

Dear Member and Partner Organisations

The ERYICA Governing Board held the fourth meeting for this year 3rd December before the 20th General Assembly started in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The meeting was hosted by the Stichting Jong Rotterdam. Main focus was to finalise the preparations for the General Assembly.

We hope that you forward this Governing Board Bulletin around your national network. We wish that as many of the local youth information centres and workers as possible would have the chance to get the information about the topics discussed and decisions taken in the board meeting.



The new ERYICA Governing Board for next three years. From left Tanja Novakovic, Marc Boes, Claire Conlon, Davide Capecchi, Alexandra Cangelosi, Sasha Dupor, Mika Pietilä, Jorge Orlando and Julie Cakiova. Photo: Jaana Fedotoff

Membership issues

The board welcomes Zajednica ICM from Croatia as full member with immediately effect. Eurodesk Italy has sent a letter that they will not stay as affiliated member in ERYICA which will come to effect January 1st 2010.

Director's report

The Secretariat has been busy with the preparations for the GA and seminar organized both in Rotterdam at the same time. There has been two recruitment processes going on at the same time, and finally the new PR and Communications officer Cornelia Untersberger started her work in the end of November and the Member Services' Coordinator Florence Sécula will start her work in the beginning of January 2010. The volunteer Jonathan Perez has been also of great help in organizing the events.

Finances

The Governing Board prepared the forward budget for year 2010 to be accepted in the GA. The current and provisional accounts were also handled during the board meeting.

Meet the Streets I & II

The Booklet with a DVD with some of the best interviews will be distributed to soon. While waiting for the printed booklet, the results and some of the interviews are available at the address: <http://www.eryica.org/node/1668>

A Better Youth Information for New Times

The Training Task Force presented the results of the work and final concept of the YIntro training module at the GA. Next step will be to produce a manual for trainers and run a training for trainers in the beginning of March 2010.

The preparations with the booklet of best practiced continues. The draft index of the booklet has been created, as well as its draft design and content.

The launch of the Youth Information Platform, SHERYICA, took place in the General Assembly. So visit and create your own identity in SHERYICA at the address: www.sheryica.org.

One important part of the ABYIFNT project has been the process to create Principles for Online Youth Information. These principles were handled in GA and accepted after discussion.



Infomobil.org

ERYICA is looking for an organization to host next Infomobil meeting. ERYICA Serbian co-operating organization ONO's application to host next Infomobil meeting was not granted.

Council of Europe cooperation

CoE and ERYICA co-operation project, "Youth Information Starters Kit", has been sent to CoE for final approval. The production and distribution is scheduled for the beginning of next year.

ERYICA has also sent the revised proposal for the new recommendation concerning information and counselling for young people in Europe. The new recommendation will next be handled in different CoE departments and we are looking forward it to be approved later next year.

Also a colloquy in co-operation with CoE and ERYICA is planned to take place in autumn which would then be a celebration of older recommendation No R (90)7 and the new one.

Three networks cooperation

A meeting of the three networks (ERYICA, Eurodesk, EYCA) took place in the beginning of November in Bratislava. European Youth Forum participated as observer. The next joint conference will take place in Lyon (France) in 2010 (probably 30st September – 3rd October).

Principals for online youth information

This important document was, with some minor adjustments, approved by the General Assembly. It is available at the ERYICA website: <http://www.eryica.org/en/content/principles-online-youth-information-approved>

Youth Mobility

The General Assembly decided to form a "head start group" which should work online (e.g. using email or Sheryica) and probably in one meeting on the concept of offering a "home away from home" and then trying the concept by a pilot by the YICs involved, to find out what is working and what is not. YICs interested in participating in this pilot should contact marc.boes@eryica.org.

Medal of Honor, "the Bernard"

The Board decided to award Liam Curran with the second Medal of Honor for his long and remarkable work for youth information in Northern Ireland and at European level. This medal was handed to him during the Rotterdam GA by the ERYICA board and Bernard Charbonnel.

General Assembly in Rotterdam

The 20th ERYICA General Assembly was organised in Rotterdam and hosted by Vereniging van JIP's. More about the successful GA and all decisions taken during the meeting you can read in the report which will be distributed later.

Next Governing Board meeting

The Board, which was elected during the Rotterdam GA, will have the next meeting in the beginning of February. If you or your organization have suggestions or questions that should be dealt with by the Governing Board, please feel free to contact any of us before end of January 2010.

On the behalf of the ERYICA Governing Board,

Mika Pietilä