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Seminar « Youthpass beyond Youth in Action » Paris (France), 13 – 16 May 2012

Dear Madame, dear Sir,

As you know, in the frame of the Youth in Action Programme, providing to young people opportunities of non-formal learning mobility such as Youth Exchanges or European Voluntary Service in or outside the European Union, the European Commission created and developed since 2007 the specific tool called Youthpass, for the recognition of what the beneficiaries gained in participating in these activities.

More precisely, Youthpass is the strategy of the European Commission for the recognition of the competences gained by the participants in the different activities granted in the frame of Youth in Action Programme. Each participant follows a process of self-assessment of his/her learning achievements and is entitled to receive a Youthpass certificate. This certificate has two parts: a description of the activity and the description of the competences gained during the activity by the participant.

Since 2007, more than 142 000 young people and youth workers or leaders have received a Youthpass certificate, after their participation in more than 13 700 projects implemented by 6 834 different organisations in Europe.

This huge number of organisations in Europe using the Youthpass process demonstrates that Youthpass, in only 5 years, met the needs of those who work with and for young people, and of the young people themselves, to valorise their outcomes and achievements.

Having been used widely since its introduction, Youthpass has proved its value and raised a lot of interest as well outside the Youth in Action Programme. A clear need for a transnational and trans-sectorial recognition instrument like Youthpass has been repeatedly stated by different actors from the youth policy and youth work field. In order to make a step towards these actors and towards meeting their needs, the Youth in Action Programme Committee decided to explore the possibility to extend the implementation and the use of Youthpass beyond the Youth in Action Programme.

In this perspective, the National Agencies for the Youth in Action Programme of France and Germany, in partnership with the SALTO Resource Centre for Training and Cooperation, in charge of the development of the Youthpass strategy, organise in Paris, on the 14th, 15th and 16th May of 2012, a consultation seminar on “Youthpass outside Youth in Action”.

The main aim of this seminar will be to bring together different stakeholders to discuss how to use Youthpass outside the Youth in Action Programme. The objectives of the seminar will be:

- to discuss types of activities for which Youthpass would be appropriate outside Youth in Action
- to look at how to adapt Youthpass in terms of support structure, process and certification
- to identify potential partners for the further development of Youthpass beyond Youth in Action
- to produce recommendations for the SALTO resource centre and European Commission about future steps to be undertaken

On behalf of the organizers, I have the pleasure to invite you to apply to participate in this seminar.

The seminar will take place between the 13th May (evening) till the 16th May 2012 in Paris (France). Further logistical information will follow after final selection of participants.

If you have further questions regarding content please contact Gilles Baccala (baccala@injep.fr) or Rita Bergstein (rita@salto-youth.net).

You will find the on-line application form at the following address:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/mySALTO/applicationonline/962/>

(Remark: to complete the on-line application form you must be registered on MySALTO database first, follow the instructions of the website).

If you have technical problems in registering, please contact directly Alice Dartout (dartout@injep.fr).

The deadline for registration is the 5th April. You will receive further information after the 12th April.

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