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Title of the event:

VII Ed. Festival dell'Educazione - "FORUM DEI CITTADINI" INFORMAZIONI E RIFLESSIONI SULLA MOBILITÀ EUROPEA E LA PROMOZIONE DELLA CITTADINANZA ATTIVA

Date and place:

18th of May, 2018 - Auditorium of High School "I.I.S. G. Galilei", Jesi (AN), Italy

Duration:

5.5 hours 14:00-14:30, registration
14:30-17:30, presentation and workshop for teacher and operators
17:30-19:30, for students, parents and all the citizens

Leading person(s): Romina Boraso, Lorenza Lupini

Agenda of the event: Attachment 1 to the Report

Number of participants: 48

Key questions to answered during the Youth Citizens Forum, Italy:

Description of the event: The aim of the Youth Citizens Forum (YCF) was to discuss about the project topics, that means an open discussion about the awareness on EU citizens' rights during a mobility, starting from the analysis on the first results of the open on-line research conducted by MyEU consortium. The participants involved in the Italian YCF were teachers, students and their parents and they fit with the target of the on-line survey, including both youth and adults (teachers and parents).

The YCF was realized within the VII Edition of „Festival dell'educazione (Festival of Education)"¹, in the auditorium of a High School in Jesi, during a workshop concerning the topic of „meeting with diversity" as an occasion of growth. Moderators of the YCF were COOSS project staff and for the topic of „diversity" the realtor was a Francesco Giglio, a psychoanalyst. First, moderators introduced the workshop with a short presentation of „MyEU" project and goal, in order to give participant the right coordinates and the main focus of the YCF and they explained the importance of mobility experience as occasion of growth but also the importance of a responsible mobility.

After this introduction, Prof. Francesco Giglio had a class about the importance of interact with "other" peoples, the occasion given by the interaction with the "diversity", in particular for young. This topic perfectly fit with the importance of a mobility experience.

Once concluded this part, the discussion with the public started and the participants had the possibility to ask both COOSS staff and realtor all their questions and share their point of view, in an intense dialogue about importance of mobility experiences for youth.

Following results are based on the sharing process of answering.

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalEducazioneJesi>



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1. Collected feedback on the state of the art survey – (Comparative summary – on-line survey report):

After a general introduction of the working day and a specific description of MyEU project and objectives COOSS MyEU staff presented the research they are conducting about the state of the art around the awareness as EU citizens in mobility's experiences.

Thanks to the use of a tablet and a Wi-Fi connection, the on-line survey has been shown to the participant and main parts of the surveys were detailed and explained.

Then, first results already collected through the questionnaires, were discussed all together and, in particular, they were proposed following questions:

1. Do you know what it means to be an EU citizen?
2. Do you are aware of the rights deriving from European citizenship?
3. Do you know how to reach information about your rights and, specifically, about your right when you move throughout Europe?
4. Did you ever had a mobility experience?
5. What do you think it will be useful for a deepest awareness around rights, benefits, etc. on EU citizenship?

Same questions were both for the first group (teachers) and second group (youth, parents and citizenship).

In general, the group of teacher was more reactive and responsive to give relevant answers; most of them already had experiences with class or students' EU mobility, so they already know procedures, rights, tools, information, etc. Teachers know the importance of being and EU citizen and most of the related rights. They also know some of the Portal, as the Erasmus Portal. On the other side they have no direct experience of mobility, but only on their students (or sons and daughters) mobility. Youngest participants and general public had a lower awareness about EU citizens rights and tools to increase their knowledge about it.

2. Collected feedback on the Good practices/success stories report:

During the open discussion, COOSS MyEU staff presented the Good Practices on motilities.

Public was really interested by the success stories and most of them, were asking about the possibility of read the final document in order to refer to it, if needed.

Erasmus experiences were well received from students.

According to this interest the Erasmus Plus Programme Portal and EURODESK were presented.

Most of participant didn't know them and only a few of the teachers had already used – or consulted – them.



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3. Discussed needs areas for information/knowledge/tools for active citizenship: What kind of knowledge, and in what form, is needed for the youth to be able to exercise their rights deriving from EU citizenship?

Further discussing the survey-related questions:

12. What sources of information do you use to check information concerning your rights in the European Union?

29. What (knowledge/information/tools) would help you to realise your EU citizen rights while staying abroad?

36. What information did you miss/ you had hard to find when planning European mobility (in order to study/learn/volunteer/work abroad)?

42. Please indicate the tools and instruments that should be used to promote the youths' awareness about EU citizens rights and EU mobility.

43. What tools/instruments – you would like to use - are missing?

The youth participating at the event were quite young, (15-19 years old) and most of them never had a direct experience of mobility, except a couple of them; considering the fact they were so young, adults (parents and teachers) arranged all logistics and bureaucratic aspects concerning the mobility. During the debate, the group analyzed the causes of the lack of knowledge about right of EU citizens and the possibility of active participation in the democratic life.

They identified a variety of factors which could influence the state of the art:

- the personal life experiences: they are too young
- the school: they propose to teach these topics at school
- foreseen compulsory experiences abroad during the high school
- the family and environment in which youth have grown up: parents more interested in EU affairs give their children more information
- information into the web are too difficult to be founded and understand by young people
- need of an easy-to-use tool tailored on youth with all relevant information
- Italian culture: 15 years old young are perceived too much young to have autonomous experience by the adults (parents)
- lack of interest in politic in general





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4. Discussed idea for the MyEU Portal. Developed recommendations for the preliminary structure and contents of the MyEU Portal, optimized for mobile devices.

4a. Recommendations & ideas regarding structure of the MyEU Portal:

- easy-to-use tool
- app
- attractive (colorful, a lot of images, etc)
- easy language
- information organized by topics and filters
- FB link: each news and update have to be published also on FB

4b. Recommendations & ideas regarding contents of the MyEU Portal:

- all information collected and structured in only one app
- specific section devoted to rights (contact, phone number, email address, contact point, etc.)
- how to manage an emergency
- how to find a sponsor or financing to start the organization of a mobility
- games (quizzes to test the level of EU right knowledge)

5. Possible other comments & ideas.

None



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