



Estonian Presidency
of the Council of the
European Union

Dear specialist working for or with young people!

We invite you to the conference ‘Community guarantee or how can the community support young people neither in employment nor in education or training?’ taking place on Thursday, 9 November from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. [at Hotel Lydia in Tartu](#) (Ülikooli 14, Tartu). **To know more about Estonia, prior to the conference we also organise study visit in Tartu. Followed by collaborative workshop that will focus on how to build and strengthen cross-sectorial and transnational cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.**

The study visit, collaborative workshop and conference is a part of the programme of events of the Estonian presidency of the Council of the EU, focusing on the experiences of youth work and the third sector in how the community can most effectively support young people neither in employment nor in education or training (NEET) or those in danger of becoming a part of the above-mentioned target group.

It is not yet common in Europe to involve the possibilities of youth work and the third sector in solving this problem (NEET-youngster). Representatives from different countries will share their experiences and introduce the best examples at the conference. The programme will feature discussions, panels, and workshops, where everyone interested can get a more detailed overview of the subject and hear about other experiences in the field.

Up to 30 specialists from Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway can take part of study visit and attending the conference. The objective of the international approach is to exchange experiences of different fields and countries as well as to find a common ground regardless of what form or system youth work takes place in. Supporting young people and looking for solutions requires a holistic approach.

STUDY VISIT PROGRAM

November, 6th 2017

During study visit you will learn more about Estonian education, youth work and Youth Guarantee system. We expect participants to arrive November, 6th to Tartu before 14:00.

15:00- 18:00 Ministry of education and research

TOPICS:

- Estonian education system, PISA tests
- Estonian youth work system
- Overview about Youth Guarantee

18:30- 20:00 Dinner



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10:00- 11:30 Employment office

TOPICS:

- Youth Guarantee sub-measures
- Other services for NEET-youngsters
- Future plans

12:00- 13:00 Rajaleidja Centre

- Overview about services
- Future plans

13:00- 15:00 Lunch

15:30- 18:00 Tartu Town Hall + youth institutions

TOPICS:

- Overview about youth work services in Tartu and special programmes for NEET-youngster
- Youth Centre and services
- Hobby School and services

18:30- 20:00 Dinner

COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP

November, 8th 2017



One of five in the age group 20-34 across EU are young people who are neither in employment, education nor training (NEETs)*. Identifying NEETs, motivating them to be enrolled in support measures and guiding and counselling them towards the labour market or back to education is by experience difficult and call for joint actions of institutions and organisations in the multi-level governance perspective. Civil society organisations play a significant role, yet are often an untapped resource in view of the integration of NEETs. During the workshop, we will focus on the interaction between civil society organisations and public authorities. Workshop is organised in the cooperation with flagship School2Work, Knowledge Platform Integrate NEETs and LiFT.

About the workshop

This workshop addresses these challenges by engaging participants in an innovative collaborative process focusing on:

- how we can build effective cooperation with other partners in the Baltic Sea Region around common challenges;
- what are best practices in the area integration of NEETs and how others could learn from them



- how we can go beyond existing logics of thinking and problem-solving in this area, especially those that might have proven dysfunctional
- visualize innovative solutions based on shared collective intelligence,
- define milestones and next steps to guide our cooperation in the near future.

Topic in focus:

How can transnational and cross-sectoral knowledge and experience contribute to a better integration of NEETs into society and the labor market?

- 09.30 Registration, getting acquainted with each other, Coffee and Tea
- 10.00 Opening, welcome and introduction
- Exploring best practices, challenges and expert opinions
 - Aligning perspectives and building common ground
 - Envisioning desirable futures
- 13.00 Lunch break
- 13.30
- Working towards innovative solutions
 - Generating ideas and actionable scenarios
- 15.30 Harvesting and next steps
- 16.00 Closure

About the method

The workshop will use the Collaboratory (collaboration laboratory) method, a multi-perspective, multi-stakeholder dialogue forum aiming at engaging relevant actors in a collective reflection and visioning process around a specific complex challenge.

The process is especially designed to bring a wide range of diverse stakeholder groups together in view of innovative, tangible and sustainable solutions to the problem or challenge they share. It makes sure that the topic is addressed in a constructive, outcome-oriented and mutually inspiring way while including all relevant perspectives and giving them the necessary space to contribute their concerns and potentials. The Collaboratory thus helps the participants to co-create meaningful solutions and to join forces in order to bring them into being.

For more info see [here](#).

Is it for me? It is, if you represent a regional authority, private sector, a civil organisation, a municipal governance body, a financial institution, or a local and regional political force who is dealing with the challenge of integrating NEETs into society and the labour market in some way or another.

* according to EUROSTAT data (01.09.2016)



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

November, 9th 2017

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Registration, coffee, and getting acquainted with the topics on the agenda
11 a.m. – 11.05 a.m.	Introduction (moderator Eeva Esse)
11.05 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.	Welcome speech
11.25 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	Thematic discussion: ‘Supporting young people: a hollow phrase or serious business?’ (Why is it important to support young people? European perspective)
11.45 a.m. – 12.10 p.m.	Three-way discussion with youth ‘Is the youth spoiled?’
12.10 p.m. – 1 p.m.	PANEL: ‘Are some Estonians more equal? Does our life depend on where we are born?’
1 p.m. – 1.50 p.m.	LUNCH (opportunity to get to know the stories, see the interactive presentations, etc. of young people from Estonia)
1.50 p.m. – 2.10 p.m.	Picking workshops (each participant can participate two
workshops)	
2.10 p.m. – 3 p.m.	FIRST WORKSHOP (6 options) WORKSHOP 1: Specific programmes: the SPIN programme, the STEP programme, the Jalatalla programme WORKSHOP 2 (on the street): Mobile youth work – mobile contact work, the MoNo bus and mobile workstations (metal and wood, health) WORKSHOP 3: Panel on community opportunities: examples from Germany, Sweden, and Estonia WORKSHOP 4: Experiential learning as a method to empower young people in difficult situations WORKSHOP 5: Opportunities of prevention: ‘Nopi Üles’, an own-initiative fund by young people, Community Practice WORKSHOP 6: Research ‘Lessons learned and new plans. Overcoming challenges of Youth Unemployment in the Baltic Sea Region’
3.20 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.	SECOND WORKSHOP (6 options) change of group
4.10 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Gathering in the main hall
4.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Summaries and final statements

Simultaneous interpretation during conference into Estonian, Russian, and English is ensured. There is no simultaneous interpretation in the workshops (except for the workshop in the main hall), but the linguistic needs of participants are considered. The need for sign language interpretation is clarified during the registration process.



You can register [HERE](#) to participate in the conference.

Registration deadline is 13 October 2017.

Please keep in mind that registration will be closed once all places are filled.

Apply now. Number of places is limited.

Picking workshops will take place in chronological order based on registration. We prefer participants who are interested to take part all programme (study visit, collaborative workshop and conference).

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