# **The NA/SALTO RC network and the Bonn Process: Roles of NAs and SALTO RCs and the EU youth programmes**

**Purpose of this paper**

This paper was developed in the SNAC EYWA as part of the work package “Role and Involvement of NAs/SALTO RCs”. It describes the self-conception of the SNAC EYWA. The paper summarizes the roles of the EU youth programmes and the network of National Agencies (NA) and SALTO Resource Centres (SALTO RC) in the Bonn Process. It also clarifies the role of the SNAC EYWA in this context. Besides the responsibility for connecting the Bonn Process with the programme implementation, the NA and SALTO network has a great potential in the field of qualification and training including TCA/NET. Besides outlining the connection of these key areas of the NA/SALTO RC network with the Bonn Process, the supporting role of the network for national youth work development as well as the role as active partner in the wider youth work field in the overall Bonn Process are described.

The document should serve as an internal compass and guide the work in the SNAC EYWA. Its content should build the basis for the internal appearance to the NA/SALTO RC network and the external communication.

**Programmes**

* Role of the EU youth programmes in the Bonn Process
  + Programmes function as major instruments at European level and critical mass to put the Bonn Process into practice
  + Programmes serve as key instruments for the NAs to support the beneficiaries in implementing measures
  + The Bonn Process should be integrally embedded within both EU youth programmes and their funding formats
* Role of the NA/SALTO RC network in relation to the programme implementation
  + Role as communicator and translator: Information on Bonn Process should be embedded within the information activities on the new programme generation
  + Service role for beneficiaries and interested actors: provision of material, consulting and support activities
  + Role as visibility creator: showing the value and impact of the programme on the Bonn Process and vice versa
  + Role as observer and assessor: Evaluation and monitoring of the impact of the programmes on the Bonn Process and vice versa
  + Role as supporter for the neighbouring partner countries’ engagement in the Bonn Process: Provider of information to and support measures to include neighbouring partner countries
* The role of the SNAC EYWA in relation to the overall engagement of the network for youth work development
  + SNAC EYWA should be made aware to other SNACs (why and how SNAC EYWA supports youth work development in general and in relation to the other SNACs and NA activities)
  + Role as initiator and supporter of a closer alignment and exchange and communication among the Youth Work SNACs
  + Role as knowledge-builder: Gathering information and creation and provision of an overview about youth work activities by the NA/SALTO RC network

**Qualification and training**

* Role of the NA/SALTO RC network in relation to qualification/training
  + Role as recognized quality provider: Increase recognition and valorization of the value of the TCA/NET activities as contribution to qualification and training of the youth work field at European level
  + Shaping the profile of the NA/SALTO RC network’s expertise through specific training in specific priority areas as own engagement of the network (still to be chosen)
* Role of TCA/NET activities
  + TCA/NET activities to build up capacity on the Bonn Process at European level
  + TCA/NET activities to build up capacity on the Bonn Process at national level in national language
  + TCA/NET activities to build up knowledge and capacity through training, conferences etc. on Bonn Process priority areas
  + TCA/NET activities to provide opportunities for community building, co-operation and (sustainable) networking
  + TCA/NET (KMST) as instrument to ensure capacity building of NA staff through staff trainings

**Co-operation and community building within the broader Bonn Process at European level**

* The role of the entire NA/SALTO RC network as supporter of national youth work development
  + Network to serve as a bridge supporting transfer and links between European stakeholders and national youth work fields
  + NAs as driving forces for their national groups/processes (as co-ordinators or strong actors with clear role in national processes)
  + NAs as bridge between youth work field and policy-makers: NAs should act as / offering themselves as partners for national authorities in consultation processes of policymaking
* Role of the NA/SALTO RC network as active partner in the wider youth work field and big player in the overall Bonn Process
  + SNAC EYWA to serve as bridge to connect to broader processes at European level through participation in bodies of other European stakeholders (e.g. COM Sub-Group on Youth Work)
  + Maintainer of good working relationship with other stakeholders such as CoE, COM, CoE-EU Youth Partnership
  + Inclusion of important players in possible future bodys accompanying the SNAC EYWA and vice versa
  + Integration of information about the EU youth programmes in activities of other stakeholders (e.g. MOOCs, events, publications)
  + Specific contributions by neighbouring partner countries to the wider actors of European countries

**Process and next steps:**

* + Development of the paper within the SNAC EYWA
  + Discussion of the paper content at the “Ask us anything session” with NA staff (22.2. and 4.3.2022)
  + Discussion of the paper at the level of the Heads of NAs (Business Meeting 4/2022),
  + Development of information/accompanying material to provide orientation to NAs (still to be decided: e.g. collection of concrete steps for NAs to fulfill these roles, provision of examples, roadmap to follow certain steps)
  + Dissemination of the content of the paper as well as additional orientation material within the NA network
  + Presentation of the NA/SALTO RC network’s self-perception and role to outside stakeholders (possibly by a press release or at an occasion like a European digital live-session or the next Bonn Process Meet-up)