



## International Conference The European Union and the Opportunities for the Youth 2014 Erasmus+ 11 May 2015, Bratislava

Main topic of the conference: The European Union and the opportunities for the youth. “*Just knowledge of the events happening around help us to properly respond to them and solve them*”. The EU and 2014 Erasmus+.

Organizers: **Institute of European Democrats (IED)** and **Young Europeans (Mladí Európania, ME)**

- ✚ Location: Hotel Tatra\*\*\*\*, Námestie 1. mája 5, Bratislava
- ✚ Date: 11 May 2015 (Monday)
- ✚ Time: 8:30 – 16:00
- ✚ Participants: university students , students in the final years of secondary school , secondary school and higher education institutions , representatives of youth , civil society and non-governmental organizations and associations

### Agenda

Time	Content
8:30 – 9:00	Unofficial welcome of the participants and visitors, settlement, distribution of the Information Press kits, distribution of interpreting sets and headphones, coffee and refreshments
9:00 – 9:40	The official opening of the conference, presentation of the main topics, speeches of the representatives of the organizers of the conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Luca Bader</b> (IED)</li> <li>• <b>Miroslava Calegari</b> (YDE)</li> <li>• <b>Lýdia Hirošová</b> (ME)</li> <li>• <b>François Lafond</b> (Scientific Committee IED, EuropaNova)</li> </ul>
9:40 – 11:00	I. Panel: <b><u>The Youth in the EU, the situation and the facts.</u></b>  <i>Opening speech:</i> <b>Vlasta Kunová</b> (Pan European University)  <i>Round-table</i> - Moderator <b>François Lafond</b> with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Director of Planning and Innovation in Employment of Basque Government <b>Xabier Iñigo Ochandiano Martínez</b></li> <li>• a Member of the National Council of the Slovak republic MP <b>Igor Hraško</b></li> <li>• a Researcher of the Institute of European Democrats (IED) <b>Peter McGuigan</b></li> <li>• a Representative of the Section of Implementation of State policies and European and International Initiatives of Research and Development of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport <b>Jana Stadtruckerová</b></li> <li>• a Youth representative of international youth organization of Young Democrats for Europe (YDE) <b>Sarah Robin</b></li> </ul> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ summary of situation of youth today – who are young people, what are their values, interests, aims</li> <li>○ summary of the EU programs, their strategy, framework of their activities and the goals</li> <li>○ importance of youth education</li> <li>○ discussion on the results and impact of the EU programs on the youth and their future</li> </ul>

	<p>placement on the labour market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o role of the national government, youth organizations and NGOs in the process of formal and non- formal education</li> <li>o identification of the areas for efficiency improvement</li> </ul> <p>* Interactive discussion with the audience via IQ Tool (live on-line questionnaires), results presented during the discussion, live reactions of the guests</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break and Refreshments
11:30 – 13:00	<p>II. Panel: <b><u>Beyond Erasmus, after 20 years success.</u></b></p> <p><i>Opening speech:</i> <b>Slavomír Rudenko</b> (IED)</p> <p><i>Round-table</i> – Moderator <b>François Lafond</b> with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Director of the Department of Support and Development of Work with Youth of IUVENTA, Slovak Youth Institute IUVENTA <b>Marcela Hajtmánková</b></li> <li>• a Representative of EPIC, the agent for Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme in Slovakia <b>Zuzana Poláčková</b></li> <li>• the Chairman of the organization promoting youth mobility and volunteering Mladiinfo <b>Ondrej Mäsiar</b></li> <li>• a Youth Representative of Young Europeans (ME) <b>Lýdia Hirošová</b></li> </ul> <p>+ video of a participant of European Volunteering Service (EVS) <b>David Hluško</b></p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o summary of what EU has done for youth until now</li> <li>o evaluation of the Erasmus programme since its beginnings until now, evaluation of the results, contributions and prospects of the programme for the future – what should be changed, improved, promoted, created in order to prepare the best possible conditions for our tomorrow's world</li> <li>o summary of the EU programs - Youth Guarantee, EVS, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs – strategy, framework of their activities, goals</li> <li>o reasons and benefits of why young people should take part in Erasmus+, EVS, Youth Guarantee, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs etc.</li> <li>o identification of the obstacles and problems that the participants face / may face when they complete these programmes (financial support, agreements, support from sending and hosting organizations, bureaucracy, etc.)</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b><u>Workshops</u></b></p> <p>Partner organizations and visiting organizations will offer the workshops. Through them, information about the specific capabilities of individual programs will be presented. This will be accompanied with the discussion on the conditions, course and application forms for particular programmes. In addition, two issues arising from the Panels 1 and 2 will be further discussed with <i>rapporteurs</i> already appointed during the sessions who will coordinate the workshops and who will make the final reports during the conclusions. During this part of the conference, the suggestions and feedback will be collected from the participants. According to the preferences of the audience (via IQ Tool), discussion with the specific guests will be provided.</p>
14:00 – 15:00	The Meeting of the General Assembly of the Institute of European Democrats (IED)
15:00 – 15:30	The final reports from Workshops, conclusions, final speeches and Closing Ceremony

Interpretation into English and Slovak. Media will be present at the Conference.

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