.)	<p>Input by Hilde Lauwers (Department for Culture, Youth and Media of the Flemish Community)</p> <p>Data on international mobility of the EU Youth programmes. A report from the perspective of a Member State. Short Q&As.</p>

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12:30	Reflections on the EU Youth programmes: first impressions	Collect the first impressions based on the inputs and food for thought. In small buzz groups.
13:00 LUNCH		
14:00	Getting back together	Introduction to the afternoon discussion.
14:15	Reflections on the EU Youth programmes – Discussion Rounds 1 and 2	The first two rounds of questions tackling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Democracy and Values ▪ Quality and Youth Work Development
16:00 BREAK		
16:30	Reflections on the EU Youth programmes – Discussion Round 3	Continuation (last round) on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational and financial improvements and challenges
17:15	Change of setting	A 15-minute break (for organisational reasons)
17:30	Preliminary reporting	Collection and sharing of main insights and conclusions by the rapporteurs.
17:45	Closing	Closing speech by Benjamin Dalle, Flemish Minister for Brussels, Youth, Media, and Poverty Reduction.
18:00	Group picture	
19:30 DINNER at the venue, together with the Directors-General for Youth.		

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THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2024		
10:00	Good morning!	Good morning and check in. Presentation of the programme of the day.
10:10	News from the NAs for the Network	3-4 short (1 slide per news) news from the NAs to the Network
10:20	Recap of joint Meeting with DG's	Collecting impressions in small buzz groups and sharing with everyone. Joint reflection on what that means for the next steps.
11:00 BREAK		
11:45	Action and advocacy plan	Update about the advocacy plan, focus on more urgent actions and short-term/long-term plans at the European level and national level. Steps in preparing a youth-specific paper on evaluation and future of EU Youth programmes. Follow-up on the request of the Commission to present showcases of the impact and added value of the programmes. Exchange per table and collection of proposals for next steps and actions (to be followed up by co-group).
12:30	Closing	Handover from BM Belgium to BM Hungary.
13:00 LUNCH		