

## Board meeting ICY, 8 – 9 of March, 2016 in Antwerp.

Present:

Kaï Van Niewenhove, VVJ

Lasse Siurala, Kanuuna

Jonas Agdur, KEKS

Claudius Siebel, JUGEND für Europa

Hans Migchielsen, 's-Hertogenbosch

Henny Wibbelink, 's-Hertogenbosch

Massimo Capano, Cinisello Balsamo

Babis Papaioannou, Tripolis

Dimitri Georgiadis, Thessaloniki

Nazi Berdzenishvili, Chokhatauri

Irakli Tsulaia, Tbilisi

George Bukia, Tbilisi (YFW)

Stefan Fischer, München

Diana Petterson, KC

Jenny Danielsson, KC

Georgi Siemeonov, Stara Zagora

Katerina Siampou, Tripolis

Tine Frisk, Svedenborg

### **“To do – list” based on decisions:**

- Write a short presentation of your organisation (department or network) and its main activities to be published on our web site including contact information and web site.  
**Dead line:** March 29
- Inform your national representative in CoE about ICY and your membership. (And of course also your local politicians...)
- Spread information on the strategic partnership. (Material will be sent out shortly.)
- Appoint representative to the work group on indicators and inform Jonas.  
**Dead Line:** May 15
- Send suggestions on European organizations that could be part of reference group for strategic partnership to Jonas.  
**Dead line:** March 29
- Eventual translations into English of own indicators that could be used as inspiration for the indicator project.  
**Dead line:** April 29
- Send comments on the proposed booklet to Jonas.  
**Dead line:** March 29
- Send information to Jonas on how you want the membership invoices for 2015 and 2016 to be handled.  
**Dead line:** March 29
- Send suggestions regarding the upcoming ICY conference in Cinisello Balsamo to Jonas and Massimo.  
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### 1. Welcome and presentations.

Kaï van Niewenhove welcomed everybody to Antwerp.  
Short round of presentations.

### 2. Follow up on board meeting in Strasbourg.

The meeting with representatives from CoE was held in a very positive atmosphere.

### 3. Follow up on the ICY conference InterAction for Action in Gothenburg.

About 220 persons from 17 countries participated and the over all response has been very positive even if very few answered the survey that was sent out afterwards.  
In some groups there was not such a good balance between Swedish and European

participants and there is a need for more information about how to join ICY during the next conference in Cinisello Balsamo.

4. Information about “Practical handbook on quality development”

KEKS together with 's-Hertogenbosch and the DSP-group (research company from the Netherlands) have won a European Commission tender on producing a practical handbook on quality development based on the report Quality Youth Work – a common framework for the further development of youth work (European Commission, 2015. Down load it from [www.intercityyouth.eu](http://www.intercityyouth.eu)). The handbook will be ready in November and aims at supporting the building, implementation and running of quality systems. It will be published in English, German and French, but hopefully we can persuade other national authorities to translate it.

The presentation of the handbook will also take place within the framework of ICY.

5. Information about the CoE ”drafting group on the preparation of the draft recommendation on the contribution of youth work”.

The second youth work convention was held in 2015. The Council of Europe took responsibility for handling some of the results of the convention. As a result of this there was a suggestion that the CoE should make recommendations on youth work to its member states, which in turn lead to the establishment of a work group that should prepare a draft recommendation on the contribution of youth work.

Jonas is representing ICY in this group, which is a clear recognition of ICY as an important organization in the field of youth work. It also signals that it is not only youth organisations that should have a say in these kinds of discussions, which previously often has been the case, but also municipal youth work – which we of course think is positive.

The minutes from the first meeting has not yet been sent out, but Jonas describes the meeting as good and held in a positive atmosphere. It will be a very fast process and the draft is foreseen to be ready in July and an eventual decision to be taken in October.

6. Information about new web-based system for documentation of youth work.

KEKS together with three European partners have an Erasmus+ Strategic partnership to develop a web-based system for documentation of youth work based on KEKS present system “The logbook”. The aim is to create a system that can handle documentation of different forms of youth work in different settings all over Europe. The basic version will be in English, but it will be possible to translate it into all European languages. A final version of the system is planed to be launched in November.

Stefan is interested in a national presentation in Germany, which Jonas is positive to.

*The board decides* that the system will be presented at a future board meeting.

7. Erasmus+ project on indicators.

Eight members of ICY have got approved an Erasmus+ Strategic partnership with the aim to create common quality indicators on:

- Participation
- Non-formal learning
- Gender equality
- Inclusion of marginalized youth

The project will run for 30 months and the foreseen result is:

- A booklet where the set of indicators will be presented together with methods to see to which degree they are met and best practices related to this work.
- A web based library of indicators and best practices.

The ICY board will function as project managing group and there will be a work group with one representative from each partner plus one coordinator from KEKS.

Further information about the project, work plan, financial conditions, etc. will be sent out to the project partners shortly.

*The board decides* that the total amount approved for project administration shall go to KEKS.

Jonas stressed that it is important that the representatives in the work group have solid experience in youth work, are well structured, speak good English, are aware of that they have to work on the project between the meetings and are prepared to stay in the project for the whole duration of it. The representatives should of course be well grounded in their own organizations and use these as a reference group for the project. They should also make sure that other relevant national stakeholders are informed about the project and have the possibility to give input.

Jonas also stressed the fact that it is very important that everyone in the project will focus on it and do a good job even if the situation “at home” gets very busy. EU and others will pay attention and it is important for ICYs reputation and future project applications that we have a good result that we can be proud of.

The project will create work and costs – but it will be a great investment for the future.

## 8. Organisational matters:

### 8.1. EEIG – Contract and declaration of membership.

All the papers are in order and have been send to the Swedish authority responsible for the registration of EEIGs. We are still waiting for their response...

### 8.2. Alternative forms of membership/organisation.

Jonas raises the question about ICYs future organisation due to the fact that some municipalities have problems joining an EEIG.

*The board decides* that Jonas makes two proposals for the next board meeting: One regarding possibilities for municipalities to join ICY as associated members not being members of the EEIG.

One regarding the selection and size of the board and it's relation to an eventual general assembly.

### 8.3. “The ICY offer” – what do we offer our members?

The board agrees that it is important to offer our members more than just board meetings and an annual conference.

*The board decides* that ICY shall arrange a seminar for heads of departments on how to work with young immigrants. The seminar shall be held in Munich and financed by participant fees. Stefan and Jonas are responsible.

Other activities will be:

- presentation of the new web based system for documentation of youth work.
- presentation and support of implementation of the handbook on quality development.

- thematic discussions in connection to the board meetings.
  - exchange between different members of the network through study visits, youth exchanges, etc.
- In the future it is also possible to promote thematic work groups on different topics, inviting staff to give input to the European agenda on matters important to them.

#### 8.4. Economy.

Until today the costs for ICY has been paid by KEKS.

The membership invoices for 2015 and 2016 will be sent out as soon as the registration of the EEIG is clear.

*The board decides* that the membership fee for 2016 shall be 500 euro.

The members are asked to inform Jonas on how they want the invoice at latest by April 29.

The annual result and balance sheet for ICY will be presented at the first board meeting each year.

#### 8.5. Web site – [www.intercityyouth.eu](http://www.intercityyouth.eu)

Jonas hopes a new version of the website will be ready in a couple of weeks.

The news on the site will be published under three categories; from ICY, from the members and from the sector in general.

The members are asked to send in relevant information in English. Those who want can also publish parallel material in their own language.

Facebook. The members are asked to please invite their friends to like ICY on FB. If you become friends with Jonas he will give you the rights to publish information on our Facebook.

#### 8.6. Discussion on a draft booklet and proposal for a logo

Stephan presents the suggestions for a new logo and a booklet.

*The board decides* on the proposed logo and that there should be clear rules on how it should be used.

*The board decides* that:

- further comments on the booklet should be sent to Jonas at latest by March 29.
- the booklet will be made in two versions; one with the possibility to add local information and print locally, one printed by ICY that will be in English and just contain general information.
- Stefan and Jonas will work on a final version that will be sent out to the board for approval.

The board thanks Stefan for his efforts.

#### 9. The upcoming 5th InterCity-conference in Cinisello Balsamo

Massimo presents the plan and the program for the conference and different suggestions discussed.

The board decides that:

- the conference will be held on the 17 – 19 of October 2016.
- there should be room for ca 150 Italian participants and 50 - 70 international participants.
- the target group should be the same as last year, that is to say mainly persons responsible for youth work and youth work development.

- the main theme could be youth work contribution to enhance competences that are relevant for the labour market, but that it has to be made clear that this must be based on general youth work open to all young people and starting from their own needs and experiences.
- we shall have the same conference fee as last year.
- suggestions for new topics or speakers must be mailed to Massimo and Jonas before April 29.

Among the suggestions was also that we shall have a speaker from the labour market talking about their needs and a speaker to tell about young peoples needs and rights to find their own way in life.

*The board decides* to establish a work group consisting of Jonas, Lasse and Tine to support Massimo in the further planning of the conference.

#### 10. Other activities and questions.

##### a) Meeting “network of networks”.

The previously discussed idea to invite other networks in the youth sector in order to discuss cooperation was raised for decision.

*The board decided* that this shall be done as a part of the conference in Cinisello Balsamo.

##### b) Project: European Peer Review in Youth Work.

The board got a brief information and discussed the project.

##### c) Symposium in Budapest.

Claudius will attend the symposium as representative of ICY. Georgi Bukia will also attend.

##### d) Meeting with the European Commission on EVS.

Jonas has been invited as chair of ICY to these discussions.

##### e) Claudius informs about a project within the network of national agencies that, among other topics, will focus on local youth work. ICY will be invited to have a seat in the steering group.

##### f) Stefan informs about the conference in Munich “Cultural Youth Work” that will take place in March and focus on how cultural activities can help to integrate immigrants.

##### g) Jonas reminds of the Child Friendly Cities – conference the 7 – 9 November and that we have previously decided to have a board meeting in connection with that.

##### h) Lasse shows us the web site of Kanuuna, [www.nuorisokanuuna.fi](http://www.nuorisokanuuna.fi), and how they use it to inform about ICY. The members are asked to find similar solutions.

##### i) Claudius informs about an application from the YEPP network to become members of ICY. The YEPP network is however not a network of municipalities.

*The board decides* to say no for the time being, but also to invite them to the Cinisello Balsamo conference in order to discuss future cooperation.

#### 11. Next board meeting.

*The board decides* that:

- the next board meeting will be held the 17 – 18 of May in Antwerp
- the first meeting of the work group on indicators will be held the 17 – 19 of May in Antwerp.

Minutes taken by Tine Frisk