

International Commissioners' Forum (IC-Forum)

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Workshop	Motivating and supporting youth exchange, mobility and travel
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Introduction: Keywords of the presentation	Increased mobility of young people is an essential means by which to promote peace and understanding between peoples, combat xenophobia and racism, and develop a greater awareness of ones self and others. This can be achieved through youth exchange activity, mobility and travel.
Relevant Material from WAGGGS and WOSM and any other useful documents	Europe for You! European Youth Card publications
Questions	<p>What is Youth Mobility?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travelling • Exchanges • Using Scout and Guide Centres • JOTI/JOTA - using technology can support mobility and exchange activity • Students Abroad - ERASMUS. Using contacts • European Voluntary Service/European Scout Voluntary Programme • Europe for You! • Euro<26 • International Camps • Study Visits
Keywords of the experiences of the other associations	<p>Estonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Olympics theme - multilateral exchange activities involving Baltic State countries • Good educational content • International evenings <p>France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership/activities with Madagascar • Montenegro • 100 units - 14-17 years • 150 units - 18+ years <p>Czech Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar for Rangers/Rovers • Writing applications • Take advantage of those involved with voluntary opportunities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed good exchange links from last European Conferences <p>The Barriers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language • Cultural differences • Visas • Paperwork • Local Scouting/Guiding attitudes • Safety in the country being visited • Making relevant and useful contacts • Dealing with non-recognised associations • Internet - good and bad. Good because it can be a useful tool to prepare for and follow up exchange activity; bad because groups looking to develop exchanges often broadcast a request for a partner group rather than thinking about it a bit more carefully. <p>Removing the Barriers</p> <p>Visas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relations with immigration authority and foreign ministry are important • Twinning contracts for exchanges • In-country 'vetting' • 'Honorary' Visas <p>Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for applications • Raise awareness that funding is available, particularly from the European YOUTH Programme. <p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in close partnership with host association • Communication • Training
<p>Demands to the European Regions 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More promotion of sources of funding through the European YOUTH Programme • A clearing house/online database for groups looking to develop exchanges • Case studies/promising practices of what constitutes a good exchange/mobility experience that has been organised at a local level. • Better promotion or simplification of Europe for You! – most of the participants were unaware of the changes and how, in particular, EuroSteps is supposed to work.