

1st EUSDR Youth Platform
“Learning Pathways to Social Cohesion”
 15-17 December 2014, Vienna

The 1st EUSDR Youth Platform aimed at bringing together educators from non-formal and formal education to reflect on the role of education & learning for social cohesion and to explore the value of cross-sectoral cooperation in the Danube region as well as strengthening the role of the actors in the educational field working with young people, both in formal and non-formal educational settings, for their synergetic contribution to a greater social cohesion in the Danube region.

The Concrete Aims of the EUSDR Youth Platform were:

- Explore the impact of cross-sectoral cooperation to strengthen social cohesion
- Highlight the importance of the cooperation between formal and non-formal education in regards to the educational pathway of young people
- Explore needs and further steps for cooperation between educational sectors

The Intentions of the Platform were:

- Creating a space for dialogue and reflection to share experiences and perspectives on learning pathways of young people and their relevance for social cohesion.
- Exchanging about the general conditions and specific challenges faced when working with young people in an educator role.
- Inspiring for collaboration and common action ideally across educational sectors and national boundaries.
- Exploring possible funding opportunities within ERASMUS+ and other funding schemes relevant for the Danube region.

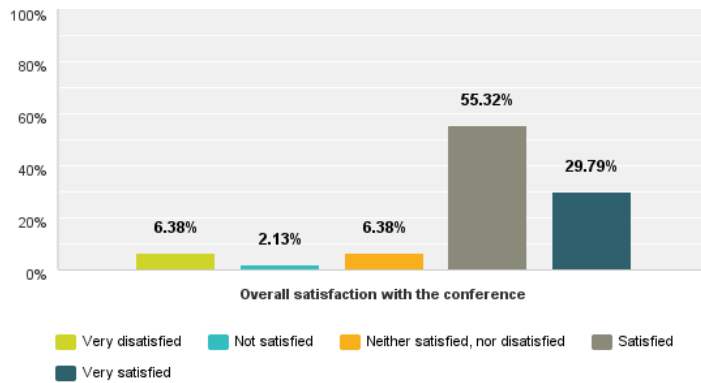
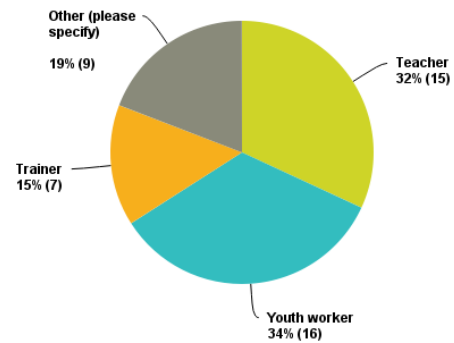
Programme

	15 December	16 December	17 December
09:00 - 10:30	Arrivals and registration	Our educational practices and social cohesion: challenges, needs and contributions	Opportunities for future cooperation (Erasmus+, Danube Transnational) Making the path while walking: commitments and action steps
Break	“Warm up” space (from 12.00 onwards) – Starting getting to know place and other participants	Break	Break
11:00 - 12:30		Charting the map: educational work for social cohesion	Follow-up Evaluation
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch (13:00)
14:00 - 16:30	Opening and Introduction Jörg Musterle EUSDR PA09 Kev-note by Manfred Zentner on Learning Pathways to Social Cohesion	Building learning pathways for young people: strategies and synergies	Departure after 14:30
Break	Break	Break	Break
17:00 - 19:00	The value of learning and education for social cohesion	Continuation <u>17.30</u> : Departure into the city: Christmas markets and more	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner in the city	
20.00	Networking evening		

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Participants:

The EUSDR Youth Platform brought together 64 stakeholders from both educational fields. Based on the responses (47) of the Evaluation questionnaire both the non-formal and formal education fields were equally represented – others being mostly “project managers”, “volunteers” or “school principals”

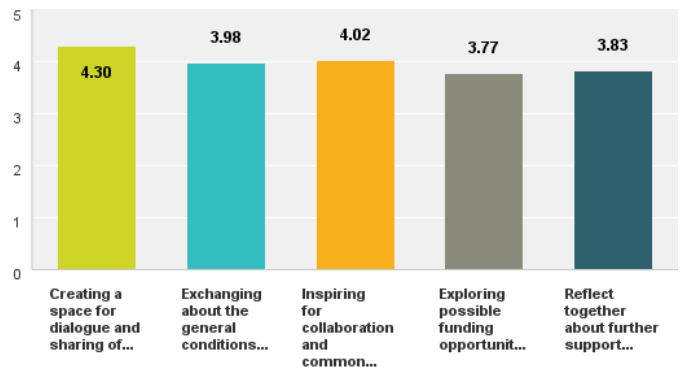


Participants' satisfaction

The evaluation shows that participants of the EUSDR Youth Platform were mostly satisfied with the Event (85,11% being “satisfied” or “very satisfied”)

Intentions

The Evaluations shows that the Intentions of the Platform where reached to a high degree on one hand and giving valuable feedback for rethinking the methodological approach for the future instalments of the platform.



Conclusions (based on Evaluation/Feedback by participants):

- 1) It was generally appreciated to bring together stakeholders from both educational fields since there are not many possibilities on national and international meeting to share project ideas.
- 2) Networking was seen as one of the main functions of the EUSDR Youth Platform
- 3) It was suggested to continue the EUSDR Youth platform on regular basis
- 4) It was proposed to create an virtual/online platform within the EUSDR
- 5) Stakeholders from both sectors are willing and open for cross-sectoral cooperation; the possibilities of cooperation are still somewhat limited (especially for short term projects).

Conclusions by the organizers:

There is a strong will to continue the EUSDR Youth Platform among the organizing institutions in the Framework of Erasmus+ Training and cooperation Activities (TCA). The conclusions of the participants will be taken into account when planning the 2nd EUSDR Youth Platform, tentatively scheduled for October/November 2015.

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