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Minutes

1. Introduction

Dr John Bamber opened the meeting by providing a summary from the last Youth Working Party meeting on 31st October, where the work in progress was presented to the group and the plans to finalise the report before the end of the year. Delegations welcomed the report and made a few remarks in response. BE proposed to question the current demands of the labour market as employers should be made more aware of young people's skills and talents, and should be thinking about how make the most of this well-educated generation. DK stressed the role of non-formal learning and the broader dimension of employability, including active citizenship. LU underlined the importance of recognition and validation of different categories of youth work. IE would emphasize the balance between social and work skills.

Lucie Lekesova (COM) then mentioned several recent studies, such as the one by LSE "Youth participation in democratic life", or the study on "*Quality of Youth Work*", by GHK for the COM., These might help with a better definition of the concept of youth work that could be included in the report. Concerning the EU work plan for Youth, there will also be an Expert Group in Youth Work. This group will create some deliverables on Quality framework for youth work. It was agreed to be in touch with that group in order to synchronize work.

2. Report design

The ultimate details for the report were discussed by the expert group.

As a summary, it was mentioned that the report should convey the need for investment to foster creativity and innovation and how Non-Formal learning gives young people specific competences that are valuable for the labor market. Also, it was acknowledged that a summary explaining the overall report would need to be more user-friendly and concisely structured.

The graphic side of the report could still be still improved and could be created linking with recommendations and Erasmus+ key actions.

An added paragraph, mentioning that "Examples listed here are not intended to be representative from all over Europe" should be added into the report.

One last remark about the importance of entrepreneurial skills of young people, the possibility of creating their own jobs and how to provide this support needs to be specially highlighted in the report.

3. Work on Recommendations

The group was divided in order to work on Recommendations and shape them in order to clarify any possible doubts and adapt it according to the five “What, When, Where, Who, Why and How” questions.

4. Further steps

The group agreed to provide some suggestions for the Youth Guarantee implementation plans at national level in EU in order to include them into the report.

It was agreed to produce briefings for different stakeholders about creativity and innovative capacity of young people acquired through non formal learning.

The final date to deliver the report was agreed to be the 27 January. Then, the Youth Working Party will be informed.

The cross-sectorial seminar idea as a follow-up to the report was mentioned as one possible future task for the group. It was proposed to organize this event on creativity and innovation of young people in June 2014. Further details will be decided by the group during the next meeting, which will take place on 16-17 January.

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