

# Youth Partnership News

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## About the Newsletter

The role of the Partnership Newsletter is to inform the main partners and all interested parties on ongoing activities in and around the Partnership and on the main results. It also should increase visibility and impact of the Partnership as such and its achievements in particular.

This first issue is a prototype of the newsletter which will be published regularly on the different topics and working priorities of the Partnership

*For more information on activities and products developed and implemented by these Covenants see the report on the Partnership web pages.*



### Partnership WebSites:

[www.youth-partnership.net](http://www.youth-partnership.net)

[www.youth-knowledge.net](http://www.youth-knowledge.net)

[www.training-youth.net](http://www.training-youth.net)

<http://eycb.coe.int/eycbwwwroot/Euro-Med/index.html>

## The Partnership in the area of youth

**The mission of the Partnership** is to develop and support a joint (CoE and COM) and coherent strategy in youth policy and in youth work practice, in both, the 25 European Union and the 46 Council of Europe countries. It also aims at supporting youth policy development in neighbouring and third countries.

The cooperation between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the area of youth brings together the two institutions's experience in the field of non-formal education, youth policy, youth research and youth work practice. It started in 1998 and is envisaged to be continued with the new YOUTH IN ACTION programme 2007-2013.

In May 2005 the Partnership took its current shape, replacing the earlier Covenants ("European Youth Worker and Youth Leader Training", "Euro-Med" and "Research") by **one single Framework Partnership Agreement**, focusing on the following topics:

- European Citizenship and human rights education
- Intercultural dialogue and co-operation
- Quality in youth work and training
- Recognition and visibility of youth work
- Better understanding and knowledge of youth
- Youth policy development
- Promoting understanding of and respect for cultural diversity

**Main activities** are training sessions, seminars and network meetings involving youth workers and youth leaders, trainers, researchers, policy-makers, experts and practitioners.

Activities enhance the exchange of experiences and good practices between the stakeholders involved, are imbedded in a structured dialogue and contribute to the implementation of the political objectives of both partners.

Between 1998 and 2005 a total of 900 people participated in these activities.



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## The Partnership management

Decisions within The Partnership are always taken in common agreement between the two partners. Any action of major impact shall be prepared by a consultation between the two partners.

**The Partnership consultative and decision making processes** involve the stakeholders and representatives of all target groups and take place within the following "bodies":

- Partnership Management Board
- 4 thematic Partnership Sectorial Groups
- Partnership Consultation Meeting

The "**Partnership Management Board**" is composed by representatives of both, the Commission and the Council of Europe, and the staff of the partnership secretariat.

The results of the Partnership are disseminated through the transfer of training materials, websites and publications.

Four **Partnership Sectorial Groups** (PSGs) were established on "European Citizenship, Quality and Recognition", "EuroMed, Human Rights Education and Intercultural Dialogue", "Better Understanding of Youth and Youth Policy" and a horizontal group on "Information and Publication". Representatives from main stakeholders in the field of youth were invited to participate in these meetings.

The "**Partnership Consultation Meeting**" gathers members of the Management Board, the Sectorial Groups and other interested parties for an exchange of information with the aim to increase synergies among stakeholders involved.



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*« The European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy (EKCYC) is an online knowledge management system serving as a single entry point to retrieve knowledge on the realities of youth across Europe and is supported by a European network of correspondents. »*

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